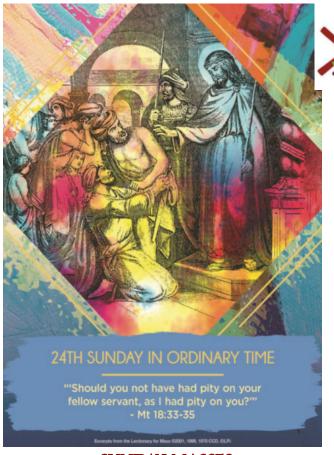
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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Benediction and Rosary Monday @ 7:30 pm St. Mary Church

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Mass Intentions

St. Agnes Church

Monday, September 18 Weekday 9:00 Barbara Allen by granddaughter

Tuesday, September 19 Saint Januarius 9:00 Sean Donahue by Mary Jane Robbins

Wednesday, September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang 9:00 Sean Donahue by St. Agnes Rosary Group

Thursday, September 21 Saint Matthew 9:00 Intention of the Presider

Friday, September 22 Weekday 9:00 Nancy Garneau by her son Peter (16th Anniversary)

Saturday, September 23 (Vigil Mass) 5:00 Brian Nesdale & Alan Naclerio by Lou & Joanne

Sunday, September 24 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish 10:30 Mary T. Fallon by Diane & John Tierney



The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Agnes is lighted this week in memory of Ruth Lynch & James Gallagher

The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Mary is lighted this week in memory of Deborah Moffet



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

St. Mary Church

Monday, September 18 Weekday 9:00 Maureen Richetelli by famly

Tuesday, September 19 Weekday Saint Januarius

8:00 Michael, Robert, & Rosemarie Abric by family

Wednesday, September 20
Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon
& Paul Chong Ha-sang
8:00 Annette Traversi by Diane McEntee

Thursday, September 21
Saint Matthew

8:00 Deceased members of the Kaluzynski family by family

Friday, September 22 8:00 Marion Healey by husband William

Saturday, September 23
St. Pius of Pietreicina
8:00 All my children by Kim Nguyen

4:30 (Vigil Mass)Kathleen Gerwien by family

Sunday, September 24 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Salvatore Tamayo by Anna Tomayo

10:00 Dubicki & Stradecki families by Mark & Barbara Winkler

11:30 Patricia Coyne Hiebert by family 4:30 Robert D. Lyon by his wife Mary

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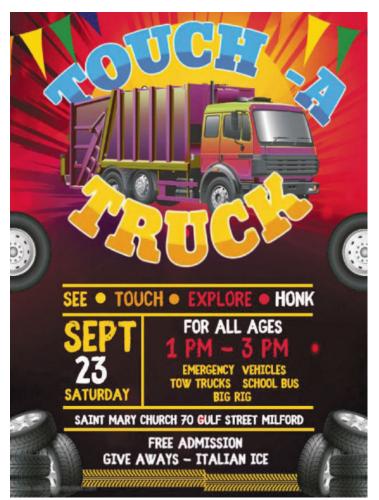
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Kristen Harmel. New members are always welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00. Any questions, please call Mary Jane at 203-878-8492



TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Novena Saint Mary Church	7:30 pm
Legion of Mary	10:30 am
Knitting Group	10:0 am
Legion officers mtg	7:00 pm
Parkinson Support	1:00pm <i>Hall</i>
Book Club	3:00 pm
Legion of Mary	6:30 pm
K of C	7:00 pm
Bereavement Group	1:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Touch a Truck	1:00 pm
Legion Juniors Rectory Basement	10:00 am
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A separate email will go out to families regarding registration for those being confirmed on November 18th.





WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

In the Saint Ann's School Gym Starting at 6:30 pm EVERYONE IS WELCOME II

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The Precious Blood Parish Ladies Guild welcome dinner was held on Tuesday, September 12th. Nine extraordinary young ladies were honored as scholarship & grant recipients by the guild. Not only do these young ladies excel at academics and their extra curricular activities, each of them selflessly gives back to their community. We are so proud of them!!



Pictured left to right: Suzanne Beliveau, Tess Santos, Peyton Durand, Devyn Hogan, Elizabeth Kron & Madelyn Saxer. Not pictured: Clare Hayes, Kaitlin Dzialo, Gabriella Santiago & Bridget Vitti

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From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends:

By now, most of you have heard the sad news about Bruce. A week ago this past Wednesday, September 6, I made the decision to euthanize him. A veterinarian, experienced in hospice care, came to the rectory and, with her help, Bruce passed peacefully about 8:00 P.M. I am heart broken, but I am at peace with letting him go.

Bruce was a very old dog, perhaps as old as fifteen or sixteen years in all, and I will say that he was in remarkably good health, with no major health issues for much of his life. Of course, as with us, age caught up with him. He began to show difficulty with going hesitancy coming upstairs and some downstairs last summer. For that he was placed on medication to help with arthritis, especially in his hind legs. He also began to have some difficulty seeing. But to the end, his sense of hearing and his powerful hound nose continued to work. Shortly after my return from vacation last month, I noticed a marked decline in his ability to get up. He needed help, especially coming in from outside, to make it up the stairs. In the last days, he spent most of the time sleeping and his hind legs gave out even more. Thus, the decision was made by me that the time had come to let him go. I miss him terribly. The rectory at night seems empty and lonely. I have never been alone here in the rectory without him, as he came with me when I arrived from Bloomfield back in January of 2012.

I have been thinking about all of this, and it seems to me that God lends us our pets, and there comes a day when we must return them to the Lord. That is always a sad day, but it must happen nonetheless. One of the most painful realities about having pets is that they live such short lives. It falls to us, their owners, to care for them, to love them, and to thank God for the blessing that they have been. Bruce has been a blessing to me most certainly and from all the words of condolence that I have received and read, I can say that Bruce was loved by so many of

you as well. I was happy to share him with you. I think he will be remembered here as an institution in himself.

What of Bruce now? My prayer is that he is at peace. Years ago, when I lost my first dog, a parishioner sent me a card with a meditation on it about animals who have died. It is called "The Rainbow Bridge" and it is well-worth reading if you have lost one or more beloved pets. In my life, I have been blessed with three dogs, the first being a beagle named Clancy, the second a "bagle" (beagle/basset hound mix) named Buddy, and Bruce. I take comfort that they are all in God's good care now.

As for me ever seeing them again, I think that our beloved pets will be part of our experience of heaven. Creation itself will share in the redemption wrought by Christ and animals themselves are part of creation. I found comfort in these words of the late Rev. Billy Graham: "I think God will have prepared everything for our perfect happiness. If it takes my dog being there (in heaven), I believe he'll be there."

Have a good week!

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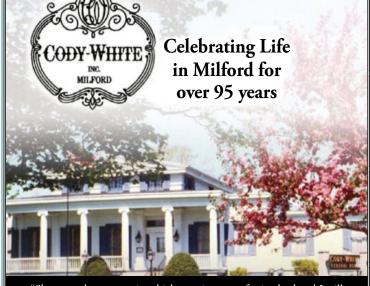


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