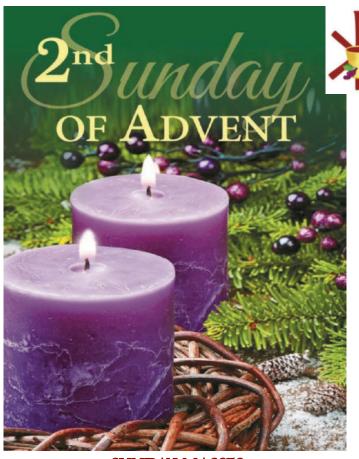
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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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First Friday of the Month 7:00 pm St. Mary

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Mass Intentions

St. Agnes Church

Monday, December 11 Saint Damasus 9:00 Gregory Sullivan

by Jack & Sharon Fowler

Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 Alice & Joseph Samatoski by the family

Wednesday, December 13 Saint Lucy 9:00 Dorothy Jansen by Jack & Karen Jansen

Thursday, December 14
Saint John of the Cross
9:00 Gloria Geer by her husband

Friday, December 15 Advent Weekday 9:00 Clarisse Anastasio by cousin

Saturday, December 16 (Vigil Mass) 5:00 Jean Mosher by family & friends

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 Kevin Lovett by sister Pat 10:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

> The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Agnes is lighted this week in memory of Patrick LaPenna





The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Mary is lighted this week in memory of Joseph Carollo

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

Due to Christmas & New Years Day falling on a Monday this year. There will be no Novena on Monday, Dec 25th and Monday Jan 1st.

St. Mary Church

Monday, December 11 Saint Damasus 8:00 Pat Piroh by Mary Krikscuin & Michael Kember

> Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00 Rev Francis J. Seggel 30th Anniversary

Wednesday, December 13 Saint Lucy 8:00 Concetta Rooney by her friends at Jimmys

Thursday, December 14
Saint John of the Cross
8:00 Maria Scinto by Beverly Crane

Friday, December 15 Advent Weekday 8:00 Bill Kropfl by Beverly Crane

Saturday, December 16 Advent Weekday 8:00 Paulo & Carmella Vitale by son & daughter in law

4:30 (Vigil Mass)
Joseph Wielk by wife & sons

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 Deceased members of the Montelone & Stantig families by Joe & Tataiana 10:00 Donna Bibbins by family 11:30 John & Nora Heffernan by family 4:30 Phillip & Frances Rich & Theresa



Giving Tree Donations

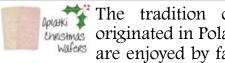
Please take a tag from the Saint Agnes Giving Tree and return your gift placed in a gift bag by Sunday Dec 10th by 1pm. Milford Healthcare, Helping Hands and Beth El Center are the groups we will be supporting. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. If you have any questions please call Pat Byrne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



Parkinson Support

Please note that because of the Christmas Holiday we will be holding our meeting on the 2nd Wednesday in December instead of the 3rd. The date is 12/13 at 1:00 in the Father Cronin Hall. Our speaker will be Kaitlyn Chemitz a physical therapist in the Intensive Rehab. Unit at Yale New Haven/ Milford Hospital. It will be followed by a Christmas social. Everyone is being asked to bring a snack or dessert if possible.

Please note that because of the Christmas Holiday the book club will be holding our monthly meeting on week earlier. Book < club will take place on Wednesday December 13th at 3:00 pm this month.



The tradition of the Oplatki this originated in Poland. The Oplatki wafers are enjoyed by families, typically

right before the Christmas Eve meal. Oplatki is available now in the rectory office or in the sacristy at both churches. The cost for Oplatki is \$3.00 per pack.



Due to lack of participation the Dec 16th Movie Night is canceled.



ALL GIFTS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY THIS SUNDAY, DEC 10TH AT 5:30 PM. Most of the charitable organizations have their Christmas parties the week of Dec 11th. and vou wouldn't want to disappoint those who cout on this one holiday gift. If you forgot to purchase the item, please return the tag. If you misplaced the tag, please purchase a grocery cert and put it in the wooden box under the Giving Tree sign. For those of you who returned your gifts, thank you very much for your generosity.



The Knights of Columbus are selling Luminaries this weekend after all Masses at St. Mary's. The Luminaries will be a lighted display at all the Christmas Masses at St. Mary's and add a personalized

festive touch to the Christmas decorations in the church. You are encouraged to add your personal decorations to each Luminarymarkers and such are available a the table, or you can take it home and return it decorated the following week.

At the same time, the Knights will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets and lapel buttons to show your support of the true meaning of Christmas. Stop by Father Cronin Hall as you exit the church to see what is available.

The next meeting of the ladies guild is Tuesday December 12. It will be our Christmas party. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. All women of the parish \geq are invited. If you would like to

participate in our ornament exchange please bring a wrapped ornament. It is not necessary to participate to attend the party.



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

7:30 pm Monday, Dec 11 Novena Saint Mary Church Tuesday, Dec 12 Legion of Mary 10:30 am Rectory Basement **Knitting Group** 10:00 am St. Agnes Classroom K of C officers Mtg 7:00 pm Rectory Basement Ladies Guild Meeting 7:00 pm (St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall Parkinson Support Wed, Dec 13 1:00 pm (St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall Book Club 3:00 pm (St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall Legion of Mary 6:30 pm St. Agnes double classroom Thursday, Dec 14 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm St. Mary Church NAMI 7:00 pm St. Agnes Classroom Sunday, Dec 17 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 Saint Mary Mondays 6:00—7:00 pm

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023

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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.

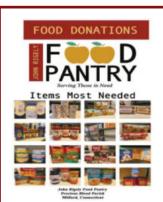
a Note from Deacon John ...

Thanks to so many who have contributed to our annual fund collection this year. As of this writing, over \$57,000 has been donated so far. This allows us to have done the refinishing of the doors at Saint Mary, we have ordered the new statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph for Saint Agnes and are reviewing bids for the auto-opening doors for the handicapped at each church. If you have not donated so far, and still wish to before year end, please do so. Checks made out to Precious Blood Parish and write annual fund in the memo section. Again, thanks to so many.

This past weekend, our Day with Mary, held at Saint Agnes Church, was a great success. Over 250 people attended the retreat day, and over 150 confessions were heard. Thanks to all those in the Legion of Mary here that arranged for and promoted this day. Thanks to the Franciscans of the Eucharist who conducted the day, and their team of volunteers who helped so much. What a blessing this day was for our parish.

Know that all the priests and deacons of our parish continue to pray for all of you and are always grateful for your continued support and prayers. Thank you so much.





JOHN RIGELY FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY/ WINTER FOOD DRIVE December 9th and 10th at all Masses

Please help the food pantry ministry restock the shelves for the upcoming holidays and winter months.

Items most needed are:

Cereal, instant oatmeal, coffee, hot chocolate, mac & cheese, tuna, tomato sauce, pasta, cookies, crackers and fruit cups.

Thank you for all your generosity and support throughout the year

From the Desk of the Pastor

A SPECIAL MESSAGE BY WAY OF EXPLANATION The Fourth Sunday of Advent

and Christmas

As it does on occasion, Christmas this year falls on a Monday. This necessitates a note of explanation with regard to Mass obligations for the weekend as well as Christmas itself. All Catholics are obliged to participate at Mass each Sunday. We also are obligated to participate at Mass on holy days of obligation. Only for the most grave of reasons can anyone excuse themselves from fulfilling this duty. The weekend of December 23-24 is the celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Masses that fulfill the obligation for Sunday include the vigil Mass on Saturday and the morning Masses on Sunday. However, the offered Sunday afternoon. on December 24, are for Christmas participation at those Masses fulfills the obligation for Christmas as do the Masses celebrated on Christmas morning. One cannot go to just one Mass and in the process fulfill both obligations. While this may seem to be a burden for some, we should keep it in perspective. God blesses us and sustains us in so many ways constantly. In return, God asks of us relatively little, namely that we gather in community to worship on appointed days, that we spend some quality time each day in prayer, and that we try sincerely to live by the teachings of his Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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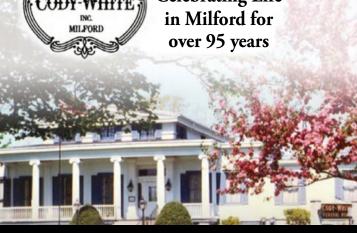
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