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

Bulletin Notices

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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

April 16, 2023




Sunday of Divine Mercy



DAILY HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 17	Novena 7:30 pm <i>Saint Mary Church</i>
Tuesday, April 18	Legion of Mary 10:30 am <i>Rectory Basement</i>
	Knitting Group 10:00 am <i>St. Agnes classroom</i>
	K of C Holy Hour 7:00 pm <i>St Mary Church</i>
	Legion officers Mtg 7:00 pm <i>Rectory Basement</i>
Wed, April 19	Parkinson Support 1:00 pm <i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>
	Book Club 3:00 pm <i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>
	Legion of Mary 6:30 pm <i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>
	K of C 7:00 pm <i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>
Thursday, April 20	NAMI 6:00 pm <i>St. Agnes double classroom</i>
	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm <i>St. Mary Church</i>
Saturday, April 22	Ice Cream Social 5:00 pm <i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>
Sunday, April 23	Legion Juniors 10:00 am <i>Rectory Basement</i>

The meeting for the Parkinson's meeting will be held Wednesday,  Parkinson's April 17 in the Father Cronin Hall @ 1:00. The meeting will begin with a brief presentation from Rae, Occupational therapist from YouTherapy who will describe his program in strengthening for the elderly and Parkinson's followed by an open meet and greet discussion. All are invited to attend.

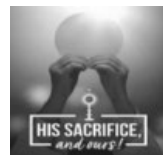


Please join Precious Blood Parish and Saint Mary School on April 22 immediately following 4:30pm mass for an ice cream social and informational fair! Speak with office staff about registering as a parishioner, scheduling a baptism, or wedding, and religious education. Get information about our various social groups including the Ladies Guild, Knights of Columbus, and Mens Society. Meet current SMS parents and learn about our preschool and K-8 school! This is a completely free event and open to everyone!



Scholarships

Applications for the Ladies Guild scholarship (awarded to an eight grade girl entering a Catholic HS in the fall) or a grant for girls already attending a Catholic HS are available at the rectory during office hours. Deadline to submit the completed application is April 21st and must be returned to the rectory in a sealed envelope. The scholarship and grants are based on available guild funds. Any questions about the application process can be directed to Suzanne Beliveau, Scholarship Chair at subelive@me.com



In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised almost \$90, 000 for the 2023 Archbishop Annual Appeal. In these trying times the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many.

The K of C is having a Holy Hour on Tues, April 18th from 7-8 pm at St. Mary Church. **All members of the parish are welcome.** The hour will not have any readings or music. It will just be you and the Lord. Please join us whether its to quietly pray, meditate, say the rosary or simply talk to God. It will be a rewarding experience.



Collection Report	
April 1st	\$12, 551
Easter	\$21,784
Monthly	\$9,040

One collection next Week (April 23)
Weekly

From the Desk of the Pastor . . .

Dear Friends:

Now that Lent and Holy Week have concluded, looking back on those six weeks, the number attending daily Masses as well as the numbers participating in the celebrations of Holy Week, I want to commend all of you for making the effort to make this Lent and Holy Week special. In the years I have been in Milford, eleven-plus in all, the numbers attending Holy Week celebrations and the Easter Masses have never been greater than they were this year.

I might make a simple suggestion. Why not try to continue some of the practices you built into your observance of Lent into the rest of the year? Why not set aside more time for prayer and for silent reflection before God? Why not try to come to daily Mass several times a week? Why not try to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) more frequently? Why not practice the discipline of fasting throughout the year? Might I suggest something? Why not set aside your cell phones and check in on them less frequently? None of these will hurt you. They may help you, and do so immensely.

This Sunday, by decree of Pope St. John Paul II, is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday, a response to the visions and revelations made to a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina in the early part of the last century. The Gospel today, the traditional Gospel reading for the Sunday after Easter, tells the story of how the Lord instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Breathing on the disciples, he said, "*Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Whose sins you retain, they are retained.*" The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not meant to be an experience of torture and shame. Quite to the contrary, it is meant to be an encounter between us, who are sinful, weak and imperfect, with the Lord, who is gracious and merciful, always ready and willing to forgive. The traditional Divine Mercy Devotions will be prayed at St. Agnes at 2:00 PM this Sunday afternoon.

As of this writing, our parish has already pledged just shy of \$90,000 toward our goal for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. I thank those who have responded thus far. If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, please consider doing so. Our generosity assists the Archbishop in meeting so many and varied needs across the three counties that comprise the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Have a good week!

Rev. Edward X. Smolenski



Spring has arrived and our next bus trip is ready for you as we travel to the Theater By The Sea in Wakefield, RI. on **Wednesday June 7th** for a matinee performance of *My Way*...a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra. Join us as we experience the elegance of "The Chairman of the Board" from the king of swing to the Rat Pack, Ol' Blue Eyes charmed his way into the hearts of millions. Celebrate the pivotal moments of Sinatra's remarkable five-decade career with a journey through his greatest hits. A full course lunch at *Bravo By The Sea* is planned prior to the performance. Cost for lunch, theater, transportation and gratuity is \$160. Bus will depart St. Mary's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and will accommodate 50, please call Diane at 203-878-3363 for full details. Deadline is May 1st.



**St. Mary School Girl Scouts
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Reconciliation

**Mondays 6:00—7:00 pm Saint Mary
Saturdays 3:30—4:30 pm Saint Agnes**



Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

Monday, April 17 Weekday

9:00 Amanda Pellegrino & Christopher Carr
by Pellegrino family

Tuesday, April 18 Weekday

9:00 Anna Carboni by Niece

Wednesday, April 19 Weekday

9:00 Hugo Jansen by Jack & Karen Jansen

Thursday, April 20, Weekday

9:00 Robert Morgan
by Peggy McGuire & family

Friday, April 21, Weekday

9:00 Dorothy Army by Daughter

Saturday, April 22 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm Eugene Warmoth by family

Sunday, April 23

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

10:30 Rosa & Lily Pirulli by family

St. Mary Church

Monday, April 17 Weekday

8:00 Suky Katerina by Sarah Kim

Tuesday, April 18 Weekday

8:00 Bette & John Jewelenski by Joseph Banas

Wednesday, April 19 Weekday

8:00 Joseph Raffone by Bob & Donna Hall

Thursday, April 20 Weekday

8:00 Allen Morrison by Kathy & Tim Fisher

Friday, April 21 Weekday

8:00 The Ortoleva Family

Saturday April 22

8:00 Julie Grancher by a friend

4:30 (Vigil Mass)

Thomas Hessberger by the Natoli family

Sunday, April 23

8:30 Veronica & Richard Sokolowski
by family

10:00 Jerzy Stradecki
by Mark & Barbara Winkle

11:30 Helen & Mike Serena
by Bob & Rita Serena

4:30 Lisa Paola Nicolis by Michelle Bellucci



The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Agnes is
lighted this week in
memory of
Dan & Hugo Jansen



The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Mary is
lighted this week in
memory of
Thomas Hessberger

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter
(April 23, 2023)

Acts of the Apostles: 2: 14, 22-33

Psalms 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

1 Peter 1: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35



Earth Day
EVERY DAY

Blessed are they
who have not
seen me, but still

BELIEVE



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