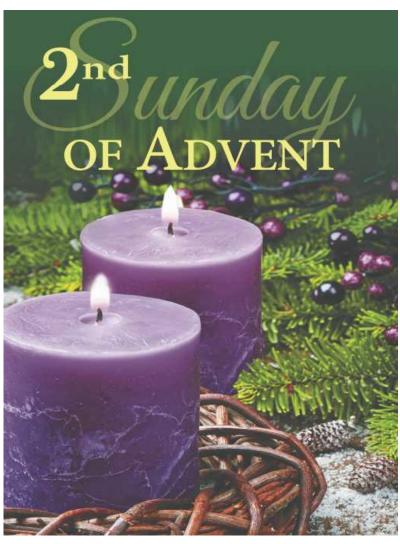
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We Welcome All Visitors

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm St. Mary 5:00 pm St. Agnes

Sunday

7:30 am St. Agnes 8:30 am St. Mary 10: 00 am St. Mary 10:30 am St. Agnes 11:30 am St. Mary 4:30 pm St. Mary

DAILY MASSES

7:00 am St. Mary 7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary 9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary

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Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon December 9 Immaculate Conception

9:00 Paul Starbard by his wife

Tue December 10 Advent Weekday

9:00 Robert Warner by The Sullivan Family

Wed December 11 St. Damaus I

9:00 Carrie Gabriel & Grillo Family by Grillo Fam.

Thu December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 Theresa Rizzo by Larry and Joan Nassef

Fri December 13 St. Lucy

9:00 Gloria Geer by her husband

Sat December 14 VIGIL

5:00 The Sheehan and Lazzo Families

Sun December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 Clarisse Anastasio by her cousin 10:30 People of Precious Blood Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of December 8, 2019 Is in Memory of *Clarisse Anastasio*

Readings for the week of December 8, 2019

Sun: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4 /Mt 3:1-12

Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tue: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12 Wed: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thu: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Fri: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Our Lady of Guadalupe When Mary appeared to Juan Diego



on a hill called Tepeyac near Mexico City on December 9, 1531, she spoke these words: "My dearest son, I am the eternal Virgin Mary, Mother of the true God, Author of Life, Creator of all and Lord of the Heavens and of the Earth...and it is my desire that a church be built here in this place for me, where, as your most merciful Mother and that of all your people, I may show my loving clemency and the compassion that I bear to the Indians, and to those who love and seek me..."

St. Mary Church

Mon December 8 Immaculate Conception

7:00 Mary Lou Vitelli by Benjamin Paige & family

Tue December 10 Advent Weekday

7:00 Therse Pham Thi Du by Kim Nguyen

Wed December 11 St. Damaus I

7:00 Peter Vo Hieu Le by Kim Nguyen

Thu December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 Angelo Musco by his family

Fri December 13 St. Lucy

7:00 Marguerite & Bill Shea by their estate

Sat December 14 St. John of the Cross

7:30 Bronislawa Siwiec by her family

VIGIL

4:30 *Joseph Wielk* by his wife Dorothy

Sun December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 *Ida Stantig* by Joe & Tatiana Monteleone 10:00 *Carl & Joan Rocco & Alex Conte* by family

11:30 *The Theodosio Family* by the family

4:30 Joseph, Elie, Don, Dolores Platko/Jim & Fran



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of December 8, 2019 Is in Memory of *Margaret Conlon*

The *Immaculate Conception* is the privilege and singular grace that God bestowed upon the Blessed Virgin Mary to preserve her from original sin by infusing into her soul sanctifying grace from the very instant of conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. Through this, Mary, who was to be the Blessed Mother of the Son of God, was conceived in the state of holiness and justice. This effect resulted in her being free of the consequences of original sin.

St. Anne

On December 8, 1854 Pope Pius IX announced: "We declare, announce, and define that the doctrine which states that the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved, in the first instant of her conception by a singular grace and privilege of God Omnipotent and because of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of the human race, free from all stain of original sin, is revealed by God and must be believed firmly and with constancy by all the faithful."

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This year December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, falls on a Sunday in Advent. The Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Feast Day, and so the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9. The obligation to attend Mass is not transferred, so there is no obligation to attend Mass on Monday, December 9.

Lesson and Carols will be on Sunday, December 15, at 2:30 PM at Saint Agnes Church. Saint Agnes Church is the perfect acoustical setting for our parish choir to present Lessons from Scripture and Carols in song. There is no better way to enhance your experience of Advent than to reserve this time in your schedule and join in this time of prayerful reflection expressed in Scripture and song. We hope many of you can join us next Sunday, at 2:30 PM, at Saint Agnes Church.

A reminder as we enter the snowy months of winter. If Saint Mary School (Milford Public Schools) is canceled due to bad weather, there will be no morning Masses at either church that day. This does not happen very often but be sure to note so you can plan accordingly.

As our celebrations of Eucharist remind us, the one we wait for in Advent is here among us already. May each of us strive to make Christ present in how we treat each other, and how we open our hearts to all we meet. Deacon John



SERVICE OF LESSIONS AND CAROLS

A musical service of scripture and song, retelling the story of the journey from Advent into Christmas

The choir of St. Mary Church, under the leadership of Frank R. Zilinyi, Organist and Director of Music, invite you to Precious Blood Parish's Annual Lessons & Carols concert on Sunday, December 15th at 2:30PM at St. Agnes Church. Please join us after for some light refreshments and fellowship.

More information: preciousbloodparishmilfored.org.

Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy will be in the school gym at the 4:15PM Mass. Sign up information will be sent to the students in the school and Religious

Ed. program. Sign up form may be downloaded and printed by visiting www.preciousbloodparishmilford.org/youth. Hard copies are also in the basket outside the rectory office. The Deadline is **FRIDAY**, **DECEMBER 13.** Dress rehearsal is Friday, Dec. 20 at 4:30 in the gym. If interested please return the form ASAP to St. Mary School or email stmarychistmasplay@icloud.com. Questions? Call Ronnie Pendleton, 203 874-8752.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - TODAY St. Mary School

All are invited 7:30-11:30AM Pancake breakfast Visit with Santa Stories with Mrs. Claus Big Ticket Raffle Mini Christmas Tree Raffle Admission at the door is \$8pp (age 3 and up; children under 3 free).

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sat., December 14 & 21 2:30 - 4:30 St. Agnes Mon., December 9, 16, 23 6:00 -7:00 St. Mary Tue., December 24 10:00 - 12noon St. Mary



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. Mary Church and St. Agnes Church during the month of November: Carmella Alexa Conway, McKenzie Quinn Eddy, Emilia Simone Fonck, Greyson Michael Giacobbe, Liam Everett Gregoire, Gabriella Lucianna Lupone, Andrew Michael Martino. Giovanna Grace Morabito, Emma Grace Nastu, Andre Peterson, Jonathan Peterson, Major Peterson.



The Peter F. Phelan, Jr. Giving Tree at St. Mary reminder: All gifts must be returned by next Sunday, December 8th at 5:30PM. If you

forgot, or misplaced your tag, please purchase a grocery gift certificate from the school volunteers who are present after every Mass and put it in the wooden box under the Giving Tree sign.

Questions? Call Bob Lessard, 203 874-9076 or email boblessard@optonline.net.

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DECEMBER 8, 2019

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask: "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"

The **GIVING TREE** at **St. Agnes** will be up until 12/15. The tags help to support Milford Healthcare, Beth-El, Pro-Life, and Hearts for Haiti.



Please have all gifts placed in gift bags & returned under the tree by Dec. 15 noon.



The Ladies Guild Christmas meeting will be December 10th at 7:00PM in Father Cronin Hall. Come celebrate the holidays with food and drink and a surprise Christmas raffle! Also a chance to greet

Fr. Lijo as he begins his assignment at Precious Blood Parish.

HEARTS FOR HAITI DANCE



December 7 7:00 - 10:00PM
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Music by Fastback Raffles
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all weekend Masses and in the rectory
during office hours.

FRASSATI NIGHT + GINGERBREAD CONTEST

Dec. 14 St. Joseph Church in New Haven 7PM Adoration, a short reflection, and reconciliation will be followed by annual Gingerbread Church contest in the basement. Hosted by Frassati New Haven, a young adult ministry for Catholics in their 20s and 30s. Visit www.FrassitiNewHaven.org to learn more and stay connected for other events—hikes, service projects, etc. facebrook.com/FrassatiNewHaven

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they

perform for us in our time of need. Dakota Owen USA, Jordan Grassmann USN, Capt. Stephen Shumaker, Michael A. Eno USN, SR Justin Plantamura USN, John Henry Phelan, Maj. Patrick T. Horvat, Capt. Richard Brantley, Michael Foss AA1C, Charles J. Grant, William F. Gilson USAF, SSR Matthew Hunt USN, Lt. Col. Jason Dymond, Joshua Ehret PolUSN, Colin O'Sullivan USAF. Pfc. Daniel Hewston. Spec. Anthony Olenski, Pfc. Ron Murray. CDR Matthew Fanning, Maj. Jonathan Rembetsy, 2nd Lt. Brendan Hayes, Col Andrew Whiskeyman, MSgt Carlie Blacklidge, Michael Casey USN, SSgt. Armando Lizasuain CPO, Alec Rossetti MA2USN

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This Week

Sun	Luminary Sales after Masses		
	Breakfast with Santa	8:30AM	school
	9th & 10th Gr. RE class	4:30PM	SM
Mon	Novena	7:30PM	SM
	NAMI Family	6:00PM	SA
Tue	Legion of Mary	10:15AM	rectory
	8th Gr. RE class	4:30PM	SA
	K of C Officers	7:00PM	rectory
	Ladies Guild Party	7:00PM	SM
Wed	Parkinson's Party	1:00PM	SM
Thu	Bereavement Support	1:00PM	SA
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	SM
	Legion of Mary	7:00PM	rectory
Sat	Scrapbooking	10:00AM	SA

Rev. Daniel Keefe and Rev. George Mukuka will host **ABCs of Annulment**, Fri., January 10 from 7-9PM in St. Mary Church, <u>Branford</u>. The annulment team - Br. Larry Lussier, Dec. George Frederick & Jim Tottenham, and Spanish speaking Lisandra Martinez & Marian Guzman - will help participants write their application in follow-up workshops on Fridays, Jan. 17 & 24. No registration required. For information, Br. Larry, 475 221-8464, larlus300@sbcglobal.net

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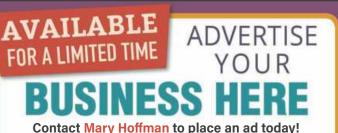
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