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Monday - Friday  
9:00 am—2:00 pm.

## RECONCILIATION

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

May 14, 2023



Sixth Sunday of Easter

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, May 15	<b>Novena</b> <i>Saint Mary Church</i>	7:30 pm
Tuesday, May 16	<b>Legion of Mary</b> <i>Rectory Basement</i>	10:30 am
	<b>Knitting Group</b> <i>St. Agnes classroom</i>	10:00 am
Wed, May 17	<b>Legion of Mary</b> <i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	6:30 pm
Thursday, May 18	<b>NAMI</b> <i>St. Agnes double classroom</i>	6:00 pm
	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>St. Mary Church</i>	7:00 pm
Sunday, May 21	<b>Legion Juniors</b> <i>Rectory Basement</i>	10:00 am

### Please take note

The 2024 events calendar is not open. If your group wishes to hold an event in Fall 2023 or Winter/Spring 2024 we will be holding a calendar meeting later this summer. Thank you for your patience.



Today, Mother's Day, starts our annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Helping Hands. This parish outreach provides for needy, pregnant women in Milford and the immediate area. Please take a baby bottle at the church door and fill it with change. Bottles should be returned by Father's Day, June 18. (Any container will work.). We are grateful for whatever donation you can make. (Checks should be made out to "Precious Blood, Helping Hands") Remember, if you know a needy mother-to-be that we can help, have her call the Outreach Number at 203-878-8857. Thank you, as ever, for your continuing support.



Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.



## Blessing of the Bikes

Saturday May 20, 2023

Please arrive by 11 a.m. ~ Blessing to follow  
**St. Agnes Church**  
**400 Merwin Avenue**  
**Milford, CT 06460**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Bikes

Reverend Aidan Donahue, Pastor, Precious Blood Parish will be blessing the bikes

Free will offering/donation for Precious Blood Parish is gratefully accepted.

For further information: Contact Dave at 203-824-3255 or [amendba@optonline.net](mailto:amendba@optonline.net)

Music provided by Earl Crutchfield  
 Event Sponsors: Montano Family



### Ladies Knight Out

The Santa Maria K of C will be hosting their annual Ladies Knight Out appreciation dinner for the ladies of the parish. The dinner will be held on Friday, May 19th in Fr. Callahan Hall (St. Agnes). Tickets are \$30 and will be on sale at both churches after Masses on the weekends of May 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th and in the rectory until May 15th **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Please call Dan (203) 803-7643 or Joe (203) 615-2635 for more information.

The St. Joseph's Men's Society is sponsoring their 19th Annual Golf Tournament on July, 31, 2023 at Grassy Hill Country Club. Cost is \$125 per person. Any parishioners interested in playing can contact Jerry Farina at (203) 623-4461. Registration forms are located in the church entrances if anyone needs them.



### Collection Report

May 7 \$ 16,430

Two collection next Week (May 21)  
 Weekly & Catholic Communications



## From the Desk of the Pastor . . .

Dear Friends:

As you read these words, our parish will have completed the celebration of the reception of First Communion for over one hundred children. We congratulate them on this important milestone in their lives as Catholics, and we pray that they will receive the Eucharist regularly and often. It is incumbent upon parents to see that their children, all of them precious gifts of God, are properly formed in their faith. In our time, the proper observance of Sunday has been eroded. One clear sign of this is that children today are much more likely to be brought to soccer, baseball, or football games or dance lessons and gymnastics classes on Sunday than they are brought to Mass. This is to be deplored. While playing team sports or attending dance lessons or gymnastics classes is not evil in itself, it is no substitute at all for an active life of faith. As we all know as adults, life will get tough at times and when the winds blow and storms erupt, we will need something to hold fast to, and a soccer ball, a baseball, a football, or dancing and gymnastics shoes will not be enough. Our children will need to have a living faith, a vibrant relationship with the living God. They need to be taught that God remains with them always and will see them through anything and everything that life throws their way. Of great assistance in this is their being taught to pray regularly (and by that, I mean daily), their receiving the sacraments regularly (and by that I mean weekly Mass and reception of Communion as well as confession several times a year). Not to be overlooked, of course, is the good example that parents and grandparents and all of us can give.

The Easter Season is beginning to wane as we now approach its conclusion with the celebration of Pentecost on May 28. A clear sign of this is the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension on this Thursday, May 18. There will be four Masses celebrated in our parish for the holy day. Please be sure to take

a bulletin by way of reminder. You always can, of course, check for the bulletin on the parish website.

Have a good week.

*Rev. Joseph X. Maher*

## Ascension Mass Schedule



Saint Mary 7:00 am & 12:05 pm

Saint Agnes 9:00 am & 5:30 pm

## FOOD PANTRY



The John Rigley Food Pantry needs your help. The most needed items are peanut butter and jelly.

The next meeting of the Parkinson Support group will meet on Wednesday, May 17th at 1:00. We are pleased to have Sgt. Jay Kraynak from The Milford Police Dept. who will share with us protective measures for the elderly population including scams. We would like to thank him for his service to our community. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you are an online giver and still receive envelopes that you do not use, please let us know so that we can cancel them for you.



## Please Note

In order to keep consistency all submissions for the bulletin, social media and newsletter should be sent to [bulletin@pbpmilford.org](mailto:bulletin@pbpmilford.org)



Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Amen



# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

**Monday, May 15 Saint Isidore**

9:00 Good Health & Healing for the Murphy family by family & friends

**Tuesday, May 16 Weekday**

9:00 April Moss by Anna & Dennis Brown

**Wednesday, 17 Weekday**

9:00 Ralph Benzenberg by St. Agnes Rosary

**Thursday, May 18**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

9:00 All my children by Kim Nguyen

5:30 pm Intentions of the Presider

**Friday, May 19 Weekday**

9:00 Rae Armellino by Frances Pallman

**Saturday, May 20 (Vigil Mass)**

5:00 Anthony & Julie Mattei by family

**Sunday, May 21**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

7:30 Anthony Gagliardi by daughter

10:30 People of Precious Blood Parish



## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

If we love Christ, we will keep his commandments, and the world will not accept us. But we are not left orphans God sends us an Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth

## St. Mary Church

**Monday, May 15 Saint Isidore**

8:00 Rosemarie Abric by sisters & family

**Tuesday, May 16 Weekday**

8:00 Annette Traversi by Diane McEntee

**Wednesday, May 17 Weekday**

8:00 Rita C. Nomejko by family

**Thursday, May 18**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

7:00 Gregory Sullivan

by Jack & Sharon Fowler

12:05 Pat Piroh by Saint Mary Staff

**Friday, May 19 Weekday**

8:00 Dorothy Molnar

by Deacon Richard & Nancy Sennett

**Saturday May 20 Saint Bernardine of Siena**

8:00 Bernard & Ann Marie Lynch

by his sister

**4:30 (Vigil Mass)**

Pasquale Perrelli by wife Linda

**Sunday, May 21**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:30 Mary Janos by Joseph Banas

10:00 Deceased members

of Santa Maria Council

11:30 Katherine Patrick by her family

4:30 Milton & Mildred Feller by family

CELEBRATE  
*Mother's Day*



## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

(May 21, 2023)

Acts of the Apostles: 1: 12-14

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 7-8

1 Peter 4: 13-16

Gospel: John 17: 1-11a

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