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Dear Parishioners of Saint Maurice Church,

It is with great joy that I announce to you that I have appointed Fr. James Bates as parochial administrator of Saint Maurice Parish, effective November 1, 2020. Fr. Bates will serve as parochial administrator for one year, after which, it is hoped, he will become the Pastor of St. Maurice with a term of six years. Fr. Bates has been serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Jude Parish in Monroe.

I am thankful to Father Bates for taking on this important responsibility and confident that he will serve your parish with great love and zeal for the Gospel. I am sure that you will welcome Fr. Bates and give him your heartfelt assistance in his new work in your parish.

Over the past few months since the retirement of your pastor, Father Fred Riendeau, Father Ed McCauley of your neighboring parish, Saint Brigid of Ireland, has graciously attended to your spiritual and ministerial needs, assisted by the retired priests currently residing at the Queen of the Clergy. I am most grateful to them for their hard work during this transitional period.

My prayers are with you all as you await the arrival of Father Bates. Through the intercession of your great patron, Saint Maurice, may God continue to bless your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport