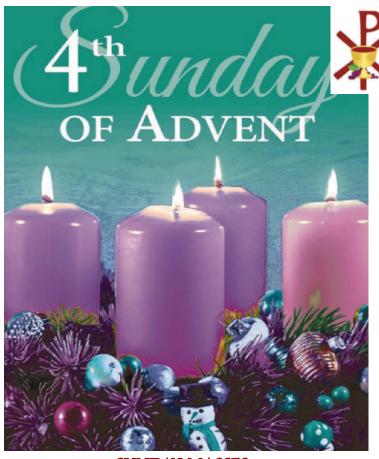
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#### SUNDAY MASSES

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

#### **NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

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

#### PARISH CLERGY

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## Mass Intentions

## St. Agnes Church

Monday, December 25
The Nativity of the Lord
10:00 People of Precious Blood Parish

Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen 9:00 Giuseppina Trombetta by family

Wednesday, December 27 St. John 9:00 Chester Barnick by the family

Thursday, December 28
The Holy Innocents

9:00 Healing for Sandy Eslin y friends & family

Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket 9:00 John J. Moroney by Jerry & Liz LaPenna

Saturday, December 30 (Vigil Mass) 5:00 Patrick LaPenna by his family

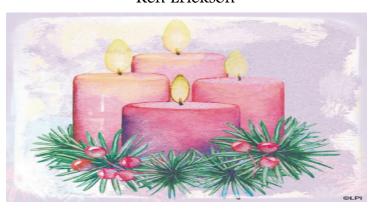
Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish 10:30 Edwin & Esther Pike by their family



The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Agnes is lighted this week in memory of The Lovett Family

The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Mary is lighted this week in memory of Ken Erickson



### St. Mary Church

Monday, December 25
The Nativity of Lord

8:30 Marion Healey by the family 10:30 Regina Machernis by her husband

Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen 8:00 Joseph Boninsante by Bernadette Gray

Wednesday, December 27 St. John 8:00 Sigmund Kriksciun by family

Thursday, December 28
The Holy Innocents

8:00 Martha & Joseph Piroh by daughter

Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket 8:00 Debbie Warrek by family

Saturday, December 30 8:00 Pauline & Albert Ruggiero by Albert

4:30 (Vigil Mass)

Gary Hoppes by Diane & Bud McEntee



#### Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family

8:30 The Bolduc family by John & Ronnie Pendelton 10:00 John & Ursula Hayes by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cook

11:30 Francesco Toledo by Lucy Toledo & family

4:30 Nancy Sennett by Deacon Nick & family

Due New Years Day falling on a Monday this year. There will be no Novena on Monday, Monday Jan 1st.

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours.

## Readings Week

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1~5, 8b~12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2~3, 4~5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25~27/Lk 1:26~38

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1~5/Ps 89:4~5, 16~17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16~17, 22~25/

Mt 1:1~25 or 1:18~25 Night: Is 9:1~6/Ps 96: 1~2, 2~3, 11~12, 13/Ti 2:11~14/

Lk 2:1~14 Dawn: Is 62:11~12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11~12/Ti 3:4~7/Lk 2:15~20

Day: Is 52:7~10/Ps 98:1, 2~3, 3~4, 5~6/Heb 1:1~6/Jn 1:1~18 or 1:1~5, 9~14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8~10; 7:54~59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17~22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2~3, 4~5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13~18

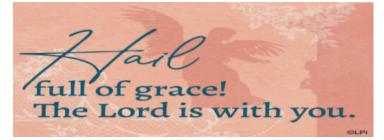
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3~11/Ps 96:1~2a, 2b~3, 5b~6/ Lk 2:22~35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12~17/Ps 96:7~8a, 8b~9, 10/Lk 2:36~40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or

Ps 105:1~2, 3~4, 5~6, 8~9/Col 3:12~21 or 3:12~17 or Heb 11:8, 11~12, 17~19/

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



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## Do You Know the Rosary?

We welcome children in **Grades 1 - 6**to join our **Angels of Mary** program and learn about
the stories behind the Mysteries of the Rosary

This month...
Feast of 3 Kings & Luminous Mysteries

When: Saturday, January 6, 2024 Where: St. Mary Rectory Basement Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

> For more information contact Sharon DiNapoli at 203-799-8670



Coming Soon! The Annual Full Breakfast sponsored by the St. Joseph Society, will be held on Sunday, Jan 21st at St. Agnes in Fr. Callahan Hall from 8am-12pm. The menu includes: bacon, sausage, eggs,

pancakes, French toast, coffee, tea, juice, etc. Tickets will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family. (Family ticket consists of parents and children ages 7-18) Children under age 6 are free. Tickets will go on sale after all masses starting January 6th and will be available in Rectory office during normal business hours Monday—Friday 9am—2pm beginning January 8th.

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tuesday, Dec 26 Legion of Mary 10:30 am

Rectory Basement

Knitting Group 10:00 am

St. Agnes Classroom

Wed, Dec 27 Legion of Mary 6:30 pm

St. Agnes double classroom

Thursday, Dec 28 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

St. Mary Church

Legion Juniors 10:00 am

Rectory Basement

# TIMES.

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

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Sunday, Dec 31

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## Pray THE ROSARY

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.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note the Rectory and Cemetery offices will be closed on Monday, December 25th.

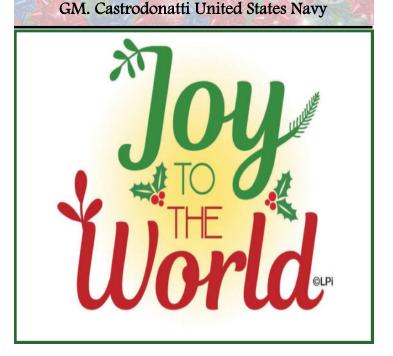
The staff of Precious Blood Parish would like to wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas.



# 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

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## a Note From Deacon John ....

Thoughts for the end of Advent, and the celebration of Christmas and the New Year to come:

As we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation, that God chooses to become human and live among us, bringing us a path to salvation, we reflect on this past year and look toward the New Year with hope. May each of you, as you look upon the manger scene here in our churches, or in your home, remember that we are each called to be a manger for the Christ child, a place where He can live, and our hearts should be ready to be His home among us still.

On behalf of Father Aidan, our pastor, Father Lijo and Father Alen, Deacon Nick and myself, and all the members of our parish staff who make us the vibrant parish we are, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed and peace-filled New Year. As we continue to worship together as God's family here in Milford, may our prayers join together to promote peace in our families, our community, our nation and our world.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners throughout this past year. Your continued support of our parish and its charities, especially the Food Pantry, Giving Trees, and others is heartwarming. So many others have benefitted from this support to have their lives improved, especially those who struggle right here among us in Milford. We could not continue to do all we do without this support from all of you.

Please know you all have the promise of our continued prayers for you and your families. May the peace of Christ be with you all and may your smiles and open hearts bring His presence to all you meet. Our witness together as a parish is that God has truly visited His people, and we will be His witnesses; bringing His love and care and empathetic presence to all that we meet. Again, Merry Christmas to all.

Deacon John





The Legion of Mary would like to thank everyone who helped in the planning and amazingly successful execution of the event "A Day with Mary" by volunteering, donating or attending on December 2 at St. Agnes. This includes especially Deacon John and Father Lijo, parishioners, rectory staff, Legion Active and Auxiliary members, and also the Knights of Columbus for answering our request for help. Attendees hailed from many cities including Stamford, Norwalk, Bridgeport and West Haven. If you would like to know more about the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate who ran the event, or to make a donation, you can visit <a href="https://www.marymedatrix.com">www.marymedatrix.com</a>.







Join us every month for the Precious Blood Parish 8:30am Children's Mass at St Mary Church followed by "Coffee And" hosted by the St. Mary School HSA! Each mass, you will see families participating in the mass as lectors, ushers, bringing up the gifts, and singing with the band. All are welcome to join us at St. Mary School immediately following mass for coffee, donuts, and to meet and chat with other families. Please mark your calendar for our 2024 dates:

January 21, 2024 February 11, 2024 March 24, 2024 April 21, 2024 May 19, 2024



All are welcome and we would love to have you join us! Please contact Deacon John Hoffman at 203-878-3571 if your family would like to participate as a lector, usher, etc.!



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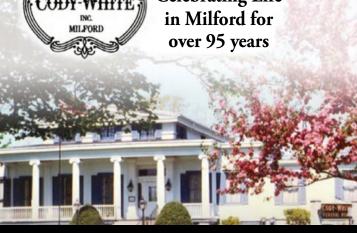
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