

Dear parishioners,

As I write these words, we are in the midst of a few consecutive days of beautiful and unseasonably warm weather in Waterbury. The serene temperatures help to lift our spirits. May we have always manifest the hope that our Lord Jesus reigns and He is with us, no matter the time or the season. Jesus is Lord of all creation.

Also during these days, as a country, we honor the often heroic sacrifice of all our veterans, including the service of many fellow parishioners. I am sure that during times of struggle and conflict, veterans and all those serving the nation turn with faith and hope to God for his guidance and protection. We do well to commemorate Veterans Day in a prayerful way.

I also recently celebrated the annual Mass of Remembrance. This is another solemn moment in which we experience God's grace and healing through the liturgy. We prayerfully remember all members of our community who passed into Eternal Life this past year. It was a liturgy marked by emotion, and our Lord reaching us in the quiet of our hearts. May all the faithful departed rest in peace.

The example and legacy of Father McGivney continues to come into my own time of private prayer and reflections. Again, for all of us who in some way call Waterbury home, it is a tremendously graced opportunity to turn to Blessed Michael McGivney for his intercession in our need, as we seek to increase our faith and grow closer to God and to each other.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support of the parish. This includes our ongoing charitable collection of food and household items, and the your participation in the Annual Collection and other outreach efforts.

All the way – to God's embrace.

Sincerely, Father Lavorgna