

December 5, 2021

Dear parishioners,

It is already the Second Sunday of Advent. Isn't that amazing? As we prayed about last weekend, a wonderful way to seek and ultimately encounter Jesus Christ on this journey is to welcome him warmly with our righteous deeds and good habits. Allow God's grace to come into the realities of your life each day. Then our behavior, our thoughts, and our words change for the better. That is the spirit of conversion. That is the peace that Jesus comes to give us. Count the days of Advent to be marked by the kind acts each day of this holy season.

There are so many ways to reach out to the needs of others. This can be achieved in a spiritual sense, by our being aware of the feelings and struggles of others. This can help us to assist those around us in more tangible ways as well. Our ongoing collecting of items, our Advent Giving tree, and other charitable works of our parish groups represent great examples of Christian service. Being generous with our time and resources is an excellent way to properly prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. We see the face of God in each other. Again, genuine Christian discipleship is rooted in our love of God and our neighbor.

We also turn to Jesus in our need. I ask you to join me in praying for all of our community. It is also good to remember how the ideals of charity, unity, and fraternity formed the foundation of the spirituality and ministry of Blessed Michael McGivney of Waterbury. May we also seek his intercession to our Savior Jesus Christ with humble and sincere hearts.

Thank you again for all your ongoing support of the parish. It is so important and makes a difference. Come Lord Jesus – Happy Advent!

All the way – to God's embrace.

Sincerely, Father Lavorgna