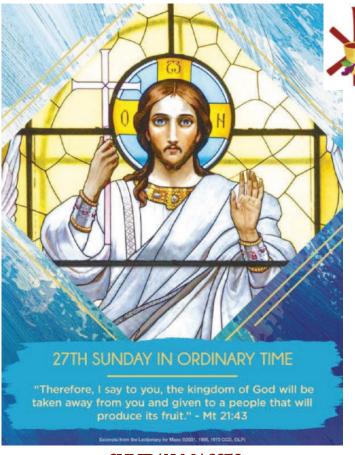
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SUNDAY MASSES

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, October 9
Saints Denis & John Leonardi
9:00 Sean Donahue
by Nocturnal Adoration Society

Tuesday, October 10 Weekday 9:00 Richard Carey by cousin Dee Stephens

Wednesday, October 11
St. John XXIII
9:00 Anna Abbazia by the family

Thursday, October 12 Weekday 9:00 Robert S. Dabkowski by Anna Franas & Richard, Irene & Chris Komski

> Friday, October 13 Weekday 9:00 Steven Thomas Devaux Jr. by Amendola family

Saturday, October 14 (Vigil Mass) 5:00 Robert Consiglio by Renee Coppola

Sunday, October 15 Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Deceased members of the Mettler & Barrett Families

10:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

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Saints Denis & John Leonardi
8:00 Dolores Banas by Joe Banas

Tuesday, October 10 Weekday 8:00 Paul Campagna by Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, October 11
St. John XXIII
8:00 Donald W. Hiebert by family

Thursday, October 12 Weekday 8:00 Margaret Laraia by family

Friday, October 13 Weekday 8:00 Kathleen DiMaio by Rosary Group

Saturday, October 14 St. Callistus 8:00 Joan Kember by M. Kember & M. Kriksciun

4:30 (Vigil Mass)Glenna Kaluzynski by her children

Sunday, October 15
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 Catherine & James Moran by family
10:00 Regis Abbott by daughter & family
11:30 Jeanette Basque by Pat Travers
(1st Anniversary)

4:30 Bridget & Edward Hayes by family





Angels of Mary Rosary Program

Angels of Mary is a group for boys & girls in grades 1-6. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month at St. Mary in the rectory basement meeting room from 10:30~ 12pm. Meetings run Oct 7th—May. Each meeting will consist of reading, discussing the mysteries of the rosary, praying, crafts and a simple home assignment. questions please call Sharon DiNapoli at 203~887~0762.



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.

RECONCILIATION

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



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Moonlight and You! Precious Blood Ladies Guild Auctiongood wine, good music, fine hors d'oeuvres and of course our

beautiful dessert table. Join us on Saturday, October 28th in Father Callahan Hall at St. Agnes Church. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and tickets go on sale the weekend of October 7/8 for the following three weekends. Plan on purchasing your tickets by October 22nd. Tickets available in the Rectory as well and no tickets will be sold at the door. \$40 per person.

A lovely way to spend an evening and to boost this Ladies Guild major fundraising event. Please call Diane at 203-722-0532 if you would like to contribute an auction item. Auction items valued at \$50 or more are appreciated and very much welcomed. Please note drop off dates for donated auction items will be accepted on Wednesday, October 25th 1-4 p.m.; Thursday October 26^{th} 3-6 p.m. and Friday October 27th 11 a.m. - 12 noon in Father Callahan Hall at St. Agnes Church.

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, Oct 9	Novena	7:30 pm
	Saint Mary Church	
Tuesday, Oct 10	Legion of Mary	10:30 am
	Rectory Basement	
	Knitting Group	10:00 am
	St. Agnes Classroom	
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	Rectory Basement	
	Ladies Guild	7:00 pm
	(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall	
Wed, Oct 11	Legion of Mary	6:30 pm
	(St. Agnes) double cl	assroom
Thursday, Oct 12	Bereavement Group	1:00 pm
• •	(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	St. Mary Church	_
	NAMI	7:00 pm
	St. Agnes Classroom	_
Saturday, Oct 14	Maggie's scrapbooking 10 am	
	(St. Agnes)Fr. Callah	
Sunday, Oct 15	St. Joseph Society Coffee and	
	After Masses at St. Agnes	
	Legion Juniors	10:00 am
	Rectory Basement	
	9th Grade RE Class	5:30 pm
	St. Mary Church	1
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The parish offices will be closed on COLUMBUS Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day. Please note there will be no confessions on Monday evening.



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LADIES GUILD

The Precious Blood Ladies Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday October 10th at St Mary's church hall. The meeting will begin at seven o clock. The program will be "You Therapy". Refreshments will be served. All women of Milford are welcome to attend.





The Men's society will be hosting a "coffee and" on Oct. 15, 2023. After 7:30 mass thru 12:00 noon at Saint Agnes Church

The Parish Nurse Program is offering afternoon an session for all members of



the parish provided by Rae the director of YouTherapy in St. Agnes Church hall on Saturday Oct. 11 from 2-4 pm. The program will provide information on f all prevention. There will also be individual balance invited and assessments. A11 are preregister is necessary.

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1~7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13~14, 15~16, 19~20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6~9/Mt 21:33~43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/ Lk 10:25~37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1~10/ Ps 130:1b~2, 3~4ab, 7~ 8/Lk 10:38~42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1~4

Thursday: Mal 3:13~20b/Ps 1:1~2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5~13

Friday: Jl 1:13~15; 2:1~2/Ps 9:2~3, 6 and 16, 8~9/Lk 11:15~26

Saturday: JI 4:12~21/Ps 97:1~2, 5~6, 11~12/ Lk 11:27~28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6~10a/Ps 23:1~3a, 3b~4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12~14, 19~20/Mt 22:1~14 or 22:1~10



Dear Friends:

As we have now launched into the month of October, we undertake some normal activities. Normalcy, whatever that means in our day, is a good thing as it serves as a kind of "anchor" to which we can cling in the midst of the uncertainty and upheaval of our times.

You will notice for the next several weeks that the ushers will be making their way up the aisles at every Mass. You might hear a clicking noise. This is a normal October activity, what is called the "October Count." Every year the Archdiocese of Hartford requires that parishes take a count of the number of people at every Mass, as well as the number receiving Communion. This gives the Chancery, the administrative offices of the Archdiocese, a "snapshot" as it were regarding the health and the vitality of the various parishes. While the Archdiocese asks that such a count be taken on one weekend, I have deemed it better to take it on most, if not all, of the weekends in October and then submit a count based on the average weekly attendance. This, I think, is much more accurate.

I will say that, given the numbers I have seen over the past few months, there is the possibility of reducing the number of weekend Masses from eight eliminating one each, both at St. Mary's as well as St. Agnes'. The Archdiocese prefers that the number of weekend Masses not be unnecessary, but only the number needed to serve the people who come to Mass. I am hesitant to do this at this point, especially given the fact that our parish is fortunate to have three priests assigned to it. However, the reduction in Masses may become necessary, especially if we lose one of the priests to a reassignment and he is not replaced. Another factor that will be in the mix is the fact that I myself am not getting younger, but a bit older as we all do (I am 63 years old). We can all do something about this, and that is to encourage parishioners we know who have not been coming to Mass (for whatever

reason, be it indifference or fear stemming from the pandemic) to do so. Our parish has some 4500 families listed as registered parishioners. Our Sunday Masses should be fuller than they are.

Collection is being The Annual reinstituted this year, after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Letters will be sent out in the near term asking for your support of this collection which is aimed at funding significant improvements to the parish plants. Already we are working on having the doors at St. Mary's completely refurbished, as they are sorely in need of it. We will be installing power door openers to assist those who are disabled (or those assisting them) to get into both churches more easily. We also are purchasing two new beautiful church-sized statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph for St. Agnes. The current statues, which are really too small, will be relocated to the vestibule near Fr. Callahan Hall.

Finally, as the year wanes, I would encourage anyone who has not done so to consider making a gift or a pledge to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are slightly short of our goal of \$145,000. If ten or fifteen families were to step up and make a gift or pledge, we will meet it. The Appeal does a great deal of good, not only for the ministries of the Archdiocese, but also for those in need across New Haven, Hartford and Litchfield counties.

Well, that is enough for now. Have a good week!





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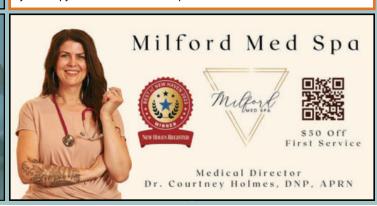


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