River of Divine Mercy Catholic Collaborative

Ste Marguerite d'Youville, Dracut
St. Mary Magdalen, Tyngsboro
St. Rita, Lowell

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

"They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. So too, you also must be prepared."
Matthew 24:39, 44a

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 27 *1st Sunday of Advent*
No Religious Education Classes Today
6:30pm Advent Bible Study, SMM

Monday, November 28
9:00am Daily Mass, SMM

Tuesday, November 29
10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group, SMM
7:00pm Prayer Group, SMD Hall
7:00pm RCIA, SMM

Wednesday, November 30
7:30am Daily Mass, SMD

Thursday, December 1
9:00am Daily Mass, SMM

Friday, December 2
7:30am Daily Mass, SMD
10:00am-3:00pm Blood Drive, SMM
3:00pm International Rosary Group, ZOOM

Saturday, December 3
8:30am First Saturday Rosary, SR
9:00am Daily Mass, SR
9:30am Confession, SR

Sunday, December 4 *2nd Sunday of Advent*
Religious Education for Grades 1-8
Please return giving tree tags and gift cards, SMM
Please bring in religious ed. food drive items.
9:30am Religious Education Mass, SMM
5:00pm Religious Education Mass, SR
6:30pm Advent Bible Study, SMM

Monday, December 5
9:00am Daily Mass, SMM

Tuesday, December 6
10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group, SMM
7:00pm Prayer Group, SMD Hall
7:00pm RCIA, SMM

Wednesday, December 7
7:30am Daily Mass, SMD
6:00-9:00pm Protecting God's Children, SMD

Thursday, December 8 - *The Immaculate Conception*
7:30am Mass at SMD
9:00am Mass at SR with SJA
9:00am Mass at SMM
4:00pm Mass at SMM
7:30pm Mass at SMM in Vietnamese

Friday, December 9
7:30am Daily Mass, SMD
3:00pm International Rosary Group, ZOOM

Saturday, December 10
7:30am The Men of St. Joseph, SMM
9:00am Daily Mass, SR
9:30am Confession, SR
12:00-3:00pm Protecting God's Children, SR

Sunday, December 11 *3rd Sunday of Advent*
Religious Education for Grades 1-6
6:00pm Grade 7-8 Service Project, SMM
6:30pm Advent Bible Study, SMM

Confirmation Prayer Partners

Would you like to pray for one of our Confirmation students as he or she prepares to receive the sacrament? Please contact karendibona@gmail.com or call 978-957-0322

Thank you to Jodi Hanlon for signing up to pray!

This weekend, flowers are given in memory of:

Richard Boulanger
by his Family
at St. Rita's

Pina and Francesco Cannata,
and Riccardo Cannata
by their Family
at St. Mary Magdalen

The Donnelly and Trudel Families
by Robert & Joan Donnelly
at Ste Marguerite d'Youville

Attention St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

Do you attend the 9:30am Mass on Sundays? We could *really* use your help as a counter and/or usher. Please contact Chris Hebert chebert2002@gmail.com to learn more

Thank you for your service!

Do you have Christmas decorations that you won't be using this year? "Our sisters" are setting up their new home, but don't have a tree, or a wreath, or anything festive to bring holiday cheer to their residents.

Would you like to help?
Please contact Eva Gedrich:
E_M_G2001@yahoo.com

The Anointing of the Sick

December 17th and 18th after all Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Gather in the front left pew after Mass.

St. Louis Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday Nights
5:30pm Rosary
6:00pm Praise and Worship
7:00pm Mass
Ste. Marguerite's Parish Hall

Questions? Please contact:
Joyce at 978-758-1517 or Sr. Robin at 978-995-8148

Protecting God's Children

Taught by Paula Sweeney

6:00-9:00pm on Wednesday, December 7th at Ste Marguerite d'Youville

12:00-3:00pm on Saturday, December 10th at St. Rita's

To register for a December class, visit VIRTUS.org and select "First-Time Registrant". Our organization is "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)". You will need to create a profile so that your certificate can be sent to you. Seating is limited to 25 people, and registration is available to anyone in the archdiocese, so do not delay.

Questions? Please contact Paula Sweeney at 978-957-0322 or smsrmedia@gmail.com

Visit us online at RODMC.org and "River of Divine Mercy Catholic Collaborative" on Facebook.

Religious Education News:

11/27	No Classes - Thanksgiving Break
12/4	Class and Mass for all grades. Morning classes attend the 9:30am Mass at St. Mary Magdalen. Evening classes attend the 5:00pm Mass at St. Rita's.
12/11	Class for all grades at St. Mary Magdalen, except 7-8. Grades 7-8 students will participate in a service project at 6:00pm in the SMM Parish Center instead of the regular class time.
12/18	Class for all grades at St. Mary Magdalen
12/25	No Classes - Christmas Break

7th and 8th Grade Service Project

Would you like to help children who would otherwise be hungry for the 68 hours between lunch at school on Friday and breakfast at school on Monday? So would our 7th and 8th grade religious education students! Please look for labeled bins in each of our churches. Students are accepting the following donations:

- gift cards for turkeys, pies, etc. $10, $15 and $25
- instant potatoes
- canned vegetables
- cranberry sauce
- gravy
- stuffing
- muffin mix
- fruit juice
- pickles
- mixed nuts
- pancake mix
- syrup

Thank you in advance to everyone who donates to this worthy cause!

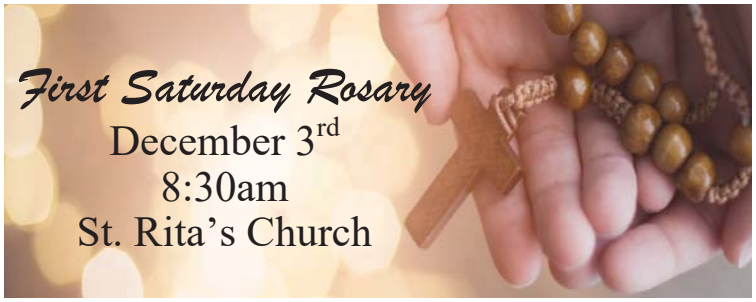
Please bring your donations on or before December 4th.

Come let us worship and sing!

All are welcome to join a Children's Choir that will sing at the 9:30am Mass at St. Mary Magdalen once or twice a month. If you are interested - and we very much hope you are - Please email rodmcMusicMinistry@gmail.com or call Ellen Rene at 978-770-7853

Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday, December 8th

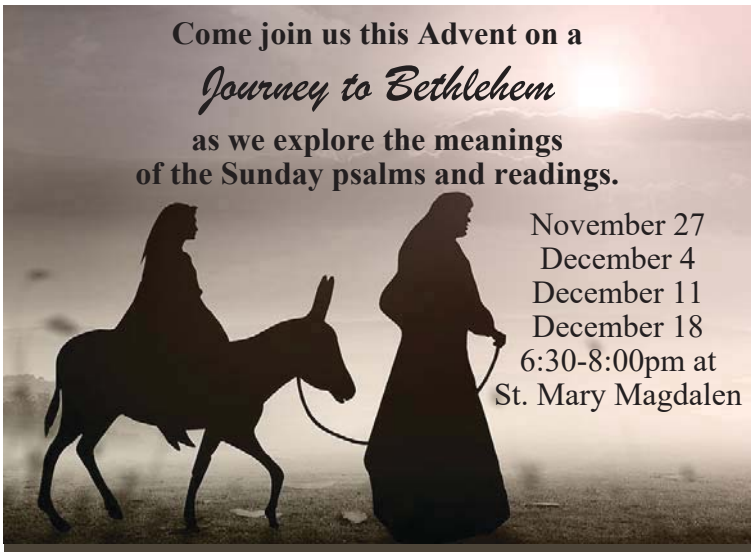
7:30am at Ste Marguerite d'Youville
9:00am at St. Rita's
(with SJA)
9:00am at St. Mary Magdalen
4:00pm at St. Mary Magdalen
7:30pm at St. Mary Magdalen
(in Vietnamese)



Men of St. Joseph

Saturday, December 10th
7:30am
St. Mary Magdalen

Men of all ages from all parishes are always welcome to join!



Led by Brian Jackson, acolyte,
Master of Biblical Theology and teacher of theology
at Bishop Guertin High School.
To register, please email jacksonb@bghs.org
Bring your Bible, your questions and your insights!

Pray with the International Rosary Group
Fridays at 3:00pm on Zoom
For more information, call 508-633-4894
or email nataliyapoto@gmail.com

The Giving Tree at St. Mary Magdalen will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society and children in the Tyngsboro Public Schools. We will be collecting $25 gift cards to Target, Walmart, and especially Market Basket! Please return tags and cards to the collection basket at Mass before December 4th.

Thank you for helping
to make someone's Christmas
merry and bright!

Register for our next Red Cross Blood Drive
December 2, 2022
10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Mary Magdalen

Schedule your appointment at redcrossblood.org
or call Karen DiBona
in the Collaborative Offices.

Would you like to help at our drive?
We're always looking for friendly faces to welcome donors and get them checked in. Please call Karen DiBona if you can help!

Perpetual Eucharistic

Adoration

at St. Rita's
To sign up for Adoration
or become a substitute, visit:
adorationpro.org/RIVERMA
or call 508-633-4894

The Saint Rita's Women's Club Christmas Party

is at Lenzi's on December 12th at 6:00pm. To those of you who have RSVP'd we look forward to seeing you there!
Questions? Please call Dianne Talty at 978-771-6724

Our January gathering will be held at St. Rita's from 7:00-9:00pm on January 9th.

Are you, or is someone you know, in need of prayer?

CONTACT THE PRAYER LINE
Denise Waterworth ~ 978-458-9018
Carol Devanney ~ 978-649-6717
Helen Laforge ~ 978-649-7927
All calls are confidential.

St. Rita's Giving Tree will bless clients of the Pregnancy Care Center

Requested items include:

Onesies, sizes 3m to 24m
Blanket sleepers, sizes NB to 24m
New Outfits, sizes 0 to 24m
Socks, sizes infant to 24m
Diapers, sizes 3-6
Crib Sheets
Bath Towels, Washcloths
Bibs
Baby Wipes and Diaper Rash Cream
Formula, Similac advance (powdered)
Baby Food, stages 1, 2, 3
Baby Bottles, Teethers, Pacifiers

Thank you for returning your tags and gifts before December 11th.

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Your $10 donation gives you chances to win daily cash prizes from Christmas day through the end of January. Prizes range from $50 to $1,000! Raffle cards can be purchased through any SJA student or contact the Advancement Office at 978-454-7038 or mzebniak@sjdarc.org for more information!

Ste Marguerite d'Youville's Giving Tree will benefit clients of Catholic Relief Services.

Please take a tag from the tree and return it before December 11th

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

The Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Response (R/.): Who made heaven and earth.

Reader: Let us listen to the words of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 1-2 and 5-6) (Alternately, Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) may be used).

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, From David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains By judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
R/. Thanks be to God.

Leader:
Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"

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SUNDAY FUNDAY

QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

1. They shall beat their swords into:
   (a) ornaments (b) plowshares (c) axes?
2. I rejoiced when I heard them say, let us go:
   (a) to the house of the Lord (b) to Egypt
   (c) to the king?
3. It is now the hour for you to:
   (a) pray (b) rest (c) wake from sleep?
4. In the days before the flood people were:
   (a) eating and drinking (b) working hard
   (c) living holy lives
5. The Son of Man is coming at the time:
   (a) foretold (b) you least expect (c) you most expect?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(a); 3(c); 4(a); 5(b)

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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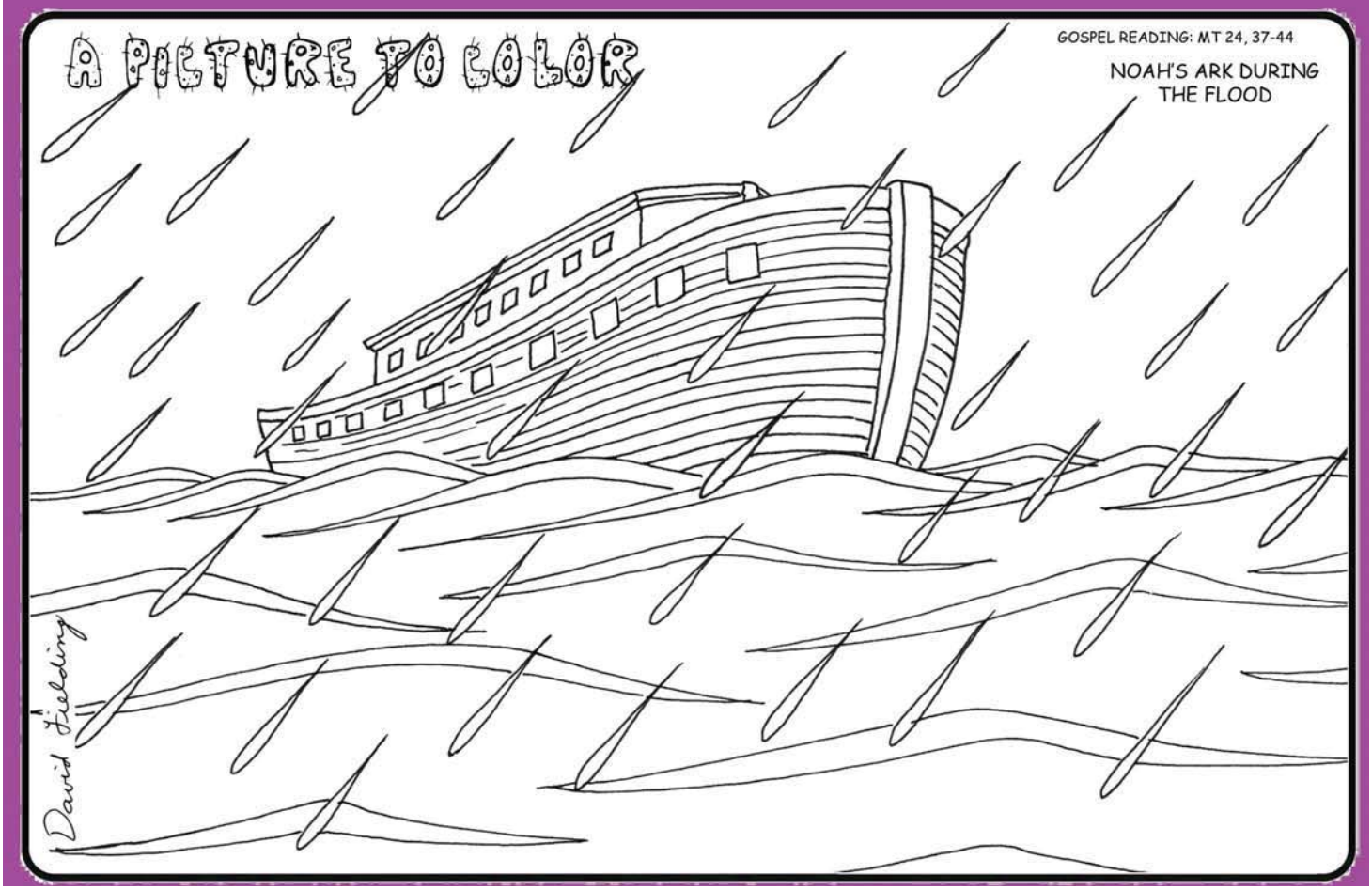
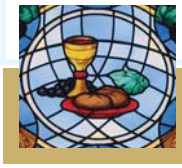
GOSPEL READING: MT 24, 37-44

NOAH'S ARK DURING THE FLOOD



SMD	Ste Marguerite d'Youville Mass Intentions		
Sat. Nov. 26	Fr. Harkins	4:00pm	Helen Cookie Fournier, 2nd Anniversary, by her husband, Roger
Sun. Nov. 27	Fr. Raju	7:30am	Bernie Donovan, 2nd Anniversary, by his Family
	Fr. Farrell	11:00am	Germaine Goyette, a Birthday Remembrance, by Lorraine and Frank
Wed. Nov. 30	Fr. Raju	7:30am	Helen Cook, Month's Mind
Fri. Dec. 2		7:30am	Raymond Bedard, Month's Mind
Sat. Dec. 3		4:00pm	Vic Chandonnet, by Robert and Marie Lussier
Sun. Dec. 4		7:30am	Edward and Annette Matte by Pauline Gerlach
		11:00am	Edward and Annette Matte, by their Children

At Ste Marguerite d'Youville, these upcoming Masses are available for your Mass Intentions:
Fri. Dec. 23, 7:30am ~ Wed. Dec. 28, 7:30am ~ Fri. Dec. 30, 7:30am ~ Sun. Jan. 1, 11:00am



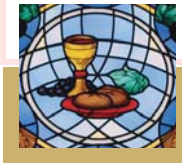
At Ste Marguerite d'Youville **the Bread and Wine are Given in Memory of Daniel O'Neill Jr. and Dorothy Kennedy**

SMM	St. Mary Magdalen Mass Intentions		
Sat. Nov. 26	Fr. MacKay	4:00pm	Lorraine and Rick Grenon, by Ann Surprenant
Sun. Nov. 27	Fr. Clancy	7:30am	For Our Parishioners
	Fr. Harkins	9:30am	Reese Graham
Mon. Nov. 28	Fr. Clancy	9:00am	Daun J. Vecchi and Ashley E. Campbell
Thurs. Dec. 1		9:00am	Theresa Rousselle, Month's Mind
Sat. Dec. 3		4:00pm	Ronald and Lois Page, by Ann Surprenant
Sun. Dec. 4		7:30am	For Our Parishioners
		9:30am	Edith and Elmer Freund, by their daughter, Colleen

At St. Mary Magdalen, these upcoming Masses are available for your Mass Intentions:
Mon. Jan. 2, 9:00am ~ Mon. Jan. 9, 9:00am ~ Sun. Jan. 15, 7:30am & 9:30am ~ Mon. Jan. 16, 9:00am

SR	St. Rita Mass Intentions		
Sat. Nov. 26	Fr. Raju	9:00am	The Boisvert and Cote Families
	Fr. Clancy	4:00pm	Roger Boisvert Sr. by his Family
Sun. Nov. 27	Fr. Clancy	10:00am	Margaret "Peggy" Masse, by Ray and Family
	Fr. MacKay	5:00pm	Katherine M. Gannon, by her Family
Tues. Nov. 29	Fr. Harkins	9:00am	Sr. Rina Brunette, by Juliette MacDonald
Sat. Dec. 3		9:00am	Sr. Therese Motard, SCO, by the SCO
		4:00pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Dec. 4		10:00am	Anna B. McLaughlin, by her Family
		5:00pm	Mari Helen and All Souls, by Ha Duong

At St. Rita, these upcoming Masses are available for your Mass Intentions:
Sat. Dec. 31, 9:00am ~ Sat. Jan. 14, 9:00am ~ Sat. Jan. 21, 9:00am & 4:00pm



At St. Rita's **the Bread and Wine are Given in Memory of Joseph and Helen Sweeney by Joe and Paula Sweeney**

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Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday ~ 8:00am to 4:00pm
Wednesday, Friday ~ 8:00am to noon
Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays - Closed

Sacraments/Ministries

Reconciliation is held immediately following the 9:00am daily Mass at St. Rita's on Saturday mornings, and by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick is held on the third Sunday (and previous Saturday) of each month, immediately following all Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Marriage Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. A Pre-Cana class is required. Please contact the Collaborative Offices.

Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of the month. Please call the Collaborative Office to register your child for baptism. A preparation class is required.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for those who wish to learn about the Catholic faith as well as for Catholics to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Communion and Confirmation).

St. Vincent de Paul Help us assist the poor and the hungry of our parish. "Poor Boxes" for your donations are located at the church entrances. If you need assistance from this organization, please contact the Collaborative Offices.

Ste Marguerite d'Youville

1340 Lakeview Avenue, Dracut, MA 01826

Mass Schedule ~ Daily Mass: Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Find us on Facebook **"Saint Marguerite d'Youville Parish Dracut"**

St. Mary Magdalen

95 Lakeview Avenue, Tyngsboro, MA 01879

Mass Schedule ~ Daily Mass: Monday & Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Vietnamese Masses Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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St. Rita

158 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA 01854

Mass Schedule ~ Daily Mass: Tuesday & Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Cambodian Mass in the Chapel, at 12:00 p.m.

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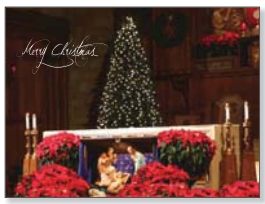

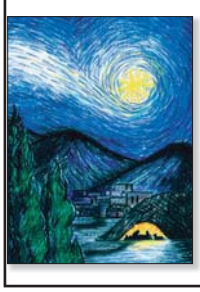

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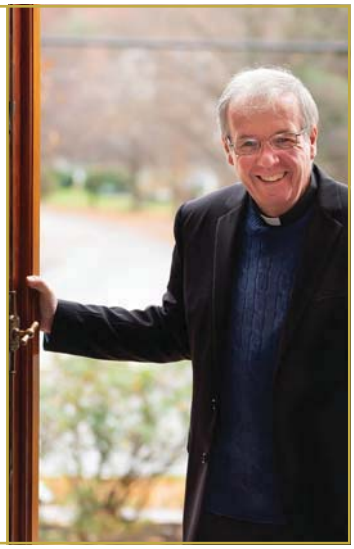

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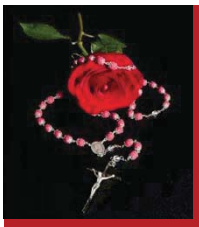

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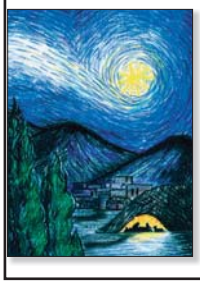

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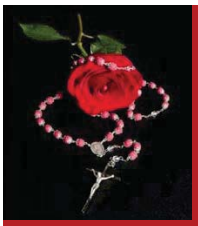

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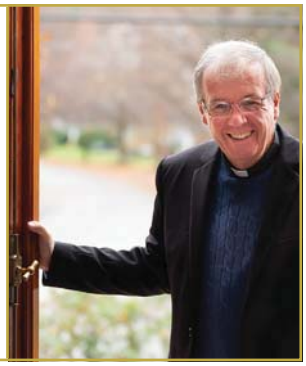

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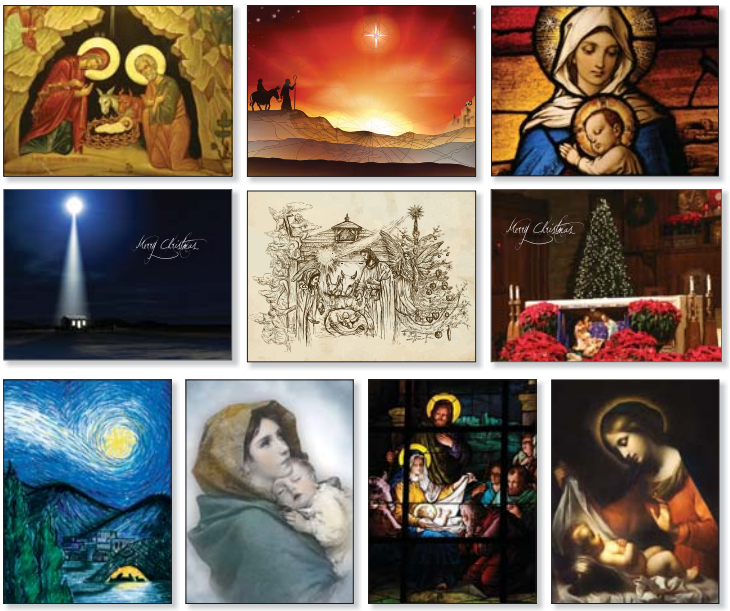

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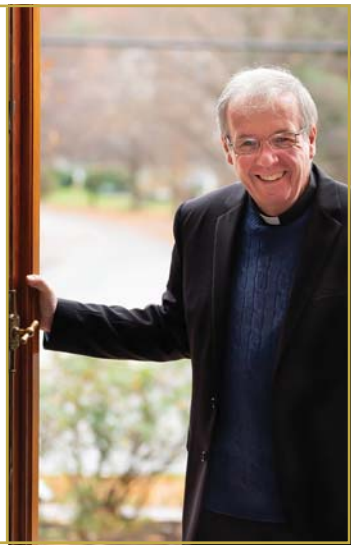

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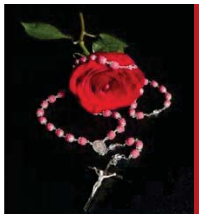

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