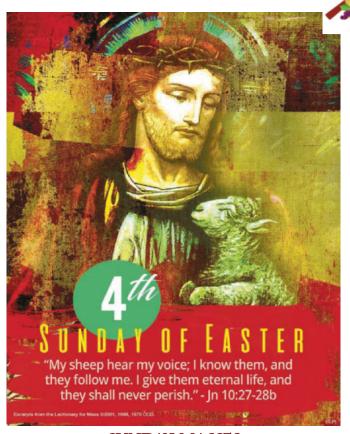
# Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church 400 Merwin Avenue



### **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

### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

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

### **NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

First Friday of the Month 7:00 pm St. Mary

St. Mary Church 70 Gulf Street

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Monday, May 9	Haiti Meeting Rectory Basement	7:00 pm
	Novena	7:30 pm
T 1 M 10	Saint Mary Church	10
Tuesday, May 10	Knitting Group Saint Agnes	10 am
	Legion of Mary	10:30 am
	Rectory Basement	
	NAMI	6:00 pm
	St. Agnes Classroom	-
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	Rectory Basement	•
	Ladies Guild Mtg	7:00 pm
	(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall	
Wed, May 11	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
	(St. Agnes) double classroom	
Thurs, May 12	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	St. Mary Church	
Saturday, May 14	Maggie's Scrapbooking 10 am (St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall	

### LADIES KNIGHT OUT

The Santa Maria K of C will return to host their annual Ladies Knight Out appreciation dinner, for the ladies of the parish. The Dinner will be held on Friday, May 20th in Fr. Callahan Hall (St. Agnes). Tickets will be on sale at both churches after Masses on May 7th & 8th and May 14th & 15th and in the rectory until May 16th. Please call Dan at 203-803-7643 or Joe at 203-615-2635 for more information. Please note NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR..

The Precious Blood Parish Ladies Guild will be hosting their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7 p.m. in Father Cronin Hall, (St. Mary's Church). Our guest speaker this month is Wendy Gibbons. Wendy (a parent of one of our St. Mary's School students) will explain the work and mission of Milford Prevention Council and share some eye-opening facts and concerns regarding the increase in substance abuse. Please consider joining us as we will also be presenting our slate of officers for the 2022-23 year. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend, become a member and participate.

### THE PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

For several years now, we have been praying the Prayer to St. Michael at Masses. The priests and deacons recently participated in a workshop on the liturgy sponsored by the Archdiocese. The presenter at the workshop, in a response to a question on the Prayer to St. Michael, said that there is no provision for the addition of prayers to the Mass. We should be reminded that the Mass is the highest prayer of the Church and sufficient in itself. Nothing needs to be added to it. With that in mind, we are discontinuing the practice of saying the Prayer to St. Michael at Masses. Of course, if you have a devotion to St. Michael, you are encouraged to continue saying the prayer privately as an act of personal piety.

### Blessing of the Bikes

1st Annual Blessing of the bikes will be held Saturday, May 21st blessing will begin promptly at 11am at Saint Agnes Church. Free will offering/

donation is greatly accepted. For further information please contact Dave at amendba@optonline.net

Helping Hands supports pregnant mothers who are without means, to prepare for the little life within. "Helping Hands" will pack and deliver baby item as the baby grows to twelve months. If you are a mother or know someone who truly needs help please call 203-878-8857.

# THANKYOU

Thank you, Precious Blood Parish. The Lenten Healing Tree for Haiti earned \$15, 276. It is the biggest response we have ever had. The Haiti Committee would like to thank each and every person who contributed to help our twinned parish of St. Therese. May the Risen Lord answer each and every intention that was written on your donation cards.



## From the Desk of the Pastor ....

### Dear Friends:

As today is Mother's Day, I want to salute all the mothers of the parish for all that they have done for their children and all that they continue to do for their children (and grandchildren as well). It has been said that there is perhaps no nobler calling in life than to be a mother, for a mother participates in the most direct way with God in bringing new life into the world, nurturing it and caring for it, even as children grow older and become adults. We also salute women who, though they do not have children of their own, act as mothers and caregivers. We remember, too, all deceased mothers.

Of course, since it is the month of May, a month traditionally dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God and also the Mother of the Church, as declared by the Second Vatican Council, we encourage all to foster a devotion to Mary, for her closeness to her Son places her in a unique position as an advocate for us. There are many worthy prayers and devotions within the treasury of the Church that are dedicated to Mary, chief among them being the Rosary, perhaps the most powerful of all prayers apart from the Mass itself and the other sacraments. It is edifying to me to see a steady number of people in the parish who pray the Rosary faithfully and fervently after Masses both at St. Mary and at St. Agnes. In addition to the Rosary, there are devotions to Mary under various titles, such as novena prayers dedicated to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal or Our Lady, Untier of Knots (a devotion promoted by none other than Pope Francis himself). I would encourage you to look into those as well. I also encourage you to consider participating in the weekly Novena of the Miraculous Medal which is prayed Monday evenings at St. Mary's at 7:30. That service of prayer includes not only the novena prayers but also the recitation of the Rosary as well as the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There is also time for quiet prayer.

I wish to clarify what was announced regarding the practice of saying the Prayer to St. Michael. I have nothing against the prayer or against devotion to St. Michael. To the contrary, I warmly encourage personal prayer and pious practices of whatever kind as long as they are sound and in keeping with the tradition and teachings of the Church. The principle behind my decision to discontinue reciting the Prayer to St. Michael after Mass is grounded in an important distinction between *liturgical prayer* and *private prayer*. Liturgical prayer is the public, formal and most powerful prayer that the Church can offer and it reaches its zenith in the Mass, the most perfect and all-sufficient of prayers, needing nothing added to it, or, God forbid, taken from it. We are obligated to participate in liturgical prayer if we are practicing Catholics. Private prayer is just that, private, personal, and it has numerous options. In deciding to discontinue the Prayer to St. Michael after Mass, I in no way am banning it. As with other prayers and pious practices, I encourage it and welcome those who wish to recite the prayer, even in a group, to do so after Mass, once the final hymn has been completed. Those who do not wish to do so have the option of leaving. This practice more effectively stresses the importance of the Mass in itself and still allows everyone to make a choice regarding what other prayers they may like to pray.

A matter of housekeeping is in order. Next weekend, I am happy to say, the St. Mary School Carnival returns after a two-year hiatus. With that in mind, those who usually attend the 4:30 Mass on Saturday at St. Mary's might well consider going to St. Agnes at 5:00 next week as there will likely be a limit on parking here on Gulf Street.

Rev. alaut. Xmahus



## **Mass Intentions**



### St. Agnes Church

Monday, May 9 Easter Weekday 9:00 No intention

Tuesday, May 10 Saint Damien de Veuster 9:00 *Paolo Menta by the family* 

Wednesday, May 11 Easter Weekday 9:00 *Joan Bradbury by Abbazia family* 

Thursday, May 12 Saints Nereus & Achilleus 9:00 *Clarisse Anastasio by cousin* 

Friday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima 9:00 *Charles & Phyllis Wrenn by family* 

Saturday, May 14 (Vigil) 5:00 *Charles Preiss by the family* 

Sunday, May 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter 7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish* 10:30 *Pietro & Catherine Bozzi by family* 



### St. Mary Church

Monday, May 9 Easter Weekday 8:00 *Dolores Banas by Joe Banas* 

Tuesday, May 10 Saint Damien de Veuster 8:00 *Dr. Michael McLoughlin by family* 

Wednesday, May 11 Easter Weekday 8:00 Joseph & Marie Palmer by daughter MaryAnn

Thursday, May 12 Saints Nereus & Achilleus 8:00 Bernard & AnnMarie Lynch by his sister

Friday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima 8:00 *Ladra-Vodusek family by Maria Proud* 

Saturday, May 14 Saint Matthias 8:00 MaryAnn McCarthy & family

### Saturday Vigil

4:30 William & Margaret Myers by the Sennett family

Sunday, May 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 *Joseph & Maria Monteleone* by Joe & Tatiana

10:00 Robert C. Herman Sr. by family 11:30 Mary Ann McCarthy by family 4:30 Mildred & Milton Feller by family

Join us for the Group Rosary Recitation at Saint Agnes Church Monday—Friday at 9:30 am and Sundays at 9:45 am The Sanctuary lamp is lighted this week for Dr. Michael McLoughlin

"Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war."

(First Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima - May 13, 1917)

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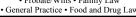


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