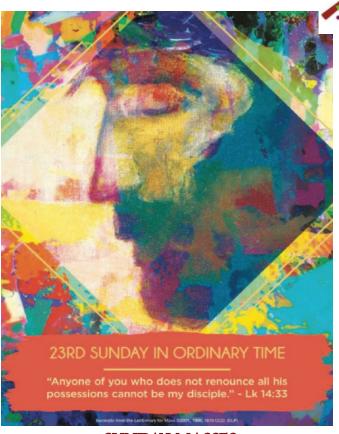
Precious Blood Parish

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, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am—2:30 pm. Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am—6:00 pm

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DAILY HAPPENINGS

Monday, Sept 5	Novena Saint Mary Church	7:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept 6	Legion of Mary Rectory Basement	10:30 am
Wed, Sept 7	Legion of Mary (St. Agnes) double	7:00 pm
Thurs, Sept 8	NAMI (St. Agnes) classroo	6:00 pm
Sat, Sept 10	Maggie's Scrapbooking 10 am (St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall	



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. Seating available outside Agnes Church. 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 27/28 for three consecutive weekends 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.

WELCOME

The Ladies Guild is having a Welcome Dinner on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. We will begin with Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Agnes followed by dinner in Fr. Callahan Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Please RSVP via email to Margaret at mmbyrne@att.net or by calling the rectory.

Collection Report

8/28 \$14,130 Two collections next week Sept 11 Weekly & Monthly

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.



Precious Blood Parish will be hosting our first Family Fun day of the season! The main event this month is Trucks, Trucks, Trucks! Children will be able to climb, steer, blow horns, and imagine in array of vehicles from law enforcement, fire department and rescue. Please join us on September 17th from 1~3pm in the Saint Mary Church parking lot for this free, fun, family event.

Legion of Mary News

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Lourdes at Litchfield 50 Montfort Road, Litchfield Ct September 10, 2022 9am—4pm.

Visit from the Pilgrim Statue Our Lady of Fatima Mother of Mercy & First Class relics of Saints Jacinta and Francesco, with Vigil Mass of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information contact Legion President Doreen Steele at 203-876-8472

From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Dear Friends:

Schools have opened and life is now returning to normal, and this year at St. Mary's School we are delighted to welcome well over 360 children from the three-yearolds in our pre-kindergarten program through to those in the eighth grade, some of whom will have been in our school, when all is said and done, for eleven years in all. We have welcomed some new faculty and staff, and the school, under the direction of Deacon Dominic Corraro, the principal, is in good hands. I am confident that the children entrusted to our care who will be formed in our Catholic faith will profit from their experiences in our school. As pastor, and as a product of Catholic education myself, I am fully committed to our parish school. I want it to succeed, to be as excellent as possible, and to grow even more. I am of the opinion that St. Mary's School is the best in the Archdiocese. It is a credit to our parish, and its contributions to the life and vitality of our parish are inestimable.

That being said, I will reiterate some words of caution that I wrote in the bulletin several months ago regarding public education here in Milford as well as elsewhere. Not everyone chooses to send their children to a Catholic school, and some find it difficult to afford. Nonetheless, I urge parents of children enrolled in the public schools to monitor carefully what their children are being taught. There are reports of public schools teaching CRT (Critical Race Theory, which is in many ways contrary to the teachings of the Church) as well as promoting or tolerating fluidity in gender identity. My point is simple: parents of children enrolled in public schools should take an active, regular and consistent interest in what their children are being taught. There can be no place for indoctrination of any kind. Parents are the primary teachers of their children. This includes formation in faith and spiritual matters as well as politics and social issues. Let your voices be heard at the Milford Board

of Education meetings if you have any concerns.

We are now preparing to resume regular meetings of the Pastoral Council (what was once called the Parish Council) after the disruption due to the pandemic. This body meets five times a year to review various dimensions of parish life. Each meeting is topically focused. The Pastoral Council is not deliberative in nature, that is, it does not make final decisions. It exists to advise the pastor on all matters of parish life, and as the current pastor, I take the advice of the Pastoral Council with the utmost seriousness. If you would like to be considered for appointment to the Pastoral Council, please let either myself or Deacon John know. You may also call the parish office at (203) 878-3571.

The weekend of September 10-11 we will be holding a drive in support of the Deacon John Rigely Food Pantry. Monetary donations or donations of food are most appreciated. Given the dire state of the economy in this country at present, the needs are greater than ever.

Have a good week!

Rev. alexant. Xmalus

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 5, is Labor Day. The parish office will be closed. The morning Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in both churches. There will be no confessions heard Monday evening, but the novena service will take place as usual.



The John Rigely Food Pantry will be having a Back to School Food Drive on September 10th and 11th after all masses. Please be on the lookout

for our most wanted posters.

The Helping Hands Knitting Group will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 10:00 am at Saint Agnes. New members are always welcome. For more information please call Anne Moore 203-654-6108.



Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

Monday, September 5 Weekday 9:00 Rose & Anthony Gagliardi by daughter

Tuesday, September 6 Weekday 9:00 John Leo by Jack & Sharon Fowler

Wednesday, September 7 Weekday 9:00 Jack Galiney by Todd, Jenna & William Risko

Thursday, September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 James Gagliardi by his sister

Friday, September 9 St. Peter Claver 9:00 *David Connell by Jack & Sharon Fowler*

Saturday, September 10 (Vigil) 5:00 Patrick LaPenna by his family

Sunday, September 11 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 *Margaret Lovett by her daughter*

10:30 Michael Matthew Miller by his Mom and brother



Join us for the Group Rosary Recitation at Saint Agnes Church Monday—Friday at 9:30 am and Sundays at 9:45 am



We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips.

- Saint Peter Claver

St. Mary Church

Monday, September 5 Weekday 9:00 Arlene Pond by the family

Tuesday, September 6 Weekday 8:00 Rev. Robert Lord by estate

Wednesday, September 7 Weekday 8:00 Dolores Banas by Joe Banas

Thursday, September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 Margaret Conlon by the family

Friday, September 9 St. Peter Claver 8:00 Burns & Fadis Families by niece Pat

Saturday, September 10 Weekday 8:00 *Kyle Liptak by Tara & family*

Saturday Vigil 4:30 Rose Cassano by family

Sunday, September 11
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 People of Precious Blood Parish
10:00 Josephine & Anthony Tuozzola
by Jim and MaryAnn Weaver
11:30 Eleanor Boyle by Marie Boyle
4:30 Claire Cavallaro by Peter Cavallaro

The Sanctuary lamp is lighted this week in memory of Angelo Natoli

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 11, 2022)
Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14
Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Timothy 1: 12—17

Luke 15: 1—10

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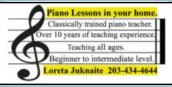


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