Precious Blood Parish

Parish Office: 70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for we are in distress.

God, bring consolation and relief

PSALM 31:9

SUNDAY MASSES

SaturdayVigil4:30 pmSt. Mary5:00 pmSt. 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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PARISH TRUSTEES Noel Dubois and Dennis Hrabchak

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS 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 & Social Media Requests bulletin@pbpmilford.org (203) 878~3571



Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

Monday, August 21 St. Pius X 9:00 Jennie Catalano by Margaret Magnotta

Tuesday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 Mary Benek by her children

Wednesday, August 23 St. Rose of Lima 9:00 Michele Swaller by her family

Thursday, August 24 St. Bartholomew 9:00 Thomas Holodak by Susan Holodak

Friday, August 25 St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz 9:00 Kevin Ettinger by Susan Holodak

Saturday, August 26 (Vigil Mass) 5:00 Kathleen Nannetti by Thomas, Colleen, Tommy & Collin

Sunday, August 27 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

10:30 Giuseppino Trombetta by his family

To request a Mass intention please call the office at 203-878-3571 or email Danielle at dhogan@pbpmilford.org

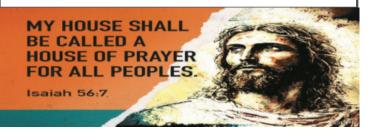


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August 6 Weekly \$15,025 Online \$3,474

One collection next week (August 27)Weekly



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Friday, August 25 St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz 8:00 Elenor Dalton by Susan Holodak

Saturday, August 26 Weekday 8:00 Maria Vu Thi Xieu by Kim Nguyen

4:30 (Vigil Mass) James L. Richetelli Sr by family

Sunday, August 27 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 Christopher O'Keefe by Roy Sebas 10:00 Robert Hessberger by Dawn Cole

11:30 Frank Fortunati by John Corso

4:30 Vivian Ventura by The Hogans

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"O woman, great is your faith!" The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered.



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

AUGUST 20, 2023

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Almighty God, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families. Sustain them with your everlasting arms. As they serve around the world, we ask that you guard their families and loved ones back home. ~Amen

Lt. Col. Patrick T. Horvat Charles J. Grant Michael A. Eno USN Pfc. Ron Murray Pfc. Daniel Hewston Jordan Grassmann SCPO USN Michael Casey USN SSgt. Armando Lizasuain CPO Dakota Owen USA Lt. Col. Jason Dymond Joshua Ehret Po1USN Captains Richard & Jamie Brantley Colin O'Sullivan USAF William F. Gilson USAF SSgt. Michael Foss MSgt Carlie Blacklidge CDR Matthew Fanning Col. Andrew Whiskeyman SSR Matthew Hunt USN Celina Guerrera USN Captain Brendan Hayes Pvt. Colby Kmetz USA Pvt. Erik Johnson USM Alec Rossetti MA2USN Maj. Jonathan Rembetsy Daniel J. McCormick Sgt. USMC Caitlin McCormick Corporal USMC Pvt. 1st Class William Batty TSgt Geoffrey Dean USAF Pvt Ryan Patrick Gorman USN



There is Group Rosary Recitation at Saint Mary Monday -Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass and Sundays after the 8:30 am Mass. At Saint Agnes Monday-Friday at 9:30 am and Sundays at 9:45 am. All are welcome to join us

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Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6~7/Ps 67:2~3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/ Rom 11:13~15, 29~32/Mt 15:21~28

Monday: Jgs 2:11~19/Ps 106:34~35, 36~37, 39~40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16~22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11~24a/Ps 85:9, 11~12, 13~ 14/Mt 19:23~30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b~14/Ps 145:10~11, 12~ 13, 17~18/Jn 1:45~51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3~6, 14b~16, 22/Ps 146:5~6ab, 6c~7, 8~9a, 9bc~10/Mt 22:34~40

Saturday: Ru 2:1~3, 8~11; 4:13~17/Ps 128:1b ~2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1~12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19~23/Ps 138:1~2, 2~3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33~36/Mt 16:13~20

BUS TRIPS

Although we are still in the midst of summer 2023, an autumn bus trip is waiting for you. On Thursday October 11 we will be returning to Goodspeed Opera House to see THE TWELVE. If you were told this musical setting is in Jerusalem I'm sure you will know the twelve we are talking about are the disciples. The theater website calls it a "profoundly moving musical that you will never forget". Of course we will be having lunch at the beautiful Gelston House, a perfect setting for an early autumn day. Bus will leave St. Mary's Church parking lot at 9:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 and 2 p.m. performance. Your package cost is \$175 per person and deadline for ticket sales is Please call Diane September 10th. at 203~722~0532 for more details.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, Aug 21	Novena	7:30 pm
Tuesday, Aug 22	Saint Mary Church Legion of Mary Rectory Basement	10:30 am
Wed, Aug 23	Legion of Mary	6:30 pm
Thursday, Aug 24	<i>(St. Agnes) double c.</i> Choir Rehearsal	<i>lassroom</i> 7:00 pm
Sunday, Aug 27	<i>St. Mary Church</i> Legion Juniors <i>Rectory Basement</i>	10:00 am

Please join us for our 1st Annual End of Summer concert featuring the The ElwoodsII Live music, Food Trucks, what a better way to end the summerII Bring a friend or 2, enjoy some delicious food and classic rock and blues. We look forward to seeing everyone there I Bring a lawn chair.



Don't Grieve Alone @

Our parish Bereavement Support Group will once again be meeting this fall for a ten week program beginning September 14th. The group will meet every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Fr. Cronin Hall at St. Mary church. Anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one whether recent or long ago is welcome. To register for the program or if you have any questions please call Ellen Sidell at 203-283-1934



Precious Blood Parish Picnic A long standing tradition enjoyed by so many. Hoping to see you on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 12:30 - 3:30 P.M. at St. Agnes Church. Seating available outside 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 picnic. Ticket price is \$15 p/p, \$40 for family of 4 package (includes immediate family) children under 6 free.



The Precious Blood Ladies Guild will have their annual Welcome Dinner on Tuesday September 12. The cost will be \$10 person. More information will be forthcoming. All ladies of the parish are welcome.



The Precious Blood Parish Knitting Group will resume meeting on Tuesday, Sept 5th. We will meet every Tuesday from 10 am—12pm at Saint Agnes. Anyone interested in joining is welcome. Please call Ann Moore 203~654~6108 for more information.

A Note from Deacon John

The gospel from Matthew this weekend is a challenging one. Jesus withdraws to the area of Tyre and Sidon, two villages on the seashore. Exhausted from his ministry of preaching, teaching, and especially healing the hundreds and thousands who are constantly coming to him, Jesus is looking for a break, a vacation. His presence is discovered by a Canaanite woman, who is well aware of his reputation. Her daughter is sick, an illness they could not explain, so in the culture of the time, the daughter is described as tormented by a demon. Jesus reacts with impatience, he's tired. Jesus reacts with an insult, he is human like us. Jesus says his mission is to the children of Israel, not to the Canaanites. The woman persists, maybe like so many of us she has nothing to lose, and Jesus heals her daughter. The healing power of Jesus is for all people, the message is inescapable.

Don't react in anger to every perceived insult. Maybe someone is desperate like the Canaanite woman, or young and a dreamer like Billy, and don't even know they have insulted you. Life unfolding is not an insult to any of us.

Don't look for reasons to exclude someone or some group. God's message is for all. Jesus demonstrates this in the gospel today. Look for ways to include more people, different people.

Don't make your needs the center of attention. Tend to the needs of others, the poor, the sick, those without hope. This is the effort God wants us to make. At this time, especially those without hope.

Don't focus on the insignificant, focus on what is essential. Every effort of the Canaanite woman was to have her daughter healed, she cared about nothing else. Our every effort should be to further the Kingdom of God, to make the message of Jesus real and resounding.

Deacon John

YOUR INVITED !

Join us as Precious Blood Parish offers a season of activities. There is something for everyone.

August 27th. -Summer concert featuring the The Elwoods!! Live music, Food Trucks, what a better way to end the summer!! Bring a lawn chair (St. Agnes)

September 23rd ~ Our 2nd annual Touch a Truck will be taking place at Saint Mary from 1pm ~ 3pm. Your children can see, touch, explore and honk from a variety of vehicles including emergency vehicles, tow trucks, school bus and big rigs. Free giveaways and Italian ice for purchase.

Oct 21st - Halloween Childrens Party at Saint Agnes. Enjoy crafts, party games, music, dancing and goodie bags.

Nov 29th ~ Holiday theme Sip and Paint come join us at Saint Mary church Hall while you paint holiday flowers on a charcuterie board. Great for holiday serving or gift giving.

December 16th - We will end this year with a Christmas movie night. Put on your pjs and grab a blanket or chair and join us in the Saint Mary school gym for The Grinch. Candy, popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase.







