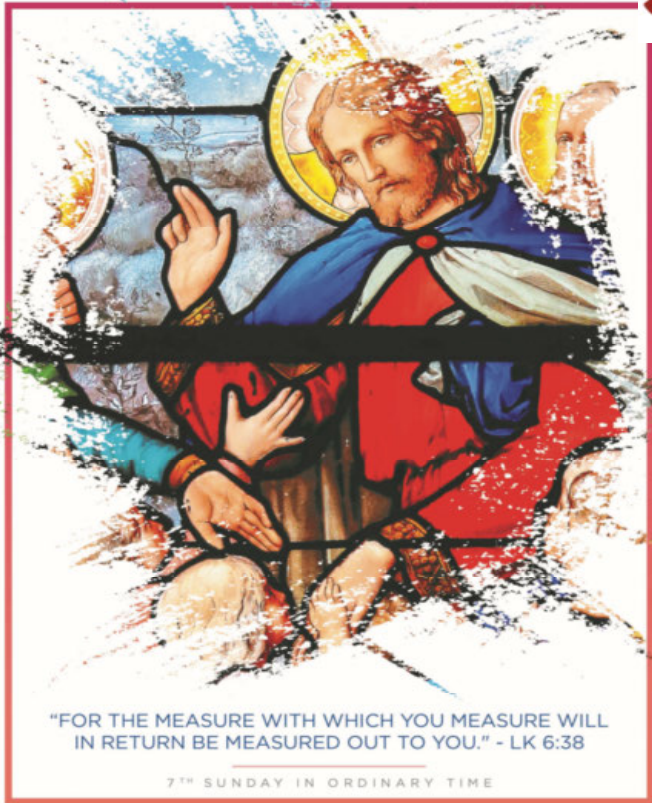


# Precious Blood Parish

**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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Precious Blood Parish is a Roman Catholic community of faith in Milford, Connecticut rooted in the Word of God and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We are missionary disciples who seek to bring the presence and the message of Jesus Christ to others through prayer, faith formation and assisting the needy through ministries grounded in the works of mercy.

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### Schedule of Meetings & Parish Events

Monday, Feb 21	Novena <i>Saint Mary Church</i>	7:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb 22	Legion of Mary <i>Rectory Basement</i>	10:30 am
Wednesday, Feb 23	Legion of Mary <i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, Feb 24	Choir Rehearsal <i>St. Mary Church</i>	7:00 pm



### TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY 2022 PASSION PLAY

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St. Mary School in Milford is looking to hire a part time (20-25 hours per week) Spanish or world language teacher. If you or someone you know is interested, please send your resume to Mrs. Connolly at [mconnolly@smsmilford.com](mailto:mconnolly@smsmilford.com).



### Ash Wednesday Schedule

Masses with Imposition of Ashes  
7:00 am, 12:05, 7:00pm at Saint Mary  
9:00 am and 5:30 pm at St. Agnes  
Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes  
4:00 pm at St. Mary Church



Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall



Luralton Hall's ever popular Irish Night featuring the Highland Rovers Band, Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band, and Brennan Lucey Irish Step Dancers will be held on Saturday, March 5, 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm) at Luralton Hall, 200 High Street, Milford. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided. Bring your own beverages, ice and snacks. \$25 per person, age 21 and over event. Tickets available at [www.luraltonhall.org/irishnight](http://www.luraltonhall.org/irishnight); for more information, email [IrishNight@luraltonhall.org](mailto:IrishNight@luraltonhall.org).

### HARTFORD BISHOPS' FOUNDATION

As a parish, we are now in the second of the three phases of the campaign to support the Hartford Bishops' Foundation. This phase entails reaching out to potential major donors. If you receive a call from a fellow parishioner, Deacon John, or myself, please answer it. If a message is left, please return the call. All we are asking is for an opportunity to speak to you for a few moments so that we can set up a time, place and means to deliver your packet to you. While we strongly encourage you to review the materials and to make a gift or a pledge to the Foundation, which is a worthy endeavor, we will not place undue pressure on you in any way. Gifts and pledges of any amount are gratefully accepted.



### PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, February 21 is Presidents' Day, a national holiday. The parish office will be closed and no confessions will be heard at St. Mary's. The regular novena service will be held.





## Words from Fr. Hellwig.....

The past several years with covid have been a personal challenge for me and for many people in so many varied ways. Social discourse remains so disjointed that one might wonder how people might work together to meet the challenges of a universal pandemic. Universal discourse may be difficult in the environment of our current civil society, but there is universal applicability in the development of spirituality and the fostering of relationship with God which is indeed universal to all people no matter what social beliefs they may hold. I am thinking of the universal prayer attributed to Pope Clement XI as an example because it touches on the essential Christian values which help us to grow as members of the body of Christ.

Giovanni Albani was born in Italy in July 1649. He received an extraordinary education in theology and law, filled various important papal offices, and in November 1700 became Pope Clement XI. Clement was a polished writer, and a generous patron of the arts. His private life and his administration were blameless, but it was his misfortune to reign during a tempestuous period in the world. In the war of the Spanish Succession, he would willingly have remained neutral, but found himself being manipulated by the crowned heads of Europe. In the Peace of Utrecht his guidance was ignored. In a disagreement with the Duke of Savoy regarding policies of investiture in Sicily his instruction was treated with contempt. When a doctrinal controversy broke out which was supported by some bishops, division within the church was prolonged. The prestige of the papacy had reached a low point. Clement died in March 1721. In spite of the troubling times in which he lived, he was able to succeed on a personal level and as a leader due to his ongoing spirituality. No doubt his universal prayer offers insight into his spirituality and the source of his strength in times of public controversy and personal demands.

*Father Hellwig*

### A UNIVERSAL PRAYER

My God, guide me by your wisdom, correct me with your justice. Comfort me with your mercy and protect me with your power.

I offer you my thoughts: to be fixed on you; my words: to have you for their theme; my actions: to reflect my love for you; my sufferings: to be endured for your greater glory.

I want to do what you ask of me: in the way you ask for as long as you ask, because you ask it. Lord, enlighten my understanding, strengthen my will, purify my heart, and make me holy. Help me to repent of my past sins and to resist temptation in the future.

Help me to rise above my human weaknesses and to grow stronger as a person. Let me see myself as I really am: A pilgrim in this world, a person called to respect and love all whose lives I touch, those under my authority, my friends and my enemies.

Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, greed by generosity, apathy by fervor. Help me to forget myself and reach out toward others. Make me prudent in planning, courageous in taking risks. Make me patient in suffering, unassuming in prosperity.

Keep me, Lord, attentive at prayer, temperate in food and drink, diligent in my work, firm in my good intentions. Let my conscience be clear, my conduct without fault, my speech blameless and my life well-ordered. Put me on guard against my human weaknesses. Help me to prepare for death with a proper fear of judgment with a greater trust in your goodness. Lead me safely through death to eternal rest. Amen.

### LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

We have prepared a mailing that will be sent to all registered parishioners containing the parish activities for Lent up through Easter Sunday. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. Please look for this in the mail and keep it handy. If you do not receive it, it may mean that you are not registered in the parish or that you need to update your address. You can register online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at (203) 878-3571.





# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

Monday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian

9:00 *Trudy Hajduk by Meg Edwards*

Tuesday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00 *Patricia McQueeney by Mary Lou Viola*

Wednesday, February 23 Saint Polycarp

9:00 *No intention*

Thursday, February 24 Weekday

9:00 *No intention*

Friday, February 25 Weekday

9:00 *No intention*

Saturday, February 26 Vigil

5:00 *George McGuire by his wife*

Sunday, February 27

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 *Patrick H. Kelley by his family*

10:30 *Michele A. Swaller by her family*



## St. Mary Church

Monday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian

8:00 *Charles Frohne by Diane & Bud McEntee*

Tuesday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 *Mary Coyne by her family*

Wednesday, February 23 Saint Polycarp

8:00 *Don Hermes by George Hermes*

Thursday, February 24 Weekday

8:00 *Robert and Sara Broderick by family*

Friday, February 25 Weekday

8:00 *Bill Guelakis by Carolyn Dennis*

Saturday, February 26 Weekday

8:00 *Mary Zingaro by Ryann Nolan*

Saturday Vigil

4:30 *George & Elizabeth Sennett*

*by the Sennett family*

Sunday, February 27

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 *Paula & Albert Diaz*

*by Helene & Larry Zaleski*

10:00 *Frank Ladra by Maria Proud*

11:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

4:30 *Virginia Monteleone*

*by Joe & Tatiana Monteleone*

Join us for the Group Rosary Recitation

at Saint Agnes Church

Monday—Friday at 9:30 am

and Sundays at 9:45 am

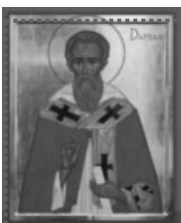


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*Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient.  
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