# Precious Blood Parish

Parish Office: 70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460



### 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

#### 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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#### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday ~ Friday 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, February 12 Weekday 9:00 Conrado Espineli by the family

**Tuesday, February 13 Weekday** 9:00 Jim Edwards by Mary Jane Robbins

Wednesday, February 14 Weekday Ash Wednesday 9:00 Edward George Doran by the family 5:30 Barbara Harrington

Thursday, February 15 Weekday 9:00 Robert J. Mosher by family & friends

> Friday, February 16 Weekday 9:00 Rose Gagliardi by daughter

Saturday, February 17 (Vigil Mass) The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 5:00 Anthony E. Vitolo by the family

> Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent

7:30 James Heery by the family 10:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

#### Policy for Daily Mass During Snowstorms

Precious Blood Parish follows the Milford Public School emergency system in the event of snow. Therefore, please be aware that daily Mass will not be held if Milford public schools are closed due to weather. Any Mass intention will be rescheduled.



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Weekly total February 4th: \$12,987

Next Week: Weekly Collection

## St. Mary Church

Monday, February 12 Weekday 8:00 Guy G. Ortoleva by the family

Tuesday, February 13 Weekday 8:00 Mary & Anthony Zaledonis by Joseph Banas

Wednesday, February 14 Weekday Ash Wednesday

7:00 Jerry Colello by the family 12:05pm Rose Ann Menichetti by the Ladies Guild 7:00 Sean Donahue by Tony & Diane Candido

**Thursday, February 15 Weekday** 8:00 Mary Banas by Joseph Banas

Friday, February 16 Weekday 8:00 Joseph Sullivan by Anthony & Michelle Benedosso

Saturday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 8:00 Bridget Howarth by her husband 4:30 (Vigil Mass) Nancy Sennett by Mary Beth Krikscuin & Michael Kember

Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent 8:30 Severino Stantic by Joe & Tatiana Monteleone 10:00 Helen & Albert Diaz Sr by Larry & Helene 11:30 William & Theresa Schaaf by the family 4:30 Ann Morin by the Agro family



The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Mary is lighted this week for Michael and Marie Hopkins

#### FEBRUARY 11, 2024

#### Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1~2, 44~46/Ps 32:1~2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40~45

Monday: Jas 1:1~11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11~13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12~18/Ps 94:12~13a, 14~15, 18~ 19/Mk 8:14~21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12~18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3~4, 5~6ab, 12~13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1~6, 16~18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1~9a/Ps 51:3~4, 5~6ab, 18~19/Mt 9:14~15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8~15/Ps 25:4~5, 6~7, 8~9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12~1

## JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

If you would like to join our CHOIR. Please consider sharing the gift of your voice with us. Rehearsal will be on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 PM at Saint Mary Church. The choir will sing at the 10:00 AM Mass at Saint Mary and all special liturgical events during the year.

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

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#### Precious Blood Parish MILFORD, CONNECTICUT

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule, 2024

#### Ash Wednesday, February 14

Mass with the Distribution of Ashes St. Mary Church: 7:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 7:00 PM St. Agnes Church: 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Ashes St. Mary Church: 4:30 PM [*The proceeds from the collections on Ash Wednesday will be donated to the Beth-El Shelter.*]

#### Daily Mass

St. Mary Church, Monday-Saturday at 8:00 AM St. Agnes Church, Monday-Friday at 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross Fridays, February 16 to March 22 at 7:30 PM at St. Agnes

**Tenebrae** Wednesday, March 27, at 7:30 PM at St. Agnes

#### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

#### Holy Thursday, March 28

Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM at St. Agnes Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM at St. Mary

#### Good Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM at St. Agnes The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM at St. Mary

Holy Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM at St. Agnes Blessing of Easter Food at 12:00 Noon at St. Mary The Great Vigil of Easter at 8:00 PM at St. Mary

Easter Sunday, March 31

Mass at St. Mary at 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM Mass at St. Agnes at 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**CONFESSIONS [The Sacrament of Reconciliation]** Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM at St. Agnes Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Mary Holy Saturday morning, March 30, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at St. Agnes.

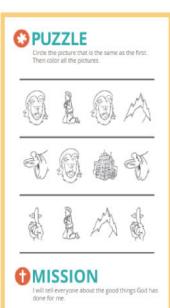
## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, Feb 12	Novena St. Mary Church	7:30pm
Tuesday, Feb 13	Knitting Group St. Agnes Classroom	10:00am
	Legion of Mary Rectory Basement	10:30am
	K of C Officers Mtg Rectory Basement	7:00pm
	Ladies Guild Meeting 7:00pm St Mary Fr Cronin Hall	
Wed, Feb 14	Legion of Mary St. Agnes Classroom	6:30pm
Thursday, Feb 15	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Friday, Feb 16	St. Mary Church Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
Sunday, Feb 18	<i>St Agnes Church</i> Junior Legion of Mar <i>Rectory Basement</i>	ry10:00am



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.







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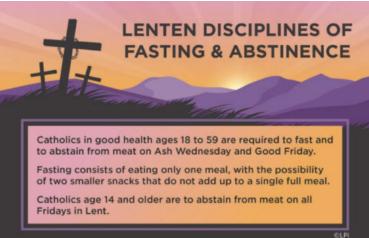
#### An Ash Wednesday Prayer

"Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust." You remind us today, oh Lord, of our origin and end.

In the beginning, You fashioned us in the Garden.

You dignified dust with the Breath of Life. You made us in Your image and likeness. You led Your people through the dust of the Sinai wilderness to the Promised Land. You overcame temptation in the dry desert. You healed the blind with dirt and clay. Three times Your body stirred the dust as you fell on the road to Calvary. Hear the cry of Your people! One day we will return to dust. This Lenten season, stir our minds to contemplate You, our hearts to love You, and our bodies to serve You in our brothers and sisters.

May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving be Your breath alive in us. Amen.



Dear Friends:

Wednesday of this week, believe it or not, is *Ash Wednesday* and with it, the season of Lent begins. These next forty days are a time of opportunity, opportunity for spiritual renewal and, with it, a deeper and more vibrant relationship with God. During these next forty days, I would suggest *at the very least* that more time than usual be set aside for daily prayer, that you consider a visit to either church several times a week for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, that you join us for the praying of the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, and, finally, at some point, that you take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (to go to confession). If you do this, or at least most of it, it will be indeed a good and fruitful Lenten season.

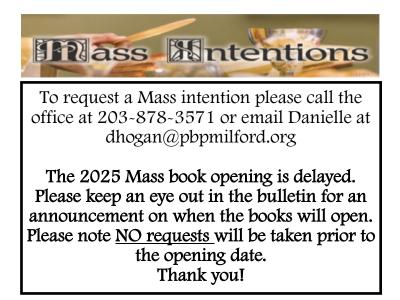
On Ash Wednesday, there will be six Masses celebrated between both the churches and an additional Liturgy of the Word with the imposition of ashes in the afternoon at St. Mary's. Please note that in keeping with our practice since the pandemic, we will be imposing ashes on the top of the head, and not on the forehead. This eliminates any unnecessary skin-to-skin contact, and in my mind, better fulfills what Jesus teaches in the Gospel of the day, namely, that you should "*anoint your head and wash your face, so that you will not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.*" Lent is a time for *personal* reflection and conversion. The only ones who need to know that we are fasting are God and ourselves. If you want to have ashes imposed on your forehead, please go to another parish on Wednesday, as there will be no exceptions.

As we have done for several years now, in the spirit of almsgiving, a collection will be taken at all Masses and at the Liturgy of the Word service on Ash Wednesday and the proceeds donated to the Beth-El Shelter.

Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. Please check elsewhere in this bulletin for the regulations on fast and abstinence.

Finally, I have noticed a tendency among some to take a bulletin, read it, and then either leave it in the pew or place it back on the table as they leave church. Besides the unsanitary nature of this and the need it creates to clean up clutter, it thwarts the primary purpose of the parish bulletin, which is to inform the people of what is happening. Before the pandemic, we had instituted a policy whereby bulletins were made available *only on leaving the church*. Beginning the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, we will reinstitute this policy. The bulletins will not be placed at the doors of the church until after Communion and will not be available until then. Please take one with you on leaving church and keep it at home for future reference. Prior to Mass is not the time for reading the bulletin. It is a time for prayer and quiet. The bulletin should not be read during the homily, as it is rude to not listen to the homilist who has prepared a suitable reflection on the Scriptures. We have very good preachers in our parish and their messages ought to be heard properly. If this sounds harsh or rude, forgive me. It needs to be said.

Have a good week and a very good Lent!



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The Precious Blood Parish Knitting Group meets in the St Agnes Church hall on Tuesdays 10:00am-12:00pm. Our group knits or crochets baby items to be donated to Helping Hands. All skills are welcome. Anyone that is interested from the parish is welcome to join us. For more information please contact Ann Moore at 203-654-6108





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