

# Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church  
400 Merwin Avenue



St. Mary Church  
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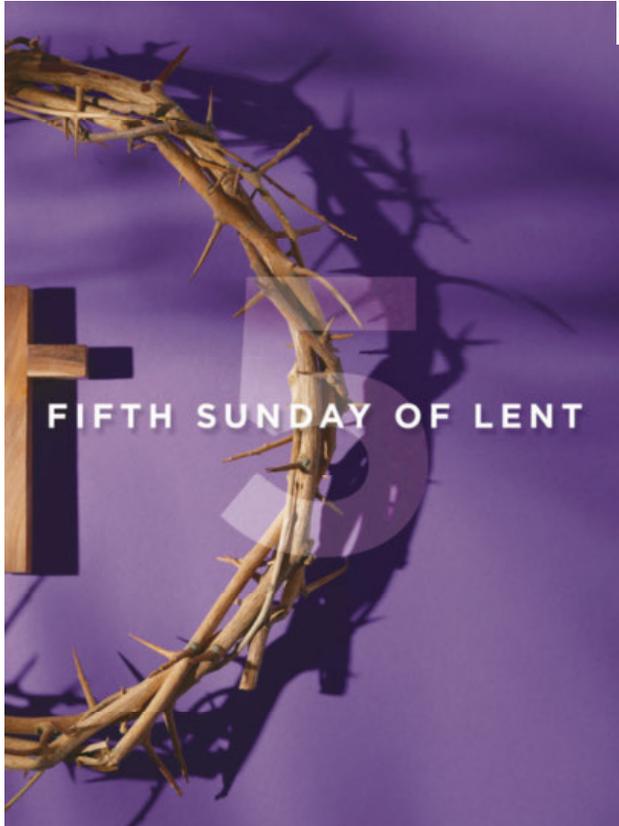
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9:30 am—2:30 pm.  
Tuesday and Thursday  
9:30 am—6:00 pm

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7:00 pm St. Agnes  
March 4th—April 8th.

## Bulletin Notices

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes  
Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary  
(Except Holidays)

## MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Benediction and Rosary  
Monday @ 7:30PM St. Mary Church



 **ActivitiesCALENDAR** CLP

Monday, April 4	Novena	7:30 pm
	<i>Saint Mary Church</i>	
Tuesday, April 5	Legion of Mary	10:30 am
	<i>Rectory Basement</i>	
Wed, April 6	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
	<i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	
Thurs, April 7	Bereavement Group	1:00 pm
	<i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	<i>St. Mary Church</i>	
	K of C 4th Degree	7:00 pm
	<i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>	
Friday, April 8	Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
	<i>St Agnes Church</i>	
Saturday, April 9	Maggie's Scrapbooking	10am
	<i>(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>	

Finger Rosaries are available on the Legion table at the Gulf St. Entrance to the church . Please try to say one decade of the rosary per day during Lent for our church and for our country.

The Precious Blood Ladies Guild will meet April 12th at 7:00 pm in Fr. Cronin Hall at St. Mary. A design workshop and talk by a member of the Milford Garden Club will a the meeting. The arrangement made and other spring flowers will be raffled off. Refreshments will be served. All Ladies of the parish are invited to attend this fun spring event.



— 2022 ARCHBISHOP'S —  
**ANNUAL APPEAL**

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$39,855.00 for the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.

 **Scholarships**

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Applicants must complete the application and submit it with requested documentation to the Lodge's secretary by April 30th.

Applications are available in the rectory office for all questions please email John Kamenitsky at [jkamenitsky@hotmail.com](mailto:jkamenitsky@hotmail.com)



A Lenten Fish Dinner sponsored by The St. Joseph Society will be held in Fr. Callahan Hall on Friday, April 8 at 6:00. Tickets will be sold after masses on March 26/27 and April 2/3 and in the rectory office until April 6. No tickets will be sold at the door. Prices are \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, young people (6-16) \$6 and as always ages 5 and under are free.



The Precious Blood Ladies Guild will be selling palm crosses . Crosses need to be pre-ordered. Pick up will be Saturday, April 9th at St. Agnes Church, 400 Merwin Ave. from 11am—2pm. Payments in the form of cash or check are to be made during pick up. Any crosses left over will be sold after weekend Masses. For questions please email Margaret Byrne at [mmbyrne@att.net](mailto:mmbyrne@att.net)



Weekly collection  
March 27  
\$12,047



## Words from Father Hellwig...

### Lenten Practice Leads to Holy Life

While in the seminary I was introduced to a well-known radio program entitled "Prairie Home Companion." The brand of humor on that program was enjoyable to many people because it was able to grasp the very essence of what it means to live in small-town America and present this in each characterization of life there so that the most common and the most familiar of people and day to day activities became significant and remarkably meaningful to the listening audience.

This ability to distinguish the merit, import and value of the ordinary, routine and unexalted is especially important to all those who would strive to live a good and holy life in this world. We might even look to the saints in heaven as a model for our lives. Many of them are not officially recognized by the church but are known only by the Lord God. This one small fact may help us to better accept the life to which we have been called and perhaps even help us to live our spiritual lives with greater vigor during this Lenten season.

Sometimes we imagine that there is no great virtue except in some extraordinary gift, talent or ability. Yet, when we look to the Saints, we find that many of them received no extraordinary favors and appeared to be much more ordinary people than we imagined them to be.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century Cardinal Henry Edward Manning wrote in his book The Eternal Priesthood that holiness consists not in doing uncommon things, but in doing all common things with an uncommon fervor. Countless numbers saints performed nothing but the most common of actions while living faithful lives in the midst of the world.

Sometimes we become too concerned about what is done rather than how it is done. We might recall the thought of Thomas Aquinas expressed in his Summa that sanctity is that whereby a person's mind and its acts are applied to God. This is the area in which the saints excelled. They were able to perform actions which to the world might seem insignificant and unimportant, with devotion to God. In this way their actions became grace filled and helped them to gain holiness and salvation.

This should help us to appreciate the fact that it is not impossible to become holy and that holiness may be found in all that we do with the help of God.

Our daily prayer during this Lenten season might include a petition that God grant us the spiritual strength we need to live our lives and perform every action with a thirst for sanctity so that we may live in a manner that promotes holiness within ourselves. - *Father Hellwig*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. Mary Church and St. Agnes Church during the month of March:

Claudia Llorente, Camila Colon,  
Viviana Colon, Melina Colon,  
Kingston Bermudez, Lorenzo Morales,  
Maliah Thomas, Joseph Kowalczyk,  
Seth Barbaro, and Raphael Junio

## TRIPS & TOURS



### TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY 2022 PASSION PLAY

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### Early Bulletin Deadlines

April 4th for April 10th

April 8th for April 17th

April 14th for April 24th.



# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

**Monday, April 4 Saint Isidore**

9:00 *Shelia Crotty & O'Reilly family  
by Quirk family*

**Tuesday, April 5 Saint Vincent Ferrer**

9:00 *Irene Penha by Irene Ramos & family*

**Wednesday, April 6 Lenten Weekday**

9:00 *Josephine Recine by Louise Petrazzuoli*

**Thursday, April 7 Saint John the Baptist**

9:00 *Tony Romano by his sister Deb*

**Friday, April 8 Lenten Weekday**

9:00 *No Intention*

**Saturday, April 9 (Vigil Mass)**

5:00 *Gloria Geer by her husband*

**Sunday, April 10**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion on the Lord**

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:30 *Mary Hanacek by her family*

## St. Mary Church

**Monday, April 4 Saint Isidore**

8:00 *Gary Bimonte by Ashton Brunell*

12:05 *Jim Carey by his friend*

**Tuesday, April 5 Saint Vincent Ferrer**

8:00 *Bob Selkis by Joe Banas*

12:05 *Gary Moreno by the Mihalchik family*

**Wednesday, April 6 Lenten Weekday**

8:00 *Eleanor Scully by her family*

12:05 *Jan Kelly by Vogan family*

**Thursday, April 7 Saint John the Baptist**

8:00 *Mary Zalendonis by Joe Banas*

12:05 *Mary Condon by her daughter*

**Friday, April 8 Lenten Weekday**

8:00 *James & Maureen Richetelli by family*

12:05 *Jan Vokoun by Hanna Vokoun*

**Saturday, April 9 Saint Francis of Paola**

8:00 *Bridget Howarth by her husband Dan*

**Saturday Vigil**

4:30 *Dolores Banas by Joe Banas*

**Sunday, April 10**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:30 *Our Grandparents by Grandchildren*

10:00 *Elaine Abbott by Karen*

11:30 *Jim Wayne by Marie Boyle*

4:30 *Charles Pigaty by his family*

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