

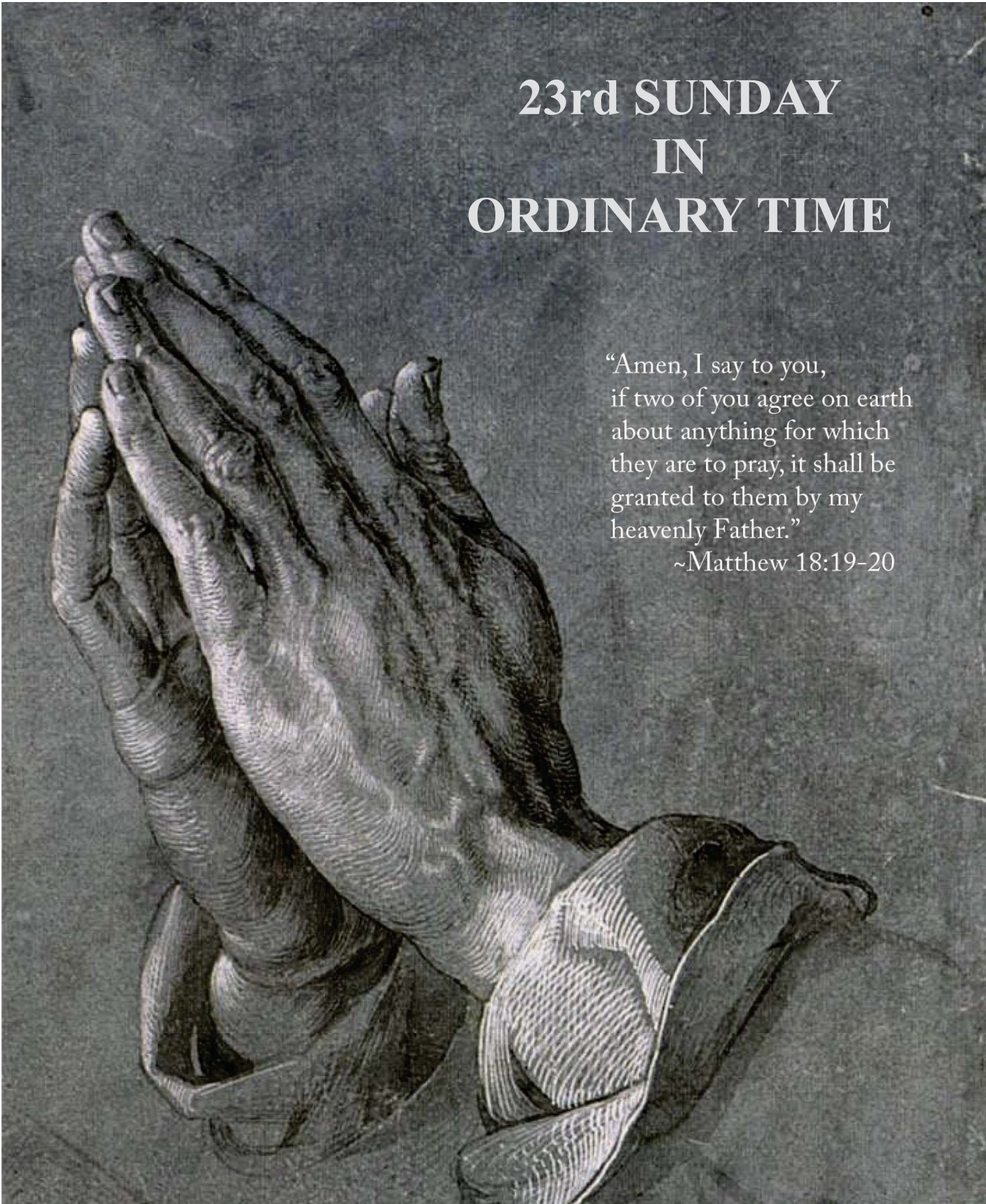
# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

SEPT 10

2023

## 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Amen, I say to you,  
if two of you agree on earth  
about anything for which  
they are to pray, it shall be  
granted to them by my  
heavenly Father.”

~Matthew 18:19-20

## Opportunities and Challenges in the New Season

Just as fair warning up front, you saw this bulletin entry last week. The reason being fairly obvious for those of you who were here on Labor Day Weekend: we were not sure how many people will worship on the holiday weekend, but hopefully more will come this week with the start of school and the beginning of religious education just around the corner. Also, over the course of two weekends, pretty much everybody that attends Church will do so.

That's the good news. We have very consistent Mass attendance numbers throughout the seasons of the year. We didn't really have a big summer drop-off for two years running. However, the challenge is that we don't have a big fall return either. You who come to Church are dedicated to the Lord, as He asks us to be. The challenging news is the opposite side of the coin. Many people have not returned to the active practice of the Faith. Basically, our Mass attendance numbers are **HALF** of what they were from before the pandemic.

By the way, that's not just here, but across the region. In 2018 the weekly Mass attendance across the Archdiocese of Boston was essentially 220,000, approximately 12% of the 1.85 million baptized Catholics in Boston. In October of 2022 (the most recent annual count) it was down to only 105,000 (6%). Perhaps more folks will spontaneously return with the new school year, but the trend has been the same for decades: in 2012 the weekly average was 260,000 (14%) and in 2005 it was 320,000 (17%). Of course, many of us remember when the numbers were closer to 75% Mass attendance rate!

In the letters sent out in October 2022 for our Financial Review and Grand Annual Appeal, I wrote: "I will give you the good news up front: we are actually *more financially and facilities sound than we were in Spring of 2019....[etc.]* Now the not so good news. Between now and June 2023, we project that St Monica / St Lucy Parish will have an operating loss of \$110,000 / \$60,000" [respectively].

You may remember the reasons for those deficit projections being the lower Mass attendance, rising inflation, and increased costs given that the parishes were fully open. In the Grand Annual Appeal homily I said that since we are in good shape in many ways, we could live the following year in hope to enliven parish life and to diversify our revenue streams. In other words, I didn't want to come back last spring and promote an increased giving campaign on you who have always supported the parishes at the highest rate. So I suggested that we donate our time to the parish events: "Just show up," and make our community an attractive place for others to rejoin.

We did a pretty good job in that regard. Everything we did had a good turn out, though financially the results were as predicted: offertory and grand annual that didn't meet budget, events that still need to be turned into major fundraisers, and new initiatives such as the Legacy Foundation, which promotes estate gifts, without much response. So at the end of Fiscal Year, June 2023, both parishes had those large deficits. Large enough to announce that we only have two or three years worth of savings if we don't turn the trend around.

So we enter the new season determined to reverse the trends in "Time, Talent, and Treasure." In short, everyone will be invited to pitch in more, reach out more, and to give more. Some of these areas very much overlap. For example, excellence and beauty in the liturgy and worship is a compelling attraction to the soul, whether we realize it in the moment or not. Sometimes specific Sunday Masses should enliven our parish community by having a family focus during religious education classes and offering hospitality whenever possible. At other times and seasons, the Masses could similarly focus on reverence for the Lord and his Eucharistic Sacrifice.



Here's a test case that seeks to combine several of the elements of a flourishing parish: the return of welcomers at the door and the passing of the collection basket. Obviously, anyone who is new or returning will have a positive first impression by a simple hello. But just as important is the willingness of individuals to pitch in their time to serve and to be a person of outreach to the stranger. Now personally (and this should come as no surprise), I like the donation basket at the church entrance for a number of reasons, but taking up a collection in the pews does provide a few advantages.

Liturgically it is meant to represent the gifts we give to the Lord. Financially it is a reminder to all that we are obligated to support the parish and that it is in great need of revenue (often people just don't see the basket at the door, particularly if they are visiting). The addition of an active ministry, provided it is respectful and reverent, will immediately depict the necessity that we all must participate in some way in the life of our parish. Lastly, by finalizing the move away from a "single point of entry" mentality, the whole church will just feel more open and inviting. Of course, again, that requires welcomers to hand out bulletins and those entering to agree to act as money collectors at the time of the offertory.

All these elements are meant to blend together in an upward trend of parish flourishing. Please be attentive to the many needs of the parishes as we enter the new season and please be responsive in some way to the invitations "time, talent, treasure" as they apply to you.

*When we have to reply to anyone who has insulted us, we should be careful to do it always with gentleness. A soft answer extinguishes the fire of wrath.*

*St. Alphonsse Liguori*

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*“Let not your heart be disturbed. Am I not here? Are you not under my protection? So not grieve or be disturbed by anything.”*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- RCIA 9-10:15am St. Lucy School House
- BVM Sodality Morning of Reflection 10am-1pm  
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Baptisms 2pm St. Monica Church
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Boy Scouts 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm  
Gethsemane Chapel
- Bereavement Group 6pm St. Monica House
- Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe 7pm  
St. Monica Church

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Alanon 10am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Eucharistic Adoration followed by Women’s Ministry  
6pm St. Lucy Church & Lower Church Hall

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- MRA Meeting 9:30-11:30am  
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church
- Rosary (Zoom) 6pm
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church
- Seven Sisters Meeting 6pm St. Monica House

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- Faith2Fitt 8am Methuen Track & Field
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane  
Chapel
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm  
Gethsemane Chapel & St. Lucy Church

## BAPTISM MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Baptism Ministry Team accompanies families seeking baptism for their children.

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**BAPTISMS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Lucy's

**MARRIAGES** Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

<p><b>MASS SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes SUN 9 am &amp; 12 pm St. Monica 10:30 am St. Lucy MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica</p>	<p><b>CONFESSIONS</b></p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON***Ps 119 (118): 137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**ENTRANCE HYMN***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*


1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3. Life - giv - ing Cre - a - tor, of both great and small;  
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

1. In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
2. Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, you rule day and night;  
3. Of all life the mak - er, the true life of all;  
4. Your an - gels a - dor - ing, all veil - ing their sight;

1. Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
2. Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
3. We blos - som, then with - er, as leaves on a tree,  
4. We too, God in - vis - i - ble, of - fer our praise;

1. Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
2. Your clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
3. But you live for ev - er, who is and will be.  
4. O light in - ac - ces - si - ble, An - cient of Days!

**PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA***Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Ezek 33: 7-9*

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Ps 95 (94): 1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9*


**R. If to - day you hear his voice, hard - en not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

SECOND READING*Rom 13: 8-10*

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*2 Cor 5: 19*

∩. God was reconciling the world to himself *in Christ* \*  
and entrusting to us the message of *reconciliation*.

GOSPEL*Mt 18: 15-20*

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven, Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 42 (41): 2-3*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the wickedness and snares  
of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the  
power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.





COMMUNION HYMN*I Heard the Voice of Jesus*


1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -  
 2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and  
 3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So  
 2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of  
 3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a  
 2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my  
 3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.  
 2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.  
 3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL HYMN*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*


1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry,  
 2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, Earth and heav'n re -  
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,  
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing

1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee,  
 2. flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee,  
 3. ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,  
 4. stars be - gan; Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us,

1. O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
 2. Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,  
 3. O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,  
 4. Bind - ing all with - in its span. Ev - er sing - ing,

1. sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 2. vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 3. Christ our broth - er, All who live in love are thine;  
 4. march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;

1. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 2. Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.  
 3. Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 4. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life.

ST. MONICA PARISH

**Saturday, September 9**

9:00am Yvonne & Roland Soucy  
4:00pm Julie Ahles

**Sunday, September 10**

9:00am For the Parishioners of  
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes  
12:00pm Mary & Richard Viano

**Saturday, September 16**

9:00am Aline Duncan  
Valorie Duncan  
Mr. & Mrs. Mecleor Raza  
4:00pm Joseph Moreau  
Marion & Harry Cunha

**Sunday, September 17**

9:00am Frank Doherty  
Albert & Connie Zampelli  
Robert & Elizabeth Pierce  
John & Ida Manning  
Edward Ferreira  
12:00pm For the Parishioners of  
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

ST. LUCY PARISH

**Saturday, September 9**

4:00pm Michael Kenny, Jr.

**Sunday, September 10**

10:30am Antonio DiFruscia  
Carlos Hayon  
Robert Higgins  
Victor Andreoli  
Kelly Sciacca Martin

**Monday, September 11**

9:00am James Mahoney

**Tuesday, September 12 - LIVING INTENTIONS**

9:00am Steven Folley & family  
Knights of Columbus Council 14725  
Maria SS Dei Lattani  
Maria SS Di Constantinodoli  
Margaret Maher

**Thursday, September 14**

9:00am Susan McGee

**Friday, September 15**

9:00am Sr. Mary Theresa, OSC

**Saturday, September 16**

4:00pm Roberta Palmisano

**Sunday, September 17**

10:30am Margaret J. Covey  
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Jacqueline Larocque  
Jim Gablosky  
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Tues	09/12/23	All Marists	Brian Daley
Wed	09/13/23	Fr. John Currie	Brian Delaney
Thurs	09/14/23	Fr. Patrick Armano	All Seminarians
Fri	09/15/23	Fr. Bruce Flannagan	Dong Pham
Sat	09/16/23	Fr. Brian Flynn	Ulises Diaz



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Marlene, Kay, Jim, Carlos S., Paul C., Meg C., Jesus L., Kevin W., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason, & Matt W.

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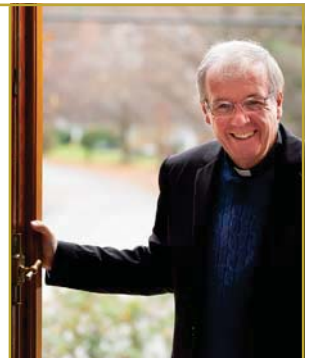
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