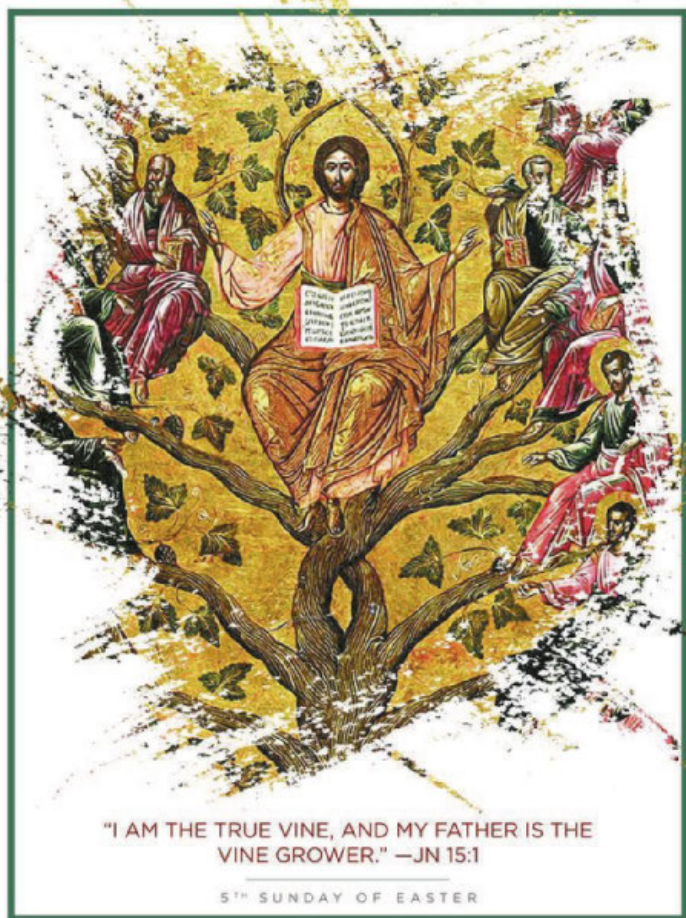


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SUNDAY MASSES

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



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Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary
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Mass Intentions

St. Agnes Church

Monday, April 29 Weekday

St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Anthony Cipparrone by family

Tuesday, April 30 Weekday

St Pius V, Pope

9:00 James Federico

by St Agnes Rosary group

Wednesday, May 1 Weekday

St Joseph the Worker

9:00 Joe Canas by Mary Jane Robbins

Thursday, May 2 Weekday

St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Clarisse & Andrew Anastasio by cousin

Friday, May 3 Weekday

Sts Philip and James, Apostles

9:00 Gloria Geer by her husband

Saturday, May 4 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 Joseph Samatoski by family

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

10:30 Deceased Members of the Mettler & Barrett families

St. Mary Church

Monday, April 29 Weekday

St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Ilene O'Hara by Betty Foy

Tuesday, April 30 Weekday

St Pius V, Pope

8:00 James Leko by Marianne Klinga

Wednesday, May 1 Weekday

St Joseph the Worker

8:00 Mr. & Mrs. John Giannini

By Sharon & Jack Fowler

Thursday, May 2 Weekday

St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Joe Campagna Jr

by Ann Marie Campagna

Friday, May 3 Weekday

Sts Philip and James, Apostles

8:00 Michael Kaluzynski by his siblings

Saturday, May 4

8:00 Pat Piroh by a friend

4:30 (Vigil Mass)

Stradecki & Dubicki families

By Mark & Barbara Winkler

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 Nick & Fran DeLillo by family

10:00 Rev James J. Cronin

(12th Anniversary)

11:30 Allan Gaudet

4:30 Mr. & Mrs. George Oxer

by Sophina Oxer

The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Mary is lighted this week for

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The 2025 Mass books are OPEN!

Please note due to our revised mass schedule only 5 masses per family can be requested beginning April 8th for 2025. Any remaining requests can be made after August 1st, 2024. This is to be fair to all parishioners who would like mass intentions.

Revised Mass Schedule Effective Thursday, January 2, 2025

Weekend Masses

St. Mary's

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

**Sundays at 8:15 and 10:45 AM and
4:30 PM.**

St. Agnes

Sunday at 7:00 and 9:30 AM.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

8:30 AM at St. Agnes

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

8:30 AM at St. Mary.

Confessions

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 PM at St. Mary

Monday, 6:00-7:00 PM at St. Mary

Novena Service

Monday at 7:30 PM at St. Mary.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference

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BUS TRIP!

Join us on Thursday, June 27th when our spacious, comfortable motor coach leaves **ST. AGNES CHURCH AT 8:30 A.M.** and our first stop is lunch at the historic John Carver Inn in downtown Plymouth, Massachusetts. Following a lovely 3 course lunch we will enjoy a 75-minute cruise on a classic paddlewheel boat, the Plymouth Belle which departs from the historic waterfront on the Town Wharf in Plymouth. You will see why the Mayflower lowered its sails to dock in Plymouth Harbor while you soak up the sun and salt air on the deck or relax inside the climate-controlled cabin. The bus returns to St. Agnes parking lot at approximately 7:30 p.m. The price for this one-day getaway is \$125 per person. Reservation Deadline is May 16th. Call Diane at 203-722-0532 for more details including lunch choices.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, Apr 29	Novena St. Mary Church	7:30pm
Tuesday, Apr 30	Knitting Group St. Agnes Classroom	10:00am
	Legion of Mary Rectory Basement	10:30am
Wed, May 1	Legion of Mary St. Agnes Classroom	6:30pm
	K of C 4th Degree St Mary Fr Cronin Hall	7:00pm
Thursday, May 2	Bereavement Group St Mary Fr Cronin Hall	1:00pm
	NAMI St Agnes Double Classroom	6:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal St Mary Church	7:00pm
Friday, May 3	Nocturnal Adoration St Mary Church	7:00pm
Saturday, May 4	Consecration to the Immaculate Heart St Mary Church	8:30am
	Angels of Mary Rectory Basement	10:30am
Sunday, May 5	Junior Legion of Mary Rectory Basement	10:00am

LADIES KNIGHT OUT

The Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council will be hosting their annual Ladies Knight Out appreciation dinner for the ladies of the parish. It will be held on Friday, May 17th in Father Callahan Hall (St. Agnes) from 6:30-9:30pm Dinner will be a choice of beef, chicken or fish, and wine will be served. **No BYOB permitted.**

Tickets are \$35, and will be on sale at both churches after Masses on the weekends of May 4-5 and May 11-12, and at the rectory from May 6-14. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Please call Alan (203) 500-0841 or Bill (203) 395-5067 for more information.



Legion of Mary Novena & Crowning at St Mary

The Angels of Mary and the Junior League, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, will participate in the annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mothers statue on Monday, May 6th. The crowning, procession, rosary and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, in conjunction with the Miraculous Medal novena, will begin at 7:30pm. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the devotion.

Juniors and Angels of Mary

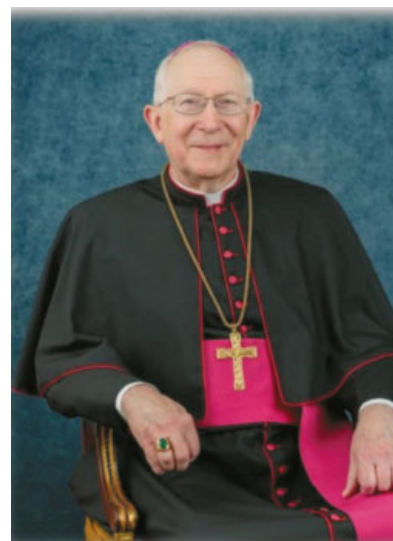
Rehearsal for the May procession and crowning will be held from 4-5:30pm on Monday, May 6th. Rehearsal is required for those participating in this special ceremony honoring Our Blessed Mother. Questions? Please call Mrs. DiNapoli at 203-799-8670.

Ladies Guild Scholarship and Grant Program

Once again, the Precious Blood Ladies Guild is offering their Scholarship and Grant program to girls who are **registered members** of Precious Blood Parish. Applications for the Scholarship (awarded to an eighth grade girl entering a Catholic High School in the fall) or a Grant (available for girls accepted to or already attending a Catholic High School) are available at the rectory during office hours. Deadline to submit a completed application is Friday, May 17th and must be returned to the rectory in a sealed envelope. The Scholarship and Grant(s) are based on available Guild funds. Any questions about the application process should be directed to Karen Zaneski, Scholarship Chair, at (203) 874-6563 or kznettleton@gmail.com.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ten years represent a good part of anyone's life. That's pretty much how long I've been your Archbishop. In some ways it seems like just yesterday that I arrived in Hartford in December of 2013. In other ways, it seems like long ago and a lot of water, as they say, has passed under the bridge. Life today presents many daunting challenges, especially for the Church. I am grateful for the understanding and support of you, our Catholic people, and the collaboration of so many talented, dedicated and competent individuals—clergy, religious and laity—all of whom have made these ten years possible and dare I say, fruitful, in the sense of bringing forth good for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. All of our priests in particular are owed a debt of gratitude as my closest and indispensable co-workers in shepherding, sanctifying and teaching the flock entrusted to us. There are many things that I could say about all that has happened over the past decade. Let me just highlight a few significant things. As for so many dioceses in our country and throughout the world, "pastoral planning" looms large over these last ten years in an effort that is still "a work in progress" to revitalize parish life by bringing parishioners together as they are today, not as they once were in the past and are no more. The same can be said of our schools, which are now enjoying new growth and vitality in keeping with their Catholic identity. The Scriptures, and Jesus Himself, praise good stewardship. On behalf of all those who have benefited, I want to thank everyone for your generosity over the past decade to your parish, to special collections, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and the "Forward with Faith" capital campaign, as well as Catholic Charities and many other "good works" that are an essential part of a life of faith. More than one saint has spoken of the fact that in a mystical sense Christ continues to be crucified until the end of time. Remember how even after His Resurrection, Jesus mysteriously still bears on His body the marks of His wounds. His mystical body, the Church, suffers from betrayal and sin. In our own time nothing shows this more than the sin and crime of sexual abuse of the vulnerable. I can only say that leaving no stone unturned we now have the benefit of knowing that all clergy with some connection to the Archdiocese who have either had a credible claim of sexual abuse of a minor asserted against them, or who have been the subject of a claim of a sexual abuse of a minor that was settled by the Archdiocese, have been identified and their names published. Learning from the past, we remain ever vigilant and proactive in preventing this evil, and we pray for the healing of victims. My brothers and sisters, the times in which we live are a test of hope. Many people are discouraged by the direction in which our country and the world appear to be headed. In the Church too we witness a diminishment of faith and practice, and are stunned at the reality of sin even among those of us who are clergy. And if we are true to what the Church teaches from Christ and the Gospel about faith and morals, we will quickly bring upon ourselves the world's criticism. Yet in all this, as Pope St. John Paul often reminded us, we have no reason to lose hope, or to falter in our steps, or to put on a glum face. Hope is possible to the extent that we place our trust in Christ's promises rather than anything this world has to offer. If our hope was set on a perfect world, or even a perfect Church, created by human beings, then we would have cause for despair. But God is the Lord of the world and of the Church. Mysteriously He makes all things—good and bad—serve His plan and purpose, which is the triumph of His kingdom, and our triumph to the extent that we are "in Christ." God does not disappoint. Like a distant horizon, our future and the purpose of our life may elude us, but only because the goal transcends what we now can see. The danger is not that life is hopeless. The danger, as St. Augustine says, is that on our journey toward hope's goal we may become so distracted by our surroundings that we forget where we are headed. In this fallen world sometimes the distractions of life consist of things that are very good, sometimes very evil. Only a healthy sense of hope in the midst of good and evil keeps us moving forward on our journey to God. The wisdom of these words does not come from me, but from the heart of the Church—from the Catholic Faith handed down faithfully and lived heroically by all the saints, whether they are saints on the Church calendar, or God's little ones hidden and known only by their relatives, neighbors and friends. It is this hope-filled message that I wish to leave with you as I complete my ministry as your Archbishop. To all those who offered me their help, support and encouragement; to those who gave me that precious gift we call "the benefit of the doubt" amid all the voices raised in troubled times; to those who have prayed with me and for me; to those who had a heart for the whole Archdiocese as one family of faith; and above all to those who strive every day to live and bear witness to their Catholic faith in Christ to the best of their ability, I say: Thank you and God bless you. As we welcome Archbishop Christopher Coyne as the next Archbishop of Hartford, may Mary our Mother, St. Joseph, and Blessed Michael McGivney, intercede for him, so that, in the words of the liturgy, "what he has received by divine commission he may fulfill by divine assistance" for the glory of God and the good of souls.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonard P. Blair". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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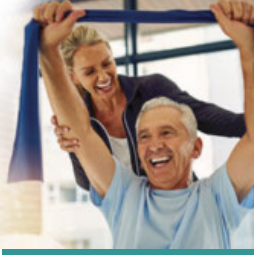
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