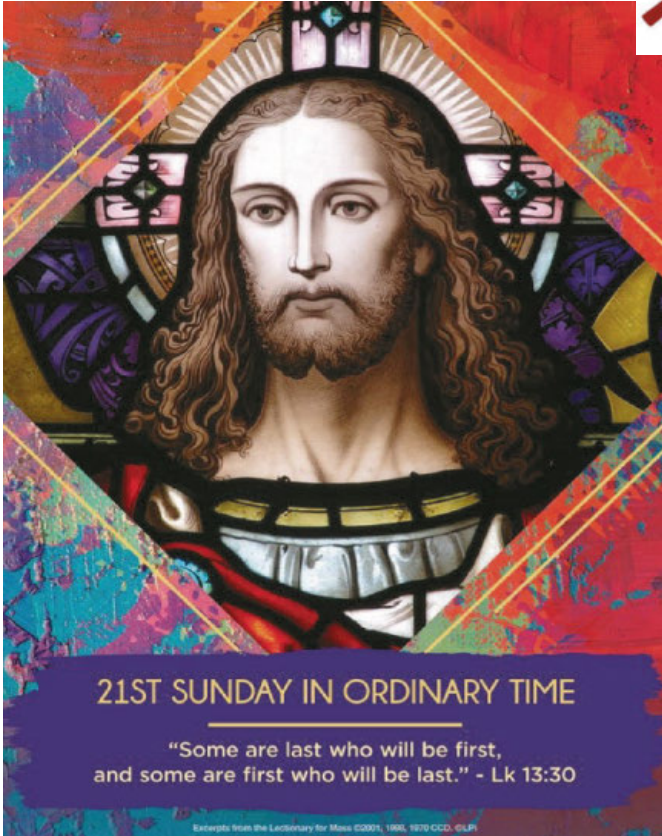


# Precious Blood Parish

**St. Agnes Church**  
400 Merwin Avenue



**St. Mary Church**  
70 Gulf Street



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Some are last who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:30

## 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

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Tuesday and Thursday  
9:30 am—6:00 pm

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August 21, 2022



Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time



## DAILY HAPPENINGS

|                 |  |          |
|-----------------|--|----------|
| Monday, Aug 22  | <b>Novena</b><br><i>Saint Mary Church</i>                    | 7:30 pm  |
| Tuesday, Aug 23 | <b>Legion of Mary</b><br><i>Rectory Basement</i>             | 10:30 am |
| Wed, Aug 24     | <b>Legion of Mary</b><br><i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i> | 7:00 pm  |
| Thurs, Aug 25   | <b>NAMI</b><br><i>(St. Agnes) classroom</i>                  | 6:00 pm  |
|                 | <b>Choir Rehearsal</b><br><i>St. Mary Church</i>             | 7:00 pm  |



The Precious Blood Parish Picnic is back on the calendar and we all recall this wonderful opportunity to bring our parish family together. Hoping to see you on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 12:30 – 3:30 P.M. at St. Agnes Church. Seating available outside under the tent or indoors in the church hall. Picnic is catered by Lasse’s Restaurant offering a hearty picnic menu including cold drinks and coffee or you can bring your own “beverage” of choice. Tickets will be on sale after each mass at both churches beginning August 20/21 for three consecutive week-ends or at St. Mary’s Rectory. **No tickets will be sold at the gate.** Ticket price is \$15 p/p, \$40 for family of 4 package (includes immediate family) children under 6 free.

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- It makes us happy
- It transforms the way we feel about ourselves
- Generous people tend to have more friends
- It stimulates a more positive outlook on life

### NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29

Psalms 68:4-5,6-7,10-11

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a

Luke 14:1,7-14

### FATHER MONCY

Due to some health concerns, Father Moncy returned home to India at the beginning of this month. It is expected that he will return to us sometime in September. Please keep him in your prayers.

### A PRAYER FOR RAIN

Since we are in the midst of a moderate drought, or at best, a severe dry spell, it might be good to add this to our daily prayers, asking God to supply the rain that we need. At the same time, we can do our part by trying to save water. We can forego watering the lawn, shut off the tap when shaving or brushing our teeth, taking shorter showers, washing our cars less frequently, if at all.

### A PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.



### Collection Report

8/14 \$11,495 Weekly

\$5,035 Monthly

One collection next week Aug 28 Weekly



## *From The Desk of the Pastor....*

Dear Friends:

One of the most beautiful and most misunderstood sacraments of the Church is the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Referred to as "Extreme Unction" (or the anointing given in the last moments of life) before Vatican II, the name was changed by Vatican II to reflect a new understanding of this sacrament. It is a sacrament for the sick, for those who are seriously ill, as well as for those who suffer from age-related weakness or even mental illness. It is not primarily a sacrament for the dying. In the mind of the Church, this sacrament should be celebrated normally when the sick person is conscious and able to take part in the celebration, which can also include the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) and the reception of Holy Communion. The purpose of the sacrament is to bring peace, serenity, a deeper trust in God and a deepened hope. It can also heal, but in most cases the healing is spiritual in nature. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a continuation of the ministry Jesus extended to those who were sick and Jesus himself commissioned his Church to care for the sick.

All of this being said, some points are in order:

1. ***The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be administered only by a validly ordained Catholic Priest.*** It cannot be given by deacons, nurses, physicians or even hospice chaplains. It is, therefore, crucial that provision be made that a priest be called to give the sacrament once a person's medical condition has become serious, where death seems possible. Once a person is admitted into hospice care, the priest should be called so that, again, the sick person may participate fully in the celebration. It is not wise to wait until the point of death for two reasons. First, there may not be a priest readily available, and second, the sick person may not be able to participate as he or she should.

2. ***The Priests of this parish are responsible for visiting the sick at home, in nursing facilities, and at the Milford campus of Bridgeport Hospital.***

We cover the hospital five of the seven days each week. The proper procedure, if in the hospital, is to arrange for the nurse or the pastoral care minister to call the rectory for one of the priests to come. Given the lingering effects of the

pandemic, it is not always easy to get into health care facilities. If a loved one is in Bridgeport Hospital itself, Yale New Haven Hospital or the St. Vincent's Medical Center, it is the duty of the priest chaplain in those facilities to anoint patients, not parish priests. If a loved one is in a nursing facility in Fairfield County, anywhere across the Housatonic River, then a priest from that locale should be called, as it is outside the Archdiocese of Hartford and the priests of our parish do not have faculties to minister there, nor do we have a letter of suitability required by the bishops in connection with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

3. ***Once the sacrament is celebrated, it need not be repeated unless the sick person recovers and then later experiences a sharp decline in his or her health.*** The late Father Thomas Gaffney, a much loved priest who served at St. Mary's for many years and also served as a hospital chaplain, once told me that, as a general rule, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was considered in effect for a three-month period. In any case, should you feel a need to celebrate the sacrament, contact one of the priests and we will do whatever we can.

4. ***Finally, if anyone is going into the hospital for major surgery or has received a diagnosis of serious illness, such as cancer, heart disease, and dementia to name a few, please do not hesitate to call and ask for the sacraments.*** We will be glad to come to your home, to meet you in the rectory, or to celebrate them with you after any Mass. If you wait until you go into the hospital, especially with same-day surgery, a priest may not be available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with me.



### **DATES TO SAVE FOR THE FALL**

#### **Parish Picnic**

Sunday, September 18, on the grounds  
of St. Agnes

#### **Blessing of Animals**

Saturday, October 1, at 12:30 behind  
St. Mary's Church

#### **Annual Mass of Remembrance for the Deceased**

Wednesday, November 2, at 7:30  
at St. Mary's Church.



# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

Monday, August 22  
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9:00 *Mary Benek by her children*

Tuesday, August 23 St. Rose of Lima  
9:00 *Michele Swaller by Schmidt Family*

Wednesday, August 24 St. Bartholomew  
9:00 *Jack Galiney by Pat & Mary Risko*

Thursday, August 25  
Saints Louis & Joseph Callasanz  
9:00 *Special Intention*

Friday, August 26 Weekday  
9:00 *Maria & Alex Conte & Joe D'Angelo  
by Marie*

Saturday, August 27 (Vigil)  
5:00 *Blake A. Manzione  
by Jerry & Liz LaPenna*

Sunday, August 28  
Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*  
10:30 *Giuseppina Trombetta by his family*



## St. Mary Church

Monday, August 22  
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 *Doris Francini  
by Patrick & Colleen Hurley*

Tuesday, August 23 St. Rose of Lima  
8:00 *Joseph Michael Proud by Maria Proud*

Wednesday, August 24 St. Bartholomew  
8:00 *Danielle Gootkin by family*

Thursday, August 25  
Saints Louis & Joseph Callasanz  
8:00 *Diane Marie Anastasio  
by Alberta, Balise & Sebastian Vitale*

Friday, August 26 Weekday  
8:00 *James L Richetelli Sr. by his family*  
Saturday, August 27 St. Gregory the Great  
8:00 *Josephine Serini by Kim Nguyen*

Saturday Vigil  
4:30 *Robert Leggiardro by Simpson family*

Sunday, August 28  
Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 *Christopher O'Keefe by Roy Sebas*  
10:00 *James Metzger  
by Mike & Cindy Bankalter*  
11:30 *Frank Flanagan 25th Anniversary  
by his wife*  
4:30 *In Thanksgiving*

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 in memory of  
John Piselli

When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus.  
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we serve Jesus. — St. Rose of Lima

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