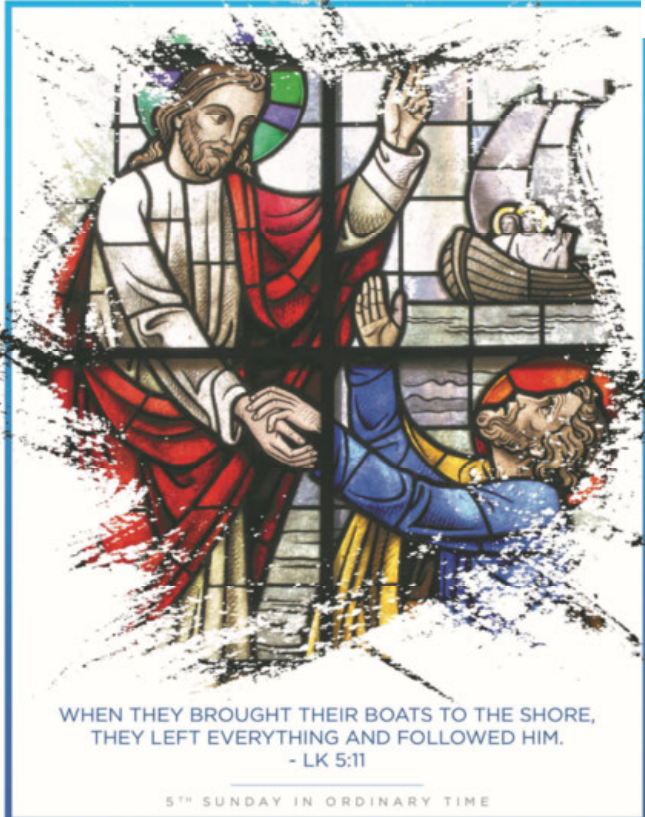


Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
400 Merwin Avenue



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, Feb 7	Novena <i>Saint Mary Church</i>	7:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb 8	Legion of Mary <i>Rectory Basement</i>	10:30 am
	Knitting Group <i>(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>	10:00 am
	K of C Officers <i>Rectory Basement</i>	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb 9	Legion of Mary <i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, Feb 10	Choir Rehearsal <i>St. Mary Church</i>	7:00 pm
Saturday, Feb 12	Maggie's Scrapbooking <i>(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>	10 am



St. Mary School

St. Mary School in Milford is now accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year for all classes in preschool through grade 8. They are also offering in person tours, so call the office at (203) 878-6539 to schedule yours. The school is located at 72 Gulf Street in Milford learn more at saintmaryschoolmilford.org

Reminder! "The Feb. 7 meeting of the St. Joseph Society has been canceled due to the Omicron Virus. It is our hope we will be able to assume normal activities in the near future."

Tax forms are ready to be picked up! Please call ahead to request yours at 203-878-3571 . The parish office is open 9:30-2:30 Monday ~ Friday and until 6:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday.



Just a reminder there is no Ladies Guild Meeting this month.



There was a error in the newsletter
 Grades 2 & 3 are the only classes
 that will be meeting starting
 Monday, February 7th.



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 .



MASS DURING SNOWSTORMS

A reminder that in the case of inclement weather, on weekdays we generally follow the decisions of the Milford Public Schools. If the schools are closed because of weather, there will be no Masses, devotions, or meetings in the parish. We will also post announcements on closures due to weather on the parish Facebook page. On weekends especially, please consult the Facebook page for announcements on Mass cancellations due to inclement weather.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends: For healing after abortion. If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend March 25 - 27, 2022 Farmington, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with mediations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org



From the desk of the Pastor.



Dear Friends:

The Gospel for this weekend is in itself a remarkable story, the encounter between Jesus and Simon the fisherman on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is Luke's version of the call of Simon (who would become Peter) to discipleship. As the story goes, Jesus was teaching a great crowd on the shore, and the people, in their eagerness to hear Jesus, were pressing in on Jesus. Needing some personal space, Jesus asks to use a boat belonging to Simon. He asks to be put out a little on the water, and then goes on teaching. There is no indication that Simon was listening to what Jesus was saying, but he was in the boat all along, probably cleaning his nets after a long and unsuccessful night on the sea.

Then Jesus does something remarkable. He invites Simon to go out into deeper water and lower his nets for a catch. Simon tries to object, but to his credit, he does so, and in an instant, because he was willing to go the extra mile, to take a chance, to do what Jesus asked, his long night of failure at fishing on the sea turned into a marvelous success.

Simon's response is curious. Luke uses the word "astonishment." It may have been a sense of "holy fear." The clue is found in how Simon reacts and what he says to Jesus after the sudden and abundant catch of fish. He must have become aware of the fact that he was in the presence of someone very special, the Holy One himself. The word that he uses to address Jesus, "Lord," indicates as such. His awareness of being in the presence of the Holy One filled him with a sense of fear, unworthiness, and inadequacy. He begs Jesus to leave him, for he is sinful.

Jesus' response is also amazing. He heard Simon's plea to leave him, his attempt to beg off because he was sinful and felt unworthy and inadequate, but he disregarded it. Why was that? It had to be because Jesus was able to see beneath the rough, imperfect, sinful exterior of Simon and there see the great potential that was within him. And what he saw led him to call him to follow him for he will be catching men (not a slight against women, but surely a play on his being a *fisherman*). To his credit, Simon as well as his fishing partners, James and John, leave everything and follow Jesus. Thus, the story begins, and it is our story as well.

This story speaks to all of us. Too often, we cower in fear, afraid of stepping out into deeper waters, afraid to take risks, to try to do what we think we cannot do. Nonetheless, Jesus consistently invites you and me to go out to the edges of our safety zones and to take risks on his behalf as his disciples of today. While there may well be experiences of failure and rejection, there will just as surely be moments of success when we gather others into the net of the Church. We should also never let our sense of personal sinfulness or unworthiness stand in the way. God knows all too well that we are sinners, but he loves us still, in spite of what we have or have not done, and he sees through all of our sins and weaknesses and takes good note of the real potential within each of us. God can and will do great things in and through us, if we would allow him to do that.

Have a good week!

Rev. Andrew X. ...



Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

Monday, February 7 Weekday
9:00 *Joseph Campagna Jr. by Ann Marie*

Tuesday, February 8 Saint Jerome Emiliani
9:00 *Regina Osuna Genovese
by Deacon Nick and family*

Wednesday, February 9 Weekday
9:00 *No intention*

Thursday, February 10 Saint Scholastica
9:00 *Rosa Pirulli by her family*

Friday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
9:00 *Raphael Amaya by his wife*

Saturday, February 12 Vigil
5:00 *Conrad Espineli by his family*

Sunday, February 13
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 *Rosemarie Abric by Doris Nash*
10:30 *Margueritte Winfield by her family*



St. Mary Church

Monday, February 7 Weekday
8:00 *Rev. Robert Lord by the estate*

Tuesday, February 8 Saint Jerome Emiliani
8:00 *Dolores Banas by Joe Banas*

Wednesday, February 9 Weekday
8:00 *Joseph & Sophia Woyciesjes by family*

Thursday, February 10 Saint Scholastica
8:00 *Joe Campagna Jr. by his family*

Friday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
8:00 *Mary & Anthony Zaledonis by Joe Banas*

Saturday, February 12 Weekday
8:00 *Ernie Crocco 10 years in heaven
by his daughters & grandsons*

Saturday Vigil
4:30 *Mary Lennon
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kosiewicz*

Sunday, February 13
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 *Mary Lennon
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kosiewicz*

10:00 *Ilona Frances Weise by her family*

11:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

4:30 *Louis Pacific by George Pacific*



The Sanctuary lamp is lighted
this week for
Rosa Pirulli

The Sanctuary lamp is lighted this
week for
Margaret Laraia



I asked You and You would not listen;
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