

Mary, Mother of the Church - Waterbury, CT



Denis Galinger O come, O come Emmanuel



Dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It is a moment to prayerfully reflect on the beauty of family life and the relationships that we share. We turn to Our Lord Jesus, our Blessed Mother Mary, and good Saint Joseph – and seek their guidance and protection in our own lives and experiences.

Our parish family is a special one. There have been so many blessings and graces that I have experienced as your pastor these last several years. Now during this time of transition and a new pastor comes to lead our community – it is the example of the Holy Family that will give us hope, unity, and peace.

All the way – to God’s embrace.

Sincerely, Father Lavorgna

As previously announced, effective January 5, 2022, Monsignor Thomas Ginty will become the Pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish. In addition, Msgr. Ginty will continue to serve as the Pastor of Saint Basil the Great Parish in Wolcott. There will not be an additional priest assigned.

St. Basil the Great Parish (comprised of Saint Pius X Church) and Mary, Mother of the Church Parish (comprised of SS. Peter and Paul Church and Saint Leo the Great Church) will not be merged. These two parishes will be sharing a pastor.

Effective January 5, 2022 -- the schedule at St. Basil the Great Parish will go from 3 weekend Masses to 2 weekend Masses. The schedule at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will go from 4 weekend Masses to 3 weekend Masses. Daily Mass will be celebrated 2 days a week at each parish. There are time and location adaptations.

Below is the full Mass schedule that will go into effect on January 5, 2022:

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish

4 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Leo the Great Church
8 am Sunday Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Church
11 am Sunday Mass at St. Leo the Great Church
Weekday Mass on Wednesday and Thursday at 8 am at Saint Leo the Great Church

St. Basil the Great Parish

4pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Pius X Church
9:30am Sunday Mass at St. Pius X Church
Weekday Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 8:00am at St. Pius X Church



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday January 1, 2022



OUR NEXT
Bottle & Can Drive

Sat. Jan. 8th
1:00 to 2:00pm

Remember to save your bottles and cans over the holiday season!



MMC Men’s Club
SETBACK TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, Jan 7, 2022 @ 7:00pm
St. Leo Campus

St. Leo the Great Men’s Club is having their monthly Setback event again. Doors open for sign-up at 6:00pm. Coffee, water and packaged snacks will be provided. Entry fee is \$15.00 for seven rounds of fun! There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place prize! Also a 50/50.



- If you are not already enrolled in Online Giving, we encourage you to give it a try. There are numerous benefits to online giving, please consider this.
- your contributions greatly support our parish

Simply go to our website at www.mmcp parish.com to sign up. Donations continue to support the mission and ministries of our parish. Thank you!



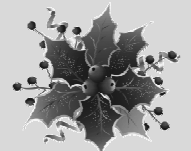
Men’s Association Meeting

Our next meeting is
Tuesday January 4, 2022 @ 7:00pm
St. Leo the Great Campus Hall

And mark your calendars: “A Night with Acoustic Routes” music evening Jan 21st.

The Parish Staff of Mary, Mother of the Church

*Wish all of our parishioners a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!
Peace be with you!*



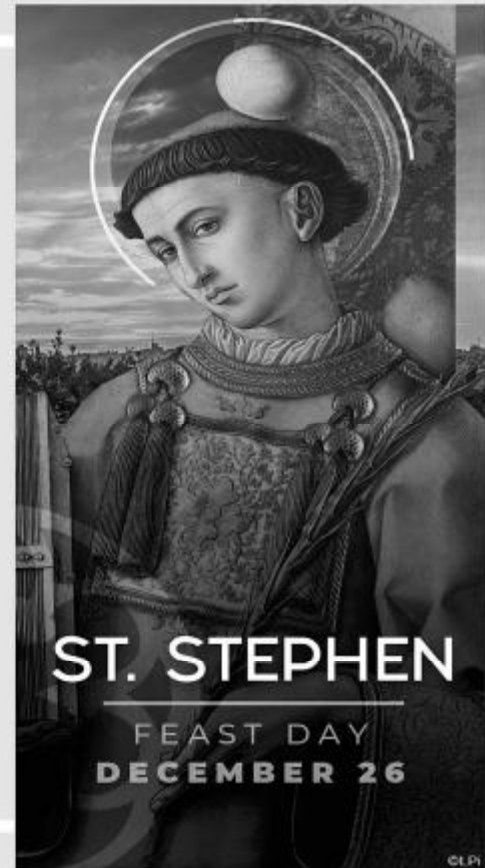
We Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, this sanctifies the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

Liturgical Color(s): White
 Time of Year: The Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day;
 If both are Sundays, the feast is celebrated on December 30
 Duration: One Day
 Celebrates/Symbolizes: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 Alternate Names: Holy Family Sunday
 Scriptural References: Matthew 2:13-23; Luke 2:1-24, Psalm 128, Colossians 3:12-21.

Prayer to Honor the Holy Family

Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, did consecrate domestic life by your ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.



Saint of the Week

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MASSES AT SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

Sunday, December 26th—Feast of the Holy Family

(SSPP) 8:00am Antoineta Calabrese – 5th Anniversary (Son)

(SSPP) 11:30am Barbara Shappy—1st Anniversary (Family)

Saturday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

(SSPP) 10:00am A special intention

Sunday, January 2nd

(SSPP) 8:00am For the Intentions of the Parishioners

(SSPP) 11:30am John Slavin—Memorial (Bob & Mary Jones)

MASSES AT ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH

No Vigil mass on Saturday December 25th

Sunday, December 26th—Feast of the Holy Family
9:30am Claire Tamburini—2nd Anniversary (Family)

Monday, December 27th
8:00am John Ward—Month’s Mind (Friend, Diane Colangelo)

Tuesday, December 28th
8:00am Lucy DiCarlo—6th Anniversary (Friend, Diane Colangelo)

Wednesday, December 29th
8:00am John Caporale Sr.—Birthday Remembrance (Caporale Family)

Friday, December 31st
8:00am **NO MORNING MASS**

Saturday January 1st
4:00pm A special intention

Sunday, January 2nd
9:30am For the intentions of Fr. Lavorgna



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Leo the Great will burn this week for:

Matilda “Minnie” Mubarek
John Caporale Sr.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, especially;

Francesco Salamone
William Finnegan



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For current events and updates



PARISH COLLECTIONS



The regular collection reflects the offertory collected at the Masses as well as those contributions mailed into the parish office.

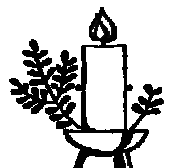
Because of the early transmission of the bulletin, contributions for December 26th will be in the next bulletin.

We Thank you for your continued support!



The Sanctuary Lamp at SS. Peter & Paul will this week for:

Frank & Eileen Geigle



Feast of the Holy Family



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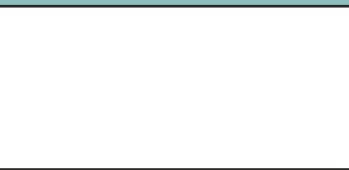
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