



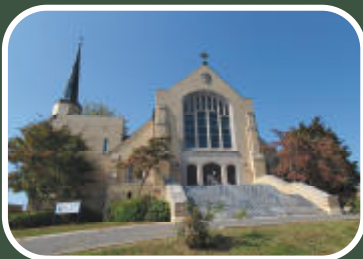
Mary, Mother of the Church

A Roman Catholic Parish * Rev. John L. Lavorgna, Pastor

Waterbury, Connecticut



*Thank You
Pastor*



*Rev. John L. Lavorgna
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to our parish!*





Dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a wonderful moment of grace. We commemorate the manifestation of the divinity of Jesus for all humanity. We worship and adore the Lord. He is our hope and our salvation.

This Sunday also marks the final time I offer you these reflections as your pastor. Soon I will be beginning my new assignment in Woodbridge, and we gratefully welcome and support Monsignor Ginty as the new Pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church. Please see his message to all the community elsewhere in this bulletin.

It goes without saying that I will miss our parish family. As I have said already, these are emotional days, and I share in those emotions. My five and a half years of pastoral service here in the East End of Waterbury (my longest assignment so far) have been filled with significant moments of ministry, historic milestones for the Church, lots of laughter, the joys of friendship, and so many blessings. We have endured different challenges and have come together as a vibrant and caring community of faith, for that I am humbled and grateful.

Throughout these years of ministry among you, which have encompassed my second pastorate, I have consistently highlighted the call to conversion. Our focus needs to be on Jesus, the High Priest and the Good Shepherd. All that we are, and all that we do, as a disciple and as a parish, needs to be oriented to and enlivened by God's holy will. I have tried my best to lead by example, and have benefited from your encouragement along the way.

Again, as your pastor, I wish to again thank my brother deacons and all members of our parish staff for their ongoing support and companionship, and for their dedicated service to our community. I am also grateful for the awesome efforts of all our parish volunteers, including our parish trustees and council members, and all our parish groups, for their acts of acts of kindness and generosity.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please stay close to Our Lord.

All the way – to God's embrace.

Sincerely,
Father Lavorgna



To all our parishioners and benefactors who have supported our parish and our community at large through their financial and material gift donations, and all their generous efforts, outreach, and activities. This includes all our staff members, liturgical and sacramental ministers, music ministers, church decorators, ushers, members of Our Lady's Guild, Men's Club, Knights of Columbus Council, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Divine Mercy prayer group, and everyone who has given of themselves in service of God and the Church. Blessings to all.



The Men's Association would like to extend our thanks to Father Lavorgna for all his input and interest in our activities over the last 5 1/2 years. He will be truly missed but never forgotten. We wish him the best of luck and good fortune in his new assignment.

The entire Faith Formation Program would like to thank you, Fr. Lavorgna, for your enthusiastic support of the program over the last 5 years! "God is good all the time...all the time God is good!" We learned that from you!



Our Lady's Guild of Mary Mother of the Church would like to express our **sincere** gratitude for the guidance, support and spiritual leadership Father Lavorgna has shown our special group of ladies. Father was present in many of our meetings offering words of wisdom; and sharing a laugh! Memorable occasions include our painting parties, the retreats at Our Lady of Calvary, the Spiritual Speaking event in February 2019, countless fund raisers; and of course the many other activities our Parish family was involved in. Father Lavorgna, we wish you all the best in your new assignment....We will miss you!!!



Dear Fr. Lavorgna,
We have been so blessed to have you as a boss. It has been our pleasure to work for you! Thank you for inspiring us, leading us, supporting us & making us laugh so many times! We will miss you so much!
Love, Jean, Cindy, Fran, Jim, Dick, Deacon Chuck, Deacon Carl, Rosemary, Tom and Mark



*A Welcome letter from our new Pastor
Monsignor Thomas Ginty
January 5, 2022*

As we welcome in the New Year, I begin a new and exciting chapter in my life as Pastor of two wonderful parishes: St. Basil the Great in Wolcott and Mary, Mother of the Church in Waterbury. Archbishop Blair has appointed me as Pastor of Mary, Mother of the church beginning this Wednesday, January 5, 2022 in addition to my duties as Pastor of St. Basil the Great Parish

With this appointment comes some adjustments for all of us. We will be continuing to celebrate Daily Mass at St. Basil the Great at 8:00am on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Daily Mass will be celebrated at St. Leo the Great at 8:00am on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. Both St. Basil the Great and St. Leo the Great will have Confessions at 3:00pm on Saturday afternoon before the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. Sunday Mass will be at 8:00am at SS. Peter & Paul Church, 9:30am at St. Basil the Great and 11:00am at St. Leo the Great. Having only one Sunday Mass at SS. Peter and Paul and St. Basil the Great will take some adjustment on the part of us all and I truly appreciate your willingness to make a change to your schedule. St. Leo the Great will continue to have one Sunday Mass, however it will be at the new time of 11:00am.

I am very excited about this new appointment. I have deep ties with both SS. Peter and Paul and St. Leo the Great Parishes. When my family first moved to Waterbury from Philadelphia in December of 1973, we attended SS. Peter and Paul Church. After Father Spodnik was appointed by Archbishop Wheaton to establish a new parish, my family and I became parishioners of St. Leo the Great. I was present when Archbishop Wheaton dedicated St. Leo the Great Church on December 12, 1976 and I was honored to celebrate my first Mass at St. Leo the Great on February 10, 1985. Throughout the years I have worked closely with Father Spodnik, Father Gorman, Monsignor Coleman and Father Lavoragna. From 2005 until 2010, I was Pastor of Our Lady of Loreto Parish in Waterbury and truly felt that I was coming home. I have those same feelings once again.

I will continue to reside at St. Pius X Rectory in Wolcott and I will have office hours at SS. Peter and Paul Rectory. I know that the idea of sharing a pastor is new to us all. Let's work together to make the transition smooth and to build on the great foundation that already exists, namely two wonderful parishes not too far from one another giving praise to the Lord, receiving the sacraments and working together to build up the Body of Christ, which is the Church. We pray through the intercession of our patrons, SS. Peter and Paul, St. Leo the Great and St. Basil the Great. In addition, we invoke the intercession of St. John Neumann, Bishop of Philadelphia, my city of birth and whose Feast Day is January 5th. We also pray to Blessed Michael J. McGivney a native son of Waterbury that his new adventure will be a true blessing for us all.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to everyone.

Monsignor Ginty



NEW MASS SCHEDULE - EFFECTIVE 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 8am at Saint Leo the Great Church

Saint Basil the Great Parish

4 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Pius X Church
9:30am Sunday Mass at Saint Pius X Church

Weekday Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 8am at Saint Pius X Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

MASSES AT SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

Sunday, January 2nd

(SSPP) 8:00am For the Intentions of the Parishioners of Mary, Mother of the Church

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

Sunday, January 9th

(SSPP) 8:00am Helen Kandel—23rd Anniversary (Daughter, Lillian)

MASSES AT ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH

Saturday January 1st

4:00pm A special intention

Sunday, January 2nd

9:30am For the intentions of Fr. Lavorgna

Wednesday, January 5th

8:00am Lucy DiCarlo—Birthday Remembrance (Friend, Diane Colangelo)

Thursday, January 6th

8:00am For the Parishioners of Mary, Mother of the Church

**No Friday morning Mass

Saturday, January 8th

4:00pm Jerry Garcia—3rd Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, January 9th

11:00am Pina Alaimo—Memorial (Sister, Maria Salamone)



Dear Fr. Lavorgna,

People say one person can't make a difference in the world, but we know that isn't true, because we've seen the difference you've made in the lives of those around you, the lives of those in our parish. You were never "off duty", you were always there to support the many needs of all of us in both good times and in bad. We may not know how many sleepless night you spent praying for our church or how many family events you may have missed to put us first but we know you deeply cared for all those in your charge. You gave us love, you gave us encouragement, you gave us a stronger faith by your example and word and you gave us laughs. It is certainly true, "God is good all the time.....all the time, God is good!" We will not forget you here Fr. Lavorgna, you have left an imprint on our parish and made a difference in Mary, Mother of the Church Parish. May God lead you and guide you on your next assignment. Our doors will always be open to you, our Pastor, our friend, Fr. Lavorgna.

With Love,

Your parishioners, your friends at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish



PARISH COLLECTIONS



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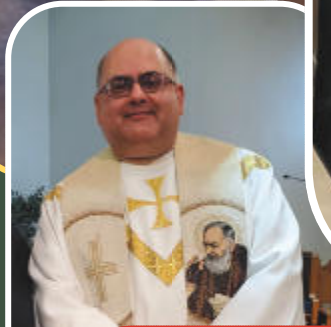
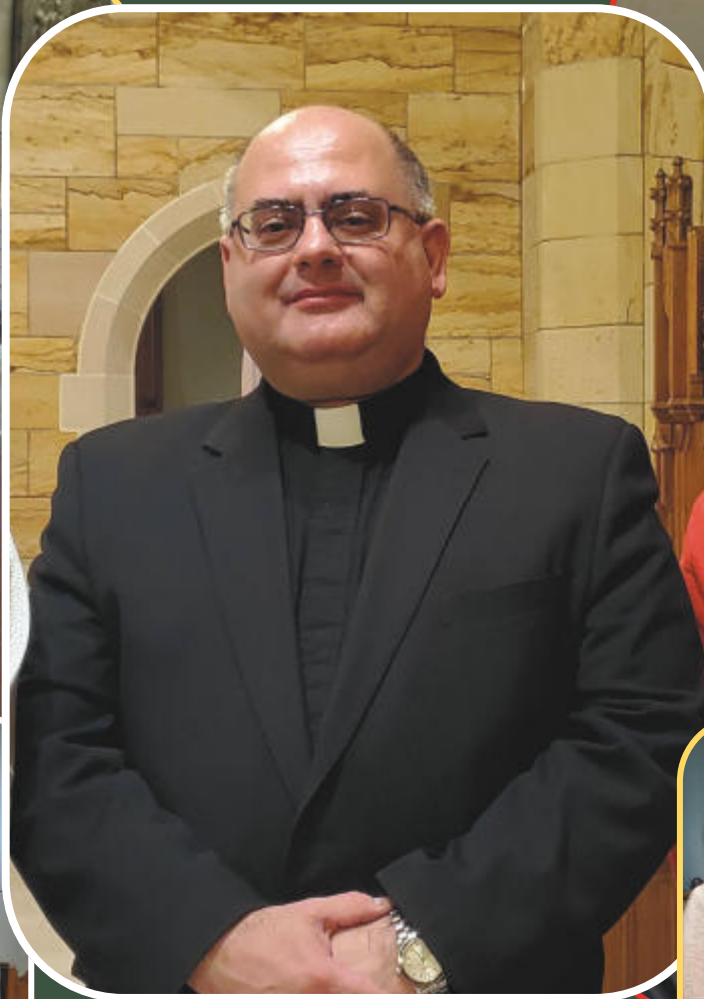


Farewell from all your friends in the daily morning Mass group. You gave us a great way to start our day. We'll miss you, Fr. Lavorgna! Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Never forget the difference you've made!



Rev. John L. Lavorgna



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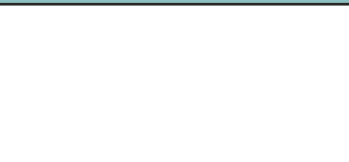
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