

Precious Blood Parish

Parish Office: 70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460



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



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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, May 6 Weekday

9:00 James Gagliardi by his sister

Tuesday, May 7 Weekday

9:00 Lynn Freeman by family and friends

Wednesday, May 8 Weekday

9:00 Nancy Avery by Mary Jane Robbins

Thursday, May 9 Weekday

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 Katrina Mosher Flynn for healing

By family and friends

5:30 James Federico by a friend

Friday, May 10 Weekday

St John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St Damien de Veuster, Priest

9:00 Tomas Fernando by Isabel Jensen

Saturday, May 11 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 Kathleen Nannetti

by Thomas, Colleen, Tommy, and Collin

Sunday, May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

10:30 Rosa Barroso and Maria Carlos
by the family

St. Mary Church

Monday, May 6 Weekday

8:00 Jim Edwards by Judy Keegan

Tuesday, May 7 Weekday

8:00 Annette Lessard by Rita Canas

Wednesday, May 8 Weekday

8:00 Rita C. Nomejko

by Robert and Donna Lee Hall

Thursday, May 9 Weekday

The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 Dolores Banas by Joseph Banas

12:05 Ann May Dougiello

by daughter and granddaughter

Friday, May 10 Weekday

St John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00 Dr. Michael J. McLoughlin by family

Saturday, May 11

8:00 Deceased members of Baran family
by Michalina and Stash

4:30 (Vigil Mass)

William & Margaret Myers

by Sennett family

Sunday, May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 Joseph & Maria Monteleone

by Joe & Tatiana Monteleone

10:00 Nancy Sennett by husband

11:30 Raquel Oliva & Peg Bonessi
by their children

4:30 Richard Halloran

by Tony and Diane Candido

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:

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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MAY 5, 2024



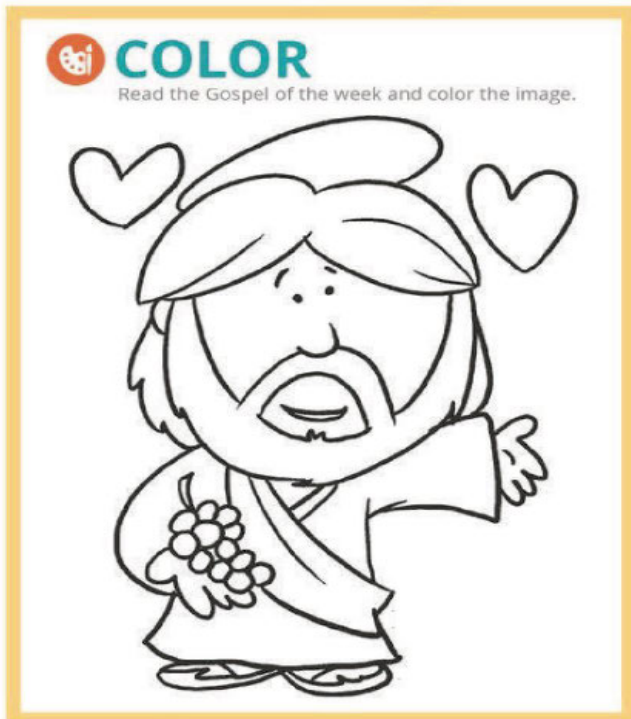
To request a Mass intention please call the office at 203-878-3571 or email Danielle at dhogan@pbpmilford.org

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.

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

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



6th Sunday of Easter • John 15:9-17

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, May 6	St Josephs Meeting 5:30pm St Agnes Fr Callahan Hall
	Novena 7:30pm St. Mary Church
Tuesday, May 7	Knitting Group 10:00am St. Agnes Classroom
	Legion of Mary 10:30am Rectory Basement
	Ladies Guild
	Board Mtg 7:00pm St Agnes Double Classroom
	K of C Officers Mtg 7:00pm Rectory Basement
Wed, May 8	Legion of Mary 6:30pm St. Agnes Classroom
Thursday, May 9	Bereavement Group 1:00pm St Mary Fr Cronin Hall
	NAMI 6:00pm St Agnes Double Classroom
	Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm St Mary Church
Saturday, May 11	Maggies
	Scrapbooking 10:00am St Agnes Fr Callahan Hall
Sunday, May 12	Junior Legion of Mary 10:00am Rectory Basement

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 and online. 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.

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.



Readings for the week of May 5, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or

4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Dear Friends:

Thursday of this week brings us to Ascension Thursday. As a holy day of obligation, there will be four Masses celebrated in the parish, two in each church. At St. Mary's, Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 AM and 12:05 PM, and at St. Agnes' the Masses will be at 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM.

With the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, the Easter Season takes a sharp turn toward its completion when we will celebrate Pentecost on May 19. The departure of Jesus into the heights of heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of the Father, sets the stage for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the Father, who bestows power, strength, courage and the multiplicity of needed charisms so that the mission of the Church, a mission entrusted to all of us by virtue of our being baptized and confirmed, might be accomplished until the end of the time when the Lord will return in glory and gather all his holy ones to himself.

The mystery of the Ascension is not just about Jesus himself. In Jesus being taken up to heaven, we ascend with him as he goes, enrobed in human flesh, to God's right hand. The Ascension is a feast of longing and of hope, for where the Lord himself has gone ahead of us, each of us one day hopes to follow.

In his *Regina Caeli* message, given from the window of the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican on May 20, 2012, the late Pope Benedict XVI spoke these words about the Ascension:

"The Ascension tells us that in Christ our humanity is brought to the heights of God; thus, every time we pray, earth is united to heaven. And like incense, burning, its scent is carried on high, hence, when we raise our prayer to the Lord with confidence in Christ, it travels across heaven and reaches God himself and is heard and answered by him." And again in that same message, the Pope says, "The Ascension of the Lord marks the fulfillment of salvation that started with the Incarnation. After he had instructed his disciples for the last time, Jesus was taken up into heaven. He, however, was not separated from our condition. Indeed, in his humanity, he took us with him into the intimacy of the Father and thus revealed [to us] the final destination of our earthly pilgrimage. As he descended from heaven for us, and for us suffered and died on the cross, so for us he rose and ascended to God, who, therefore, is no longer far away."

I issue a gentle reminder to all who have not yet made a gift or a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The needs of so many are great, especially given the state of the economy and the ever-increasing cost of just getting by day to day. Those of us with some means are asked to make a sacrificial gift so that many in great need in Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield counties can be assisted. I have made a pledge and I hope many in our parish will do the same.

Finally, as regards the Archbishop, by the time you read these words, I expect that Archbishop Blair will be officially retired, his resignation being accepted by the Holy Father. Archbishop Coyne will succeed him, and in perhaps the most noticeable effect of that, we will be saying "Christopher, our bishop" instead of "Leonard, our bishop," as we have been saying for over a decade now. As we should always do, we keep Archbishop Coyne in our prayers.

Have a good week!



Mass Schedule for Ascension Thursday (Holy Day of Obligation)

St Agnes
9:00am
5:30pm

St Mary
7:00am
12:05pm



O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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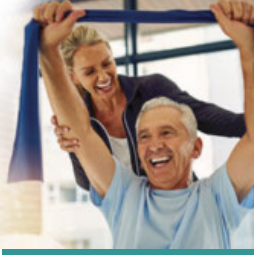
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