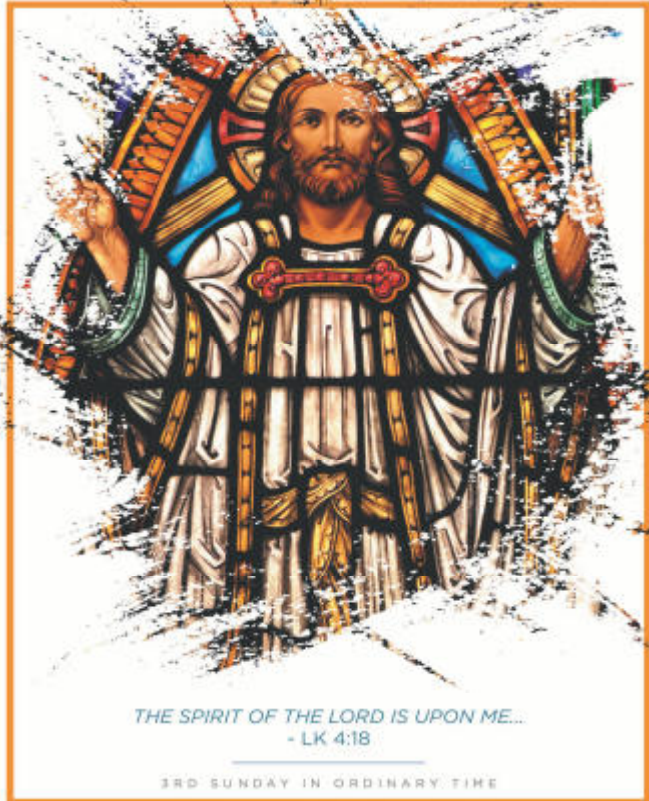


Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
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St. Mary Church
70 Gulf Street



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 pm St. Mary
5:00 pm St. Agnes

Sunday
7:30 am St. Agnes
8:30 am St. Mary
10:00 am St. Mary
10:30 am St. Agnes
11:30 am St. Mary
4:30 pm St. Mary

DAILY MASSES

8:00 am St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes
Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary
(Except Holidays)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Benediction and Rosary
Monday @ 7:30PM St. Mary Church

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Schedule of Meetings & Parish Events

Monday, Jan 24	Novena	7:30 pm
	<i>Saint Mary Church</i>	
Tuesday, Jan 25	Legion of Mary	10:30 am
	<i>Rectory Basement</i>	
	Knitting Group	10:00 am
	<i>(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>	
Wednesday, Jan 26	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
	<i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	



Our parish Bereavement Support Group will be meeting again on Thursday, March 10th. This 10 Week Program will meet on Thursdays from 1:00PM - 3:00PM in Fr. Cronin Hall at St. Mary Church (70 Gulf Street, Milford). Anyone coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or years ago, is welcome. For more information or to register (required ahead of time) call Ellen S. at (203) 283-1934 .



Helping Hand for Hurting Hearts is most grateful for your amazing response to our Giving Tree requests for baby items.

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The Mass book for 2022 is open and many masses are still available. Please stop in or call the rectory at 203-878-3571 to book a mass for 2022. Please note the 2023 Mass book will not open until Tuesday, February 8th. No requests will be taken until that time.



**St. Mary School Milford
Virtual Open House**

Whether you are looking for a change this year or thinking about next school year, you're invited to join St. Mary School's Virtual Open House on Tuesday, February 1st at 7:00pm. Login and learn about the school without leaving your home! Registration is required at <https://www.saintmaryschoolmilford.org/open-house>. St. Mary is accepting applications for all grades (PreK - grade 8) for 2022-2023, as well as rolling enrollment for the current school year. St. Mary's is located at 72 Gulf Street in Milford.

“The ABC’s of Annulment”

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield, CT. Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host “The ABC’s of Annulment” on Saturday of January 22nd, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Church Hall at the address above. Updates of the process Initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham. Follow up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th, and February 12th and 19th from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops. The “ABC’s of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry at (475) 221-8465 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

Due to the recent rise in Covid-19 infections and for the safety of our members, the choir is going to postpone all rehearsals until Thursday, February 3rd at 7pm.

SAINT AGNES OF ROME

Saint Agnes is honored as a Virgin Martyr in the Church's liturgical calendar each year with a Memorial on January 21st. Agnes was martyred in Rome in the last half of the Third Century for protecting her virginity and honoring her decision to give her life and exclusive love to the Lord Jesus in spite of many suitors who tried to make her change her mind with the offering of gifts and promises of wealth and comfort and a life of privilege. The amazing fact about Agnes is that according to Saint Augustine and Saint Ambrose she was only twelve years old at the time of her martyrdom. An exceptional young girl who should inspire not only other girls to do the right thing according to the values of our holy faith but also all of us to be unafraid in manifesting a true example of Christian faith and example in our daily lives.

According to tradition, Agnes was a beautiful girl, who refused marriage proposals from many suitors, stating that she would have no spouse but Jesus Christ. Angry at her rejections, one of her suitors revealed her faith. Christianity during that period was outlawed. She was arrested and in punishment was confined in a brothel. Impressed by her purity and presence, all but one of the young men left her untouched; in his attempt to violate her, the sole attacker was struck blind, whereupon Agnes miraculously healed him with prayer. After refusing to renounce her faith, she was condemned to death and martyred during the persecution of the Christians by the Roman emperor Diocletian and was buried beside the Via Nomentana where the daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honor. The early Christian virgins held a deep respect for their physical bodies which expressed itself as an unshakable faith in Jesus Christ, which enabled them to even defy worldly authority.

The early Christian virgin viewed the integrity of her physical body as synonymous with the purity of her faith, her purpose, her self-determination, her honor, and indeed, her very self.

In Christian iconography Agnes is pictured with a palm branch representing her martyrdom and a lamb since her name is similar to the name for "lamb" in Latin; agnus. On the day of her memorial the Pope blesses two lambs whose wool is then used to weave the Pallia to be blessed on June 29 and sent to Archbishops throughout the world as a sign of their ecclesiastical jurisdiction and their unity with the Pope.

Agnes shows us that holiness does not depend on one's age, experience, or human effort. Holiness is a gift which God offers to each of us. Most of us will not be required to suffer martyrdom for our holy faith. However, all of us who claim Jesus as our Lord and Savior are expected to live our faith in an authentic and true manner so that its truth is evident to those around us who might then be awed with the power and grace it imparts to those who believe.

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Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

Monday, January 24 Saint Francis de Sales
9:00 *No intention*

Tuesday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul
9:00 *Anna & Eustachio Pettinella
by their family*

Wednesday, January 26
Saints Timothy & Titus
9:00 *No intention*

Thursday, January 27 Weekday
9:00 *No intention*

Friday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas
9:00 *No intention*

Saturday, January 29 Vigil
10:30 *Rev. Francis X. Callahan
(2nd Anniversary)*
5:00 *Regina Genovese by Sandy Sheehan*

Sunday, January 30
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*
10:30 *Mario Comunale by daughter Annarita*

St. Mary Church

Monday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales
8:00 *Elda J. Wierzbicki
by Anna & Dennis Brown*

Tuesday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul
8:00 *Edythe Bryan by her family*

Wednesday, January 26
Saints Timothy & Titus
8:00 *Stella Kalinowski by her daughter*

Thursday, January 27 Weekday
8:00 *Dr. Michael McLoughlin by his family*

Friday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas
8:00 *Bridget Howarth by her husband Dan*

Saturday, January 29
8:00 *Sonnie & Bill Fogler by Goddaughter*

Saturday Vigil
4:30 *Carol Maraczi by the Dente family*

Sunday, January 30
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 *Albert, John & Charlie Depeano
by Donna*

10:00 *Elizabeth & Paul Cashman
by Mary Boudreau*
11:30 *Alexa Marie Fanner by her parents*
4:30 *Jean Cummings by Patricia Stallone*



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