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SCHEDULE

MASS

Saturday (Vigil)

4:15pm

Sunday

6:30am, 8am, 10am, 12pm &
6pm (EXTENDED until further notice)

Monday - Friday

6am, 7am & 12:10pm

Wednesday & 1st Fridays ONLY

5:30pm

Saturday

6am & 12:10pm

CONFESSION

Saturday

11am - 12pm & 3 - 4pm

Sunday

7:15 - 7:45am, 9:15 - 9:45am
& 11:15 - 11:45am

Monday - Friday

6:30 - 7am & 11am - 12pm

Wednesday & 1st Fridays ONLY

5 - 5:25pm



LIVESTREAM

via waterburybasilica.org

Schedule

12:10pm Mon-Fri - Audio only

4:15pm Saturday Vigil Mass

10am Sunday Mass



To sign-up, go to

waterburybasilica.weshareonline.org



*They were exceedingly astonished
and said among themselves,*

"Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said,

*"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God."*

-Mk 10:26-27

10 Oct 2021 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Clergy & Staff Directory

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for you?*

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Mass Intentions

+ = Deceased L/D = Living/Deceased

Please note our **MASS SCHEDULE** is on the front cover

Sat, Oct 9

4:15pm + Donald George

Sun, Oct 10 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am + Rosemarie Oricchio

10:00am + Clifton J Cotter & Helen S Cotter,
+ Robert J Bolan & Mary B Bolan

12:00pm + Nicholas Roque & L/D members of the Roque family

6:00pm + Michael Lacaria, Anniversary

Mon, Oct 11 - St. John XXIII

6:00am Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

7:00am + Daniel Guerrera

12:10pm Emma Vaillant & Miles Mckenzie

Tue, Oct 12

6:00am + Mary Lombardi

7:00am + Christine Kerwin, In honor of Our Lady of Aparecida

12:10pm + Rosemarie Oricchio

Wed, Oct 13

6:00am + Louis Deleone

7:00am + John Sr. & Cecelia Pawelchak - Birthday blessings

12:10pm + Lucie, Edgar & Joe Diamond

5:30pm + Dan & Jack Shea

Thu, Oct 14 - St. Callistus I

6:00am Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

7:00am + Laurie Lubus

12:10pm L/D members of the Klesch & Murphy Families

Fri, Oct 15 - St. Teresa of Avila

6:00am + Ralph Phelan

7:00am + Ned Wolff

12:10pm L/D members of the Parsons, Correia, Theriault
& Gambacini families

Sat, Oct 16 - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

6:00am Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

12:10pm + Robert Greene - Birthday blessings

+ Ezio DiCristofaro & Lena DiCristofaro,

4:15pm L/D members of the DiCristofaro family

Sun, Oct 17 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

8:00am + Frank & Mary Mitro

10:00am + Eric Allen

12:00pm + Annette Marabottini

6:00pm + Charles & Helen Chereklye



Welcome to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception!

We invite those who attend Mass regularly but are not officially registered to join and belong! Please go to waterburybasilica.org for the online new parishioner form or call the parish office 203.574.0017 for a copy to be emailed to you.

**Praise & Worship Music**
during our 12pm & 6pm Masses
Lyric sheets are on
the center aisle tables

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Chapel from 6am Mon to 6am Sat
The hours of 6pm to 6am Adoration will be in our chapel downstairs which can only be accessed by a FOB. These are available in the parish office, a \$10 refundable deposit is required.

 **RCIA**



Do you have an hour or two a week to share your gift or talent?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Beginning October 17 the **weekly, hour-long RCIA classes** will be held at the Bl. McGivney Parlor in the rectory

For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, **Dan Mathews** at 203.707.0355 or mission@waterburybasilica.org

Here is our current wish list:

Adorers, Daily Mass Lector, Organizer at our Center for Renewal Gardeners, Prayer Warriors, Religious Education Instructor Singers for ioam adult choir

Please call the parish office who will forward your information to the proper staff member.

A Living Rosary

A Multi-lingual rosary with Marian hymns and prayers
Saturday, 23 October 2021 at 3pm
on the front steps of our Basilica

We invite parishioners to represent a "bead" of the rosary, a blue-colored sign-up sheet is by Mary's altar



40 Days for Life 2021

The parishes of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and St Patrick's in Waterbury, and St Basil the Great in Wolcott will together have a day of prayer outside of the Planned Parenthood,

1030 New Britain Ave, West Hartford CT 06110

Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 6am - 6pm

We would like to cover all the hours if possible.

For more information or to sign-up, please call or text Kathy U at 203-910-3868 or email: kathupson@gmail.com



Week ending Sep 26

Weekly - \$18,338.19
Thank you for your generosity!

From the desk of Dan Mathews, Pastoral Associate

Dear Friends,

Since, at the time of this writing, Father Sullivan is away at the Priests' Convocation in Mystic, he asked me to write the weekly missive for the bulletin. I am grateful for the opportunity. In fact I am grateful for all of the opportunities for ministry and outreach I have enjoyed since Fr. Jim first welcomed me to this magnificent Basilica, and for the great gift of getting to know so many of you and your families throughout my whirlwind first month here.

In fact, being grateful is my subject for this letter. In his brief letter to the Colossians, St. Paul reminds the community no less than seven times to be grateful to God for all things and in all circumstances.

It may be tempting to say, "But why should I be grateful? My life is imperfect. I have aches and pains. I have sorrows. Everyone else seems better off than I am."

Only if you focus on what you don't have, instead of what you do have. There is so much God has given all of us to share together for which we can all be grateful: the gift of life, the gift of the food we eat, the breathtaking glory of creation, the gift of our families and friends, the great, holy gifts of the Church and the Mass, the gift of priests, deacons, and nuns, and all the volunteers who so selflessly labor in the vineyard of the Lord here at the Basilica.

Most of all, we can all be grateful for the gift of Jesus, Whose sacrifice opened up the gates of Heaven for all of us who have faith.

I will never forget my last trip to Treasure Island, off the west coast of Florida, which is my favorite vacation spot because it boasts some of the most spectacular sunsets anywhere in the country. Every evening I would stroll from the hotel down to the shore and peacefully gaze upon the diving pelicans and leaping dolphins silhouetted against the setting sun.

On one such night, a young married couple stood beside me and we got to talking. It turned out the husband was a youth minister named Chris, and he spent a good deal of time talking about all the things for which he was grateful. "Dan," he said to me, "we've all got to cultivate an attitude of gratitude. I can't tell you how thankful I am for all the blessings God has given to me: the feel of my wife's hand in my palm, the sound of the crashing waves, the smell of the salt air, the feel of the warm breeze... How could I not be thankful to God?" The conversation continued in this delightful vein, until the sun dipped below the waves and darkness descended upon the beach.

"Well," I said after a while, "it's time for me to get back to the hotel. It was a genuine pleasure to have met you both." At that point I held out my hand for Chris to shake.

That was when it happened.

He didn't take it. I thought to myself, well, that's okay. Perhaps he's not a hand shaker. It was at that point his wife said to him, "Chris, Dan is holding his hand out to you." "Oh. Sorry," Chris replied, extending his hand. "I didn't see your hand. I'm blind."

Whoa.

That was when it hit me: all the things for which he had expressed gratitude (the feel of his wife's hand, the sound of the waves, the smell of the salt air) had nothing to do with sight. He couldn't see. He had never even seen the wife whose hand he held so tightly in his. No one could blame him for being ungrateful, or even mad at life, or at God. But instead he was bowled over with gratitude. What a lesson for all of us...!

"My friend," I said, taking his hand, "you see farther than most people."

God bless you all! Please feel free to reach out to me via telephone, email, or a visit to my office if there is ever anything I can do for you.

Back by popular demand at the Palace Theater to kick-off their 2021 2ND ACT series!

Father Sullivan will share his story of how he went from carpenter and business owner to priest. As program organizer, Sheree noted,

"It was so genuine and joy-filled, we asked him back so more could hear his message of hope!"

Wednesday, 13 October 2021 at 7pm

Tickets are \$20 each, purchase online at www.palacetheaterct.org or by phone at 203-346-2000. Please note theater's current COVID-19 policy:

Proof of full vaccination or a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours and a properly worn face mask will be required for all.



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Forward with Faith

CASE STATEMENT UPDATE



CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$2.25 million over the next 5 years

Pledges through September 2021:
\$1,555,903 from 65 donors

We have embarked on a bold capital campaign with the belief that when we work, pray and sacrifice together, we can achieve great things. The events of the past year and a half have affirmed the essential role of faith in bringing hope to the world.

Through **Forward with Faith**, we will have the resources needed to help our parish thrive for years to come as well as ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

Forward with Faith is a **one-time** fundraising campaign conducted with the Hartford Bishops' Foundation (HBF). At this point of the campaign, thanks to the generosity of our leadership donors, our **initial goal of \$765,000** (set by HBF based on our 2018 annual offertory) have been achieved. Henceforth, **80%** of the funds collected will remain with our parish for our needs. The remaining **20%** will be invested by the Foundation and will be used to provide grants to parishes, schools and charities. Our school, Catholic Academy of Waterbury, has already received one of these grants.

The needs of our Basilica are many. Our last major fundraising campaign was in 1995 (over 25 years ago), when our Basilica's ceiling was restored and beautifully gilded under the direction of Msgr. John Bevins.

With the **Forward with Faith** campaign, we are planning to:

- Restore the church hall, located in the lower level of our Basilica. It will include a full-service kitchen, a large multi-purpose room for special events like weddings, parish celebrations and community events and will also be convertible for smaller religious education classes, monthly ministry meetings, welcome receptions etc.
- Construct a 3-stop elevator addition to the Basilica including bathrooms on the church and hall levels.
- Create a designated area for young adult ministry and evangelization.
- Establish a food pantry for the needy.
- Install an efficient central air system in the hall (and possibly the church).
- Repair the original 1928 organ's leather bellows which are in dismal condition. A very partial upgrade was completed 40 years ago.
- Replace the roof in the next +/- 10 years.

We can achieve our goal with your support!

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Sections of the Church Hall already completed



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FORWARD WITH FAITH (FWF) AND THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)

- **FWF** is a registered charitable organization and must follow State of Connecticut, Federal and banking regulations
- **FWF** can ONLY use the money collected for charitable purposes and must submit annual reports
- **FWF** creates long-term funding that will provide grants for many years
- **FWF** is a one-time fundraising campaign
- **AAA** is a religious organization that reports, in general terms, its income and expenses to the people
- **AAA** is used for the spiritual and material well-being of individuals, families and communities
- **AAA** provides no grants but uses the money to pay for programs that already exist
- **AAA** is yearly fundraising campaign

NEXT UP

Our state-of-the art kitchen with separate walk-in refrigerator and freezer



The Forward with Faith campaign relies on contributions and pledges from parishioners or anyone who may have some connection to the Basilica. **Pledges** may be for any specific amount, which may be paid over 5 years or may be fulfilled at anytime. This enables the donor to budget and pay as finances allow. For instance, a pledge of \$10,000 could be made for the 5-year period with each year's payment being \$2,000/yr. This can be broken down even further to a monthly payment, which would equate to approximately \$166.67/month. Here are some other examples:

PLEDGE	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
\$2000	\$400	\$33.33	\$8.33
\$5000	\$1000	\$83.33	\$20.83
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$62.50

FWF COMMITMENT WEEKEND: 23-24 OCTOBER 2021

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

- 2 Corinthians 6-8

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