

# 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

## **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

## **PARISH CLERGY**

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Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes  
Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary  
(Except Holidays)

## **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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

## **Bulletin Notices**

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November 27, 2022



1st Sunday of Advent

**DAILY HAPPENINGS**

Monday, Nov 28	Novena	7:30 pm
	<i>Saint Mary Church</i>	
Tuesday, Nov 29	Legion of Mary	10:30 am
	<i>Rectory Basement</i>	
	Knitting Group	10:00 am
	<i>St. Agnes classroom</i>	
Wed, Nov 30	Legion of Mary	6:30 pm
	<i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	
Thursday, Dec 1	NAMI family to family	7:00pm
	<i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	<i>St. Mary Church</i>	
	K of C 4th Degree	7:00 pm
	<i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin hall</i>	
Friday, Dec 2	Nocturnal Adoration	7:00 pm
	<i>St. Mary Church</i>	
Saturday, Dec 3	Lawn Angels Sales	10 am
	<i>(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>	
Sunday, Dec 4	Legion Juniors	10am
	<i>Rectory Basement</i>	

We are so excited to announce our  
**DECEMBER EVENT!**

**PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH  
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• SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH 5:30PM-8:30PM •  
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PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, CHILDS NAME(S) AND A NUMBER WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED DURING THE EVENT. YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER AND PAY AT THE DOOR!



**Reminder**

*Peter F. Phelan Jr.*

**Christmas Giving Tree Program.**

Gifts may be put under the Giving Tree at any time. Please do not put the gift there while the Mass is in session. Make sure the gift is UNWRAPPED and the tag securely taped to the gift. If you took a tag and misplaced it or are having trouble finding the item, please call Bob Lessard at 203-874-9076 or email at: [bless3569@gmail.com](mailto:bless3569@gmail.com). REMEMBER WE MUST HAVE ALL THE GIFTS BACK BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 BY 5:30 PM. Thank you for generosity!!



The Precious Blood Ladies Guild will again be selling Lawn Angels for \$25.00. Angels will sold Saturdays beginning Nov 19th thru Dec 17th 10 - 12pm at St. Agnes.

The Saint Agnes Giving Tree is up and ready to go! There is a tree in the back of St. Agnes church as well as one on the center side of the church.



Please return gifts with their tags. Gift bags are a helpful way to wrap the presents. If you select a gift card please place it in the designated box near the trees. Gifts should be left at weekend Masses only. No one monitors the tree on weekdays, nor collected on weekends outside of the Mass schedule. Please return all gifts no later than Sunday, December 11th at noon.

The Precious Blood Ladies Guild will be hosting a "coffee and" after all Masses on Dec 4th at both St. Agnes & St. Mary.



**St. Mary School Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale**



St. Mary School is once again having their annual Christmas tree sale - an annual tradition for over 20 years! Freshly cut Christmas trees, wreaths and cemetery pieces will be available to purchase at St. Mary School. Hours are Mon-Fri 5:00pm - 9:00pm and Sat. & Sun. 9:00am - 9:00pm.



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November 19/20, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday Mass this weekend is the celebration of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church calendar prior to the beginning of Advent next week. I wish you a happy liturgical “new year.” May it be a year of grace and blessing for us all.

There is one blessing in particular that we need to ask of God for the wellbeing of the Church. Today we are facing a very serious decline in the number of priests to serve our archdiocese. This year we lament the fact that there were no ordinations to the priesthood.

We are not the only diocese facing this situation, but that is scant consolation. We can learn, however, from those dioceses that are moving in the other direction. At an episcopal ordination in Ohio I asked the Archbishop of Cincinnati the reason for the success his archdiocese is having with priestly ordinations (He ordained seven priests this year). His answer: the vocation prayer that is said at his direction at every Mass on weekends in his archdiocese. Other bishops have spoken likewise.

Sometimes we may be tempted to make light of prayer, as if the pledge of prayers is just a pious gesture. However, it is Jesus Himself who spoke of “sheep without a shepherd,” and said that we must “ask the harvest master to send laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 18:20). We cannot doubt the Lord Himself, and we need to heed his words. It is urgent that we pray together publicly for vocations to the priesthood.

For some time now I have directed that the St. Michael prayer be said immediately after the dismissal at Sunday Masses (after, as distinct from the liturgical prayer of the Mass). I was inspired to do so by Pope Francis, who had directed that it be prayed universally after the rosary for a set time. That time has passed but the timeliness of the St. Michael Prayer remains. Now that you have been introduced or re-introduced to it, it is my hope that you will continue to pray it privately.

In its place, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26/27, I want us all to say the *Prayer for Priestly Vocations* that I am sending to your pastor to be made available in church. There is great power in praying together, as Jesus told when he said “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20).

Some may question why we are only praying for priestly vocations. More inclusive prayers can be offered by anyone at any time, and should be, but our public and urgent plea to the Lord is for priests, without whom there can be no sacraments, especially Penance and the Holy Eucharist, the life’s blood of our union with Christ.

May God answer our prayers, and may he bless you for all that you do to promote priestly vocations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford



# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

**Monday, November 28 Advent Weekday**  
9:00 Charles & Phyllis Wrenn by family

**Tuesday, November 29 Advent Weekday**  
9:00 Larry Solkoske by Roberts family

**Wednesday, November 30 St. Andrew**  
9:00 Michael Matthew Miller  
by his mom & brother

**Thursday, December 1 Advent Weekday**  
9:00 James Miller by his wife and son

**Friday, December 2 Advent Weekday**  
9:00 Charles Luperella  
by Bob & MaryAnn Hyzynski

**Saturday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier**  
5:00 Mary Krafcik by family

**Sunday, December 4**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 Sean Beirne  
by Colleen, Tom Tommy & Collin  
10:30 People of Precious Blood Parish



### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent  
(December 4, 2022)  
Isaiah 11: 1—10  
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Romans 15: 4-9  
Matthew 3: 1-12

## St. Mary Church

**Monday, November 28 Advent Weekday**  
8:00 Donna Bibbins by family

**Tuesday, November 29 Advent Weekday**  
8:00 Lucy James by Farina family

**Wednesday, November 30 St. Andrew**  
8:00 Anna & George Dennis by family

**Thursday, December 1 Advent Weekday**  
8:00 Susan Portor by Vickie

**Friday, December 2 Advent Weekday**  
8:00 Bill Kropfl by Kathy Ball

**Saturday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier**  
8:00 Edmund Jacobsen by family

### Saturday Vigil

4:30 Sam Rosa by family

### Sunday, December 4

#### Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Barbara Ann Lynch by family

10:00 Mario Arcobello  
by Tom & Dawn Astram

11:30 Vittori Vitale, Congetta & Massimo  
Ciarnella, Dominick Mangone & Liliana  
Iodice by Rocco & Lucia Vitale

4:30 Connie Pacific by Gregory Pacific



“It is impossible to find a  
Saint who did not take the  
“two P’s” seriously  
-Prayer and Penance.”  
~ Saint Francis Xavier

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