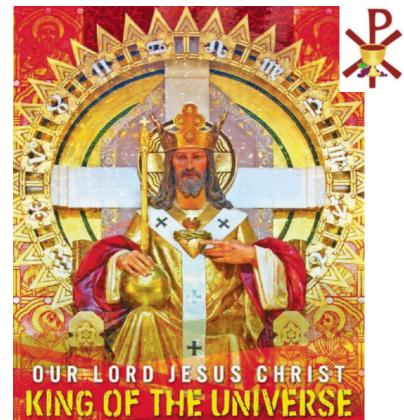
Precious Blood Parish

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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

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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)

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Mass Intentions

St. Agnes Church

Monday, November 27 Weekday 9:00 Marie Gagliardi by Carolyn

Tuesday, November 28 Weekday 9:00 Charles & Phyllis Wren by their family

Wednesday, November 29 Weekday 9:00 Gretchen Fletcher by Fletcher family

Thursday, November 30 St. Andrew

9:00 Michael Matthew Miller by his Mom & brother

Friday, December 1 Weekday 9:00 James Miller by his Wife & son

Saturday, December 2 (Vigil Mass) 5:00 Sam Rosa by his family

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 Sean & Gobba Beirne by Thomas, Colleen, Tommy & Collin

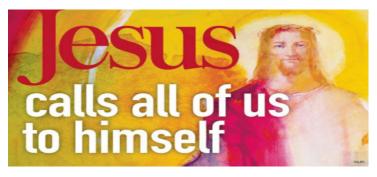
10:30 Deceased members of the Brunzell family by family

The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Mary is lighted this week in memory of John Piselli



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.



St. Mary Church

Monday, November 27 Weekday 8:00 John & Arlene Ronan by the Ronan family

Tuesday, November 28 Weekday 8:00 Marianna Triolo by Stacey & Richard Stiffler

Wednesday, November 29 Weekday 8:00 Robert Sayles by Kathy & Al Hegedus

Thursday, November 30 St. Andrew 8:00 All my children by Kim Nguyen

Friday, December 1 Weekday 8:00 Kathy DiMaio from your friends at St. Marys

Saturday, December 2 Weekday 8:00 Paul Campagna by Ann Marie Campagna

4:30 (Vigil Mass) William & Margaret Myers by Sennett family

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 Nancy Moody by her family

10:00 Barbara Ann Lynch by her family

11:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

4:30 Joseph, Elizabeth, Don & Dolores Platko

Thank you for your Offertory

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parish running. You can use this \square QR code to be taken to our online giving page. Thank you!



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Precious Blood Parish

Ladies Guild

Lawn Angels

Decorate an Angel for Advent

Angels will be displayed on the lawn at St. Agnes Church or you may use it to decorate your lawn.

Price: \$25.00

Included: Angel cut out (white), metal stake and instructions, which

include suggestions for material to use to decorate.

For \$5.00 more, join us at Fr. Callahan Hall at St. Agnes Church to decorate your Angel. This event will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Sale Dates: Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to Noon November 18th, November 25th, December 2nd & December 9th at St. Agnes Church.

Angels will be displayed beginning December 2nd. and ending January 6, 2024. Please put your name on the back of your Angel.

	Lawn Angels Or	der Form	
Name:	Addres	Address:	
Phone:	Email:	Email:	
# of Angels: 2 @ \$2	5.00 each= \$	+ \$5 each ***= \$	



Giving Tree Donation.

Please take a tag from the Saint Agnes Giving Tree and return your gift by Sunday Dec 10th by 1pm. Milford Healthcare, Helping Hands and Beth El Center are the groups we will be supporting. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. If you have any questions please call Pat Byrne at 203-988-5429.



Gifts may be put under the giving Tree at any time. Please do not put the gift there while Mass is in session. Make sure the gift is UN-WRAPPED and the tag is securely taped to the gift. If you took a tag and misplaced it or are having trouble finding the item please call Bob Lessard at 203-874-9076 or email at bless3569@gmail.com. <u>REMEMBER WE</u> <u>MUST HAVE ALL THE GIFTS BACK BY</u> <u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 BY 5:30 PM.</u> Thank you for your generosity !

Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy The Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy will be in the school gym at the 4:15 Mass. Sign up information can be found on our website:



www.preciousbloodparishmiford.org/youth or at the rectory office. Deadline to sign up is Friday, Dec 8th. Dress rehearsal is Sunday, Dec 24th at 3:30 pm in the school gym. If interested, please return via email to stmarychristmasplay@icloud.com or call Ronnie Pendleton 203~874~8752 or 203~610~2823 cell

FHANK YOU

The parishioners and members of the Precious Blood Ladies Guild

displayed their thoughtfulness, generosity and caring with the unbelievable response to the Guild's invitation to donate cold weather gear to be given to our Beth El Center and then distributed appropriately to our homeless community. At the recent Ladies Guild meeting, Jennifer Paradis, Executive Director of the Beth El Center, was present to accept our clothing donations and expound on Beth El's mission to extend dignity and respect to all individuals. The selfless nature of our parishioners is consistently evident.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, Nov 27	Novena Saint Mary Church	7:30 pm	
Tuesday, Nov 28	Legion of Mary Rectory Basement	10:30 am	
	Knitting Group St. Agnes Classroom	10:00 am	
	K of C Holy Hour <i>St.</i>	7:00 pm	
Wed, Nov 29	Legion of Mary St. Agnes double clas		
	Paint & Sip	6:00 pm	
	(St. Mary) Fr. Cronii	Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall	
Thursday, Nov 30	Choir Rehearsal St. Mary Church	7:00 pm	
	NAMI St. Agnes Classroom	7:00 pm	
Friday, Dec 1	Nocturnal Adoration St. Mary Church	7:00 pm	
Saturday, Dec 2	Lawn Angel Sales (St. Agnes)	11:00 am	
	Day with Mary	8:00 am	
	(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan hall		
Sunday, Dec 3	Legion Juniors	10:00 am	
	Rectory Basement		

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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.

Saint Agnes Saturdays 3:30 –4:30 pm

RECONCILIATI

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023

> Sunday, December 17 2:00 PM at St. Agnes ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS.

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Vigil Masses 4:00 PM at St. Mary 4:00 PM at St. Agnes 4:15 PM (*with pageant*) at St. Mary School 6:00 PM at St. Agnes Mass During the Night 10:00 PM at St. Mary.

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day Masses 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM at St. Mary

10:00 AM at St. Agnes.

Monday, January 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Masses

9:00 AM at St. Mary and 9:00 AM at St. Agnes.

As this feast falls on a Monday, there is no holy day of obligation attached to it. However, you are encouraged to come to Mass to ask God's blessings on the year before us and to thank God for the blessings of the past year.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

The regular (with one exception) schedule will be in effect for Advent with the addition of two hours of confessions heard on the morning of Saturday, December 23 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at St. Agnes.

NOTE: There will be no confessions heard the afternoon of Saturday, December 23.

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

Words from Father Lijo.....

Some of our parishioners asked me personally, "what is the difference that you feel when you are doing priestly ministry in the US? I answered instantaneously with some explanations. I come from Kerala, one of the Southern States in India, where Catholic life is active and prominent. I could see almost similar life here, especially in our parish community where the Sacramental life is very active and people who strive to live a life of holiness, which is our basic call by our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the weekdays of November 6-10th I was in Orleans, MA for my annual retreat (personal) along with a priest from my home diocese in India. There we had a positive discussion on the topic "the transmission of Faith." We talked more precisely on the Family prayer which is the foundation of a family and its influences on the transmission of faith. I would like to mention the structure of family prayer in our families in Kerala. We have family prayer in the evenings and each family has its own particular time for the prayer like 6.30 pm, 7 pm, 7.30 pm or even 9 pm depending on the convenience of family members. Each family has its own particular place or room for prayer where everyone gathers together. The basic structure - we sing songs, read the Bible, say the evening prayer of the Church (vespers), some families include rosary and other intercessory prayers to saints, and conclude with spontaneous prayer for various intentions. It takes up to 30 ~45 minutes. No one in the family can skip the family praver unless with a due reason.

I believe this is the best time for the transmission of faith to the younger ones in the family. The children get to know about God, prayers, Bible, Church, songs and thus they build up their faith life. (My niece, who is 4 years old now, started singing songs and saying rosary). I can easily say this formation which I received helped me to identify my priestly vocation. Since this faith formation begins in childhood itself, most of them remain faithful to the Faith and sacramental

life. Still there are a few who go away from this. "The family that prays together stays together." The Christian Family is the first place where children learn to pray. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the family unit "Ecclesiae Domestica" - the Domestic Church. (CCC 1656). Thus, parents have a responsibility to set an example by taking time for personal prayer every day and making family prayer a regular practice. This not only sets an example for the children, but also provides them with a faith-filled foundation which brings them closer to the Lord.

We celebrate the feast of Christ the King of the Universe, on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas Primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. We should celebrate this feast every day in our families through our family prayers ~ accepting Jesus as the Savior and King of our families- which is the true celebration of the feast of Christ the King. May God Bless us all...!!!

- Father Lijo



Saturday, December 2, 9AM-2PM FREE Day Retreat Right Here at Saint Agnes ChurchI

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