

Bridgeport, Jan 12-13

**Omnia ad maiorem Dei gloriam (Everything for the Greater Glory of God)**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We started the New Year A.D. 2019, wishing for God Blessings and necessary Graces. For our community this year is the time of our 120th Anniversary of the parish. We thank our God for all the good that has been done in the church of St. Michael the Archangel, for all the Holy Masses and sacraments celebrated here, for the meetings and events of the past years. We have a lot to be thankful for!

I also lift my heart in prayer of thanksgiving for the parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Bridgeport, CT. January 12 is the symbolic day of my installation as pastor of our church. Bishop Frank J. Caggiano will confirm with his authority to entrust me with the pastoral care for this place. This is a great responsibility that I am aware of, and it is also an invitation to be with you, my dear Parishioners and Friends. The last five months I have spent in Bridgeport, have shown me how much good can be done here in St. Michael. I am willing to describe this time in the Latin phrase, which is a very important principle of the Church's functioning:

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We see in our Parish a large number of our initiatives, ideas and actions carried out. The involvement of our parishioners is impressive and I am grateful for it. In the face of such wonderful work, we cannot forget that we do everything not for our own glory, but for the Glory of God. The more our Lord God is in our lives, the more His blessings are upon us. I would like the quoted motto to be for us at St. Michael's an absolute model and guidepost.

**Everything for Jesus, Everything for Mary**

The year 2019 will bring a lot of content related to our jubilee, entrusting the parish to the Immaculate Mother with the Crown of the 12 Stars of Mary. I invite you again to use all initiatives, prayers and meetings to continually deepen your faith, knowledge and devotion.

Thanks to Your support, we have already completed many beautiful works: we have changed the majority of liturgical vestments, we have new tablecloths for the altar and new chalice veils. The heating repair was done in the church and downstairs. Soon we will buy a new projector for our church hall. In this New Year 2019, we will have several more investments and repairs, about which I will systematically keep you informed.

From the bottom of my heart, I sincerely wish you all the abundant blessing of God in the New Year.

Your Pastor, Fr. Norbert M. Siwinski

