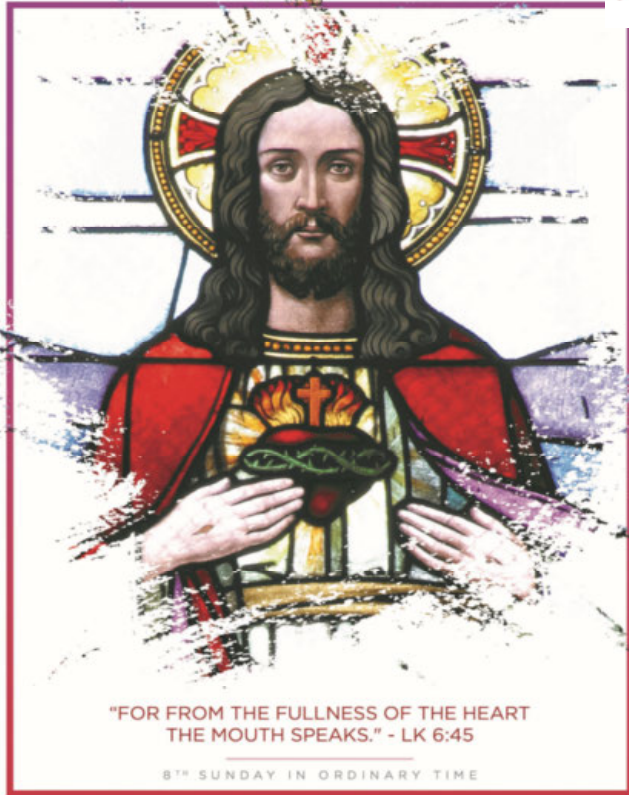


# Precious Blood Parish

**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

**Saint Mary**  
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am & 4:30 pm  
**Saint Agnes**  
7:30 am & 10:30 am.

## 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

## PARISH CLERGY

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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 28	Novena <i>Saint Mary Church</i>	7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 1	Legion of Mary <i>Rectory Basement</i>	10:30 am
Wed, March 2	Legion of Mary <i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	7:00 pm
Thurs, March 3	Choir Rehearsal <i>St. Mary Church</i>	7:00 pm
	K of C 4th Degree <i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>	7:00 pm
Friday, March 4	Blood Drive <i>(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>	1:00 pm
	Nocturnal Adoration <i>St. Mary Church</i>	7:00 pm
	Stations of the Cross <i>St Agnes Church</i>	7:30 pm



Lauralton 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 Lauralton 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.lauraltonhall.org/irishnight](http://www.lauraltonhall.org/irishnight); for more information, email [IrishNight@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:IrishNight@lauraltonhall.org).



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.

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.



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

All proceeds of the Ash Wednesday collection will benefit the Beth El Center



Stations of the Cross

Join us as we follow Jesus along the way of the cross. Fridays, March 4 through April 8 at 7:30 pm at St. Agnes Church

St. Mary School is looking to hire a part time (20-25 hours per week) Spanish or world language teacher for the 2022-23 school year. If you'd like to work in a fun, faith filled school looking at smiling faces all day, St. Mary is the place for you. This is a great part time opportunity for a retired teacher? If you or someone you know might be interested, please send your resume to Mrs. Connolly at [mconnolly@smsmilford.com](mailto:mconnolly@smsmilford.com).



## Words from Fr. Lijo.....

The Lenten season is at hand. This Wednesday, March 2, we celebrate Ash Wednesday. This is the fruitful season of the Liturgical calendar to practice virtues in our Christian life mainly focusing on the passion, death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. By practicing virtues, we become closer to our Christian vocation. St Paul says, "for God didn't call us to impurity but to holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4,7).

The sacrament of Reconciliation (confession or penance) really helps us to grow in holiness. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) explains the effects of this sacrament as follows.

"The spiritual effects of the sacrament of Penance are:

- reconciliation with God by which the penitent recovers grace.
- reconciliation with the Church.
- remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins.
- remission, at least in part, of temporal punishments resulting from sin.
- peace and serenity of conscience, and spiritual consolation.
- an increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle." (CCC 1496)

Each sacrament is an efficacious sign of grace. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, we are given the grace to regain the original holiness which we received through the sacrament of Baptism. Unfortunately, we Catholics don't understand the significance and the effects of this great Sacrament and as a result we neglect to receive this sacrament.

### How often should a catholic go to confession?

According to Canon Law, "after having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year" (CIC, c. 989). At the same time the CCC teaches, "anyone conscious of grave sins must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to Communion"(CCC 1457). Basically, we are required to go to confession once per year. But if we desire to receive Holy communion on a weekly or daily basis, then we need to go to confession every time we are conscious of grave sins. It is also appreciated that we confess our venial sins too.

Confession is a beautiful sacrament of God's mercy and should not be looked at as a "requirement," but as an "opportunity" to receive God's love. It gives us the ability to repair our relationship with God and with the Church, opening us up to a shower of God's grace. We should confess because we love God, not because we "have to," though the requirements are there to lead us along the path of eternal life.

- *Father Lijo*



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter announces an In-person experience in New England. This non residential weekend takes place at St. Gabriel The Archangel Church 151 Mendon St. Upton, MA from Friday, March 18– Sunday March 20th. Couples can drive to the experience or stay at one of several hotels in the area. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together. To apply contact Joe & Ginny Vatalle at 800-710-9963 or visit [wwmema.org](http://wwmema.org).

For those wishing to participate in a virtual experience, one will starting on March 9th. It will be seven Wednesday evenings (concluding April 20th) from 7:00 pm—9pm. To apply, contact Jimmy & Bernice Acevedo 877-697-9963 or visit [bq-wwme.org](http://bq-wwme.org)

The Ladies Guild of Precious Blood Parish will be holding their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Father Cronin Hall, St. Mary's Church. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us and welcome our guest Sr. Colleen Therese Smith, ASCJ, from the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as we begin our Lenten journey of prayer and renewal.



Please join the Rosary Group at Saint Mary Monday—Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.





# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

**Monday, February 28 Weekday**  
9:00 *Domenico Liguori by Anna & family*

**Tuesday, March 1 Weekday**  
9:00 *No intention*

**Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday**  
9:00 *In Honor of St. Philomena  
by Marianne Richard*  
5:30 *No intention*

**Thursday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel**  
9:00 *No intention*

**Friday, March 4 St. Casimir**  
9:00 *Harry Vincent Falcone Jr.  
by the Falcone family*

**Saturday, March 5 Vigil Mass**  
5:00 *James Gustafson Sr.  
by his family*

**Sunday, March 6  
First Sunday of Lent**  
7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*  
10:30 *Nenita Mangao by family*



*Lenten Season*

## St. Mary Church

**Monday, February 28 Weekday**  
8:00 *Robert "Bob" Goralski by friend Pat*

**Tuesday, March 1 Weekday**  
8:00 *Joseph Campagna Jr. by Kim Nguyen*

**Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday**  
7:00 *No intention*  
12:05 *Gary Laubscher by Campagna family*  
4:00 *Liturgy of the Word*  
7:00 pm *No intention*

**Thursday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel**  
8:00 *George Zamary  
by Marjorie & Bob Miklas*  
12:05 *Vincent A. Lattanzi by his family*

**Friday, March 4 St. Casimir**  
8:00 *Betty Boggiano by the Girls*  
12:05 *Special Intentions by MaryJane*

**Saturday, March 5**  
8:00 *Victoria K Riggione*

**Saturday Vigil**  
4:30 *Frank & Filomena Colombo by Dente fam*

**Sunday, March 6  
First Sunday of Lent**  
8:30 *Joseph Frank Monteleone  
by Joe & Tatiana*

10:00 *Rita Pinto by husband Robert Pinto*  
11:30 *Giuseppina & Francesco Trombetta by  
Dirubba & Mongillo families*

4:30 *Walter Cherniavsky  
by Daughter Paula and grandchildren*

Join us for the Group Rosary Recitation  
at Saint Agnes Church  
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