

Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
400 Merwin Avenue



St. Mary Church
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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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Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes
Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary
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9:00 am—2:00 pm.
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am—6:00 pm

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December 11, 2022



Third Sunday of Advent

DAILY HAPPENINGS

Monday, Dec 12	Novena 7:30 pm <i>Saint Mary Church</i>
Tuesday, Dec 13	Legion of Mary 10:30 am <i>Rectory Basement</i> Knitting Group 10:00 am <i>St. Agnes classroom</i> K of C officers mtg 7:00 pm <i>Rectory basement</i> Ladies Guild 7:00 pm <i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>
Wed, Dec 14	Legion of Mary 6:30 pm <i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>
Thursday, Dec 15	NAMI family to family 7:00pm <i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm <i>St. Mary Church</i>
Saturday, Dec 17	Lawn Angels Sales 10 am <i>St. Agnes</i>
Sunday, Dec 18	Legion Juniors 10am <i>Rectory Basement</i>

The tradition of the Oplatki originated in Poland. The Oplatki are enjoyed by families, typically right before the Christmas Eve meal. The entire family will gather around the table with the Oplatek. Generally, the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. The purpose of this act is primarily to express one's love for each member of this or her family.



The Oplatki tradition is one that is easy and fun to introduce to the family at Christmas time. All it requires is a simple wafer paired with love, affection and the willingness to share it. This is a heartwarming tradition that will enhance your family's time together during the Christmas season.

Oplatki is available now in the rectory office or in the sacristy at St. Mary Church. The cost for Oplatki is \$3.00 per pack.

Next Weeks Collections



One collection next week 12/18
Weekly

Reminder

Peter F. Phelan Jr.

Christmas Giving Tree Program.



All Gifts need to be returned by this Sunday, December 11, 2022 by 5:30pm. Most of the charitable organizations have their Christmas parties the week of Dec 12th and you wouldn't want to disappoint those who count on this one holiday gift. If you forgot to purchase the item, please return the tag. If you misplaced the tag, please purchase a grocery gift certificate and put it in the wooden box under the Giving Tree sign. For those of you who returned your gifts thank you very much for your generosity.



The Knights of Columbus will be continuing their sales of Luminaries in Fr. Cronin Hall this weekend. The bags are \$5 each and you are welcome to decorate them as you wish— stamps and markers are provided by the Knights. All Luminaries will be displayed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Fr. Cronin Hall.

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.



**St. Mary School
Annual Tree and Wreath Sale**



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.



A Note from Deacon John...

Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday when we rejoice, that the coming of the Lord is near. Gaudete means rejoice, hence the name. The rose-colored vestments signal a change and augment our anticipation of the true joy to come. May the joy of this season be with each of you as we all anticipate the joyous coming again of our Lord and Savior.

Remember that Christmas is on Sunday this year, but it is not a regular Sunday Mass schedule. Please refer to the bulletin so you can make your plans to worship with us this Christmas. Be assured that all of you are in the prayers of the clergy of our parish, and our prayers for you all are that the Prince of Peace may bring peace to your heart, peace to your family, and peace to our world.

Deacon John

BINGO

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

In the Saint Ann's School Gym

Starting at 6:30 pm

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CHRISTMAS MASSES



Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM and 10:00 PM at St. Mary's

(No 4:15 PM in the school gym and no 6:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's)



4:00 PM and 6:00 PM at St. Agnes'

(No 10:00 PM Mass at St. Agnes').

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM at St. Mary's

10:00 AM at St. Agnes'.



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

Save the Date !!!!

Coming February 10, 2023.

The first Taste of Italy. More info in the coming weeks. Questions please contact Dave Amendola at 203-824-3255 or Tony Candido 203-878-3363



The Meaning of the Advent Wreath

It is the season of Advent, when we prepare for the coming of the Lord. The wreath is a circle, with no beginning and no end, a symbol of God's eternal love, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life found in Christ. It is made of various evergreens, signs of continuous life: laurel which signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine holly & yew: immortality; and cedar: strength & healing. Holly has a special Christian symbolism: the prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns and the red berries the blood of our Savior.

The Wreath's four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of them, those for the 1st, 2nd & 4th weeks, are purple, a color of repentance. The rose candle is lit on Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, when we rejoice: we have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, and are so close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles has meaning also: Our expectations grows, or hope increases as we draw nearer to the celebration of Christ's first coming in Bethlehem on Christmas morning.

The Ladies Guild will hold their Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec 13th at 7pm in Fr. Cronin Hall. Members are asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert. If you would like to participate in the grab bag exchange, you are asked to bring a grab gift valued at \$10. Raffle prize winners will be drawn at this meeting.





Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

Monday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00 Glen Chitwood

by Bob & Maryann Hyzynski

Tuesday, December 13 St. Lucy
9:00 Gloria Geer by her husband

Wednesday, December 14
St. John of the Cross
9:00 Dorothy Jansen by her son

Thursday, December 15 Advent Weekday
9:00 Jean Mosher by family & friends

Friday, December 16 Advent Weekday
9:00 Carl, Mike & Joan Rocco by Marie

Saturday, December 17 Advent Weekday
5:00 Patrick LaPenna by his family

Sunday, December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 Thomas Bierne
by Colleen, Tommy & Colin
10:30 Kevin Lovett by his sister



The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Agnes is
lighted this week in
memory of
Joseph Rodrigues & Edward McCarthy

St. Mary Church

Monday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 Deceased family members & friends
by Pat

Tuesday, December 13 St. Lucy
8:00 Pau Kristofferson by Susan Holder

Wednesday, December 14
St. John of the Cross
8:00 Susan Portor by Rosie

Thursday, 15 Advent Weekday
8:00 James DeGiacomo by the Bloxsoms

Friday, December 16 Advent Weekday
8:00 Susan Portor by Marci & Gino

Saturday, December 17 Advent Weekday
8:00 Chester Barnick by his family

Saturday Vigil
4:30 Joseph Farina by family

Sunday, December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 Deceased members of
the Monteleone & Stantig families
10:00 People of Precious Blood Parish
11:30 Lydia Cortez by Rich Gulesh
4:30 Phillip & Francis Rich by daughters

The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Mary is lighted
this week in memory of
Joseph Goralski



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent
(December 18, 2022)

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24



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