

# MARY'S SHRINE

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*Our Lady Queen of Peace*

# Mary's Shrine

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“Time heals all wounds” is a proverb quite often used to comfort those experiencing grief, loss, and sorrow, but for the individuals in these situations, this axiom may fall short and be open for dispute.

Time also makes a difference. In the days and months since March 2020 when we first confronted the coronavirus pandemic, health concerns have subsided, restrictions have been lifted, people are returning to routines we once called “normal” and the world appears to be accessible once again.

I am delighted to report that here at Mary's Shrine, we, too, are returning to our pre-pandemic level of ministry. It is wonderful to go about our tasks without a mask and be able to see the joyful faces of people!

It is also refreshing to see groups returning to Mary's Shrine for Mass, private devotions and meditation, as well as tours. This past spring, the National Shrine once again hosted high school graduations, ordinations, and commencement ceremonies. Multi-cultural pilgrimages also took place, and we have a number of diocesan pilgrimages planned for this fall. Pilgrimage is one of the most important components of our ministry as a sanctuary in honor of Our Blessed Mother. Pilgrims are our “parishioners.” There is nothing more gratifying than to see Mary's Shrine filled with pilgrims! Pilgrims bring the National Shrine to life and hopefully, by making a pilgrimage to Mary's Shrine, our pilgrims receive new life and deepen their relationship with God.

The first half of 2022 has witnessed the world in turmoil. At the onset of the war in Ukraine, no one would have believed that the conflict would be ongoing six months later. At the same time, I do not believe that anyone would have thought that such an atrocity would take place in 2022! During the week of February 27, the National Shrine was bathed in the colors of the Ukrainian flag: blue and yellow. This was a sign of our solidarity with the Ukrainian people. An Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace, led by Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Metropolitan

for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, was celebrated in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine and at Mass, the Universal Prayer included prayers for the people of Ukraine. While no single event will bring an end to the war, our collective prayers sound the trumpet for peace. “Prayer works miracles” Pope Francis reminds us, and a miracle is what is needed in Ukraine!

Thankfully, what the future holds for anyone of us is known to God alone! As the philosopher and Holocaust survivor, Viktor Frankl wisely observes, “no man knows what the future will bring, much less the next hour!” None of us knows how long we will live. So, it is essential that we live life well. “Stay awake, for you know not the day nor the hour” (Matthew 25:13) the Lord reminds us. Sometimes we need to be reminded of this truth on more than one occasion. When life is going along beautifully, and everything seems to be falling into place just as we had planned, we tend to forget that nothing is permanent. It is only when tragedy strikes, such as the loss of a loved one, that reality sets in once again.

Although very little is recorded regarding the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we do know that like us, Mary had to face many realities in her own life, primary among them, seeing her own son crucified. How Our Lady garnered the strength to endure this heart-wrenching moment finds its source in her response at the Annunciation, “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). The Blessed Virgin Mary lived her life confidently trusting that “what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled” (Luke 1:45). Like Our Lady, each of us is called to respond to God in the same way: completely, totally and without reservation.

Commenting on the life of the Blessed Mother, Pope Francis observes that “the Lord has no need of grand means and lofty abilities, but rather of our eyes open to him. Today too, the Lord wants to do great things with us, in our daily lives; that is, in our families, at work, in everyday environments. God's grace loves to operate there more than in great historical events” (Angelus Address, December 8, 2021).



There are times when being a disciple of Jesus is not easy. We live in a world where Catholic Christian tenets are not valued, are frequently challenged and often rejected. On a personal level, it may not always be easy to cooperate with God's grace and say "yes" to whatever God may ask of us. We know what we want, and perhaps what God is asking of us does not fit into our plans. This, too, is a lesson in the spiritual

life. It is WE who are to conform ourselves to what God wants, not God conforming to us! However, if we seek to live life with "our eyes open to him," placing our life at God's service, trusting that God will do great things for us, then what the future will bring or the day when the Lord will come, will not be a concern for us, because we will be living secure in God's hands, safe from all that can harm us. 🌹

## » ON THE COVER

# Our Lady Queen of Peace



The Mother of God has long been honored under the title of Our Lady Queen of Peace. At the National Shrine, a chapel in honor of Our Lady Queen of Peace resides in the narthex of the Crypt Church. Donated by the Croatian Catholic Union and the Croatian people of the United States and Canada, the

chapel was dedicated in 1970 to honor the pleadings of the Bishops of the United States for world peace. In the chapel, a sculpture of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus stands above the altar against a vibrant mosaic. In the mosaic, two angels crown her from above while olive branches rise up from below. The front of marble altar is inscribed: Our Lady Queen of Peace Pray for Us. 🌹



Photo by WTOP/Dave Dilline

Illuminated in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, Mary's Shrine continues to pray for peace in Ukraine and around the world.

## Prayer for Peace

*God our Father, Creator of the world, You establish the order which governs all ages. Hear our prayer and give us peace in our time that we may rejoice in your glory and praise you without end. Mary, Queen of Peace, look upon us kindly. Through your prayers obtain for us the gift of peace which Your Son promised. We ask this through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Son of God, Son of Mary, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

# MISSION STATEMENT

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a Catholic church dedicated to the patroness of our nation, is a place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation. It offers visitors the occasion for a deepening conversion, a step forward in the journey to God, with Mary as the model for that journey. This monumental church, raised by Catholics of the United States because of their devotion to Mary the Mother of God, gives visibility to their faith and Catholic heritage. Mary's Shrine invites people from across the country and beyond into the saving moment of faith, hope and charity, so that they may be reconciled and transformed into living symbols of Christ's presence in the world. It is here that the faithful gather to worship God, give honor to Mary, and are sent to spread God's word wherever they go. 🌹

# Padre Pio Relics Venerated

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the canonization of Padre Pio, the Saint Pio Foundation made first and second-class relics of this beloved 20th century saint available for public veneration at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on May 21 and May 22.

During that time, thousands of the faithful flocked to Mary's Shrine to venerate the relics of Saint Pio. Among the relics of the stigmata-bearing saint were crusts of his wounds, cotton gauze bearing his blood stains, a lock of his hair, his handkerchief soaked with his sweat only hours before he died, and a piece of Padre Pio's mantle.

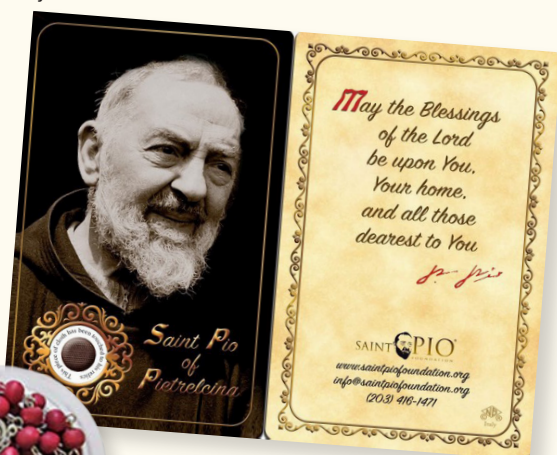
The Saint Pio Foundation expressed gratitude to the Basilica, "the Mother Church of America," for enabling faithful devotees, many of whom would never be able to travel to San Giovanni Rotondo or Pietrelcina, to have a "spiritual encounter" with Padre Pio.

For those who were unable to attend, prayer cards and rosaries from the relic visit remain available through the National Shrine Shops onsite or online at [www.nationalshrineshops.com/padre-pio-relics- veneration](http://www.nationalshrineshops.com/padre-pio-relics- veneration).



Photo by Alex Cransbun

A family venerates the relics of Padre Pio.



Above: Padre Pio relic card.

Left: Padre Pio scented rosary.



## UPCOMING BASILICA BROADCASTS ON EWTN (all times Eastern)

ALSO LIVESTREAMED AT [NATIONALSHRINE.ORG/MASS](http://NATIONALSHRINE.ORG/MASS)

Sept 11	Mother Teresa 25th Anniversary Memorial Mass & Opening of the Mother Teresa Institute	12 noon
Nov 1	The Solemn Mass of All Saints	12:10 pm
Nov 2	Choral Concert for the Commemoration of All Souls	7 pm
Dec 8	The Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception	12:10 pm
Dec 24	Choral Meditations on the Nativity	10 pm
Dec 24	Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve	10:30 pm
Dec 25	Solemn Mass of Christmas Day	12 noon
Dec 25	Spanish Christmas Mass (EWTN Español)	2:30 pm
Jan 19	National Prayer Vigil for Life Opening Mass	5:30 pm
Jan 20	National Prayer Vigil for Life Closing Mass	8 am

# Lourdes Pilgrimage Experience



Experience Lourdes on pilgrimage at Mary's Shrine on November 19.

**M**ary's Shrine invites the faithful to a special Lourdes Pilgrimage Experience on Saturday, November 19. Sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers, the pilgrimage will offer a tangible experience of Lourdes as well as a Plenary Indulgence granted by Pope Francis for those who attend, under the usual conditions.

During the Lourdes Pilgrimage Experience, pilgrims will be immersed in the Message of Lourdes through prayer, commentary, and catechesis; have an opportunity to touch an actual piece of the Grotto Rock where Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, appeared to Saint Bernadette in 1858; and prepare their own petitions to be hand-delivered to the Grotto in France.

Pilgrims will also pray the Rosary during Exposition of the Blessed



Sacrament and, following Benediction, will participate in a candlelight procession to the Basilica's Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes, a replica of the Grotto. Pilgrims will also receive a bottle of authentic, undiluted Lourdes Water from the Spring in Lourdes as a keepsake.

What better way to virtually experience Lourdes than to attend this pilgrimage at our nation's preeminent Marian shrine and patronal church, the Basilica of the National Shrine, dedicated to our Lady under her title of the Immaculate Conception.

Those who attend are invited to begin their pilgrimage with Mass at 12:10 pm in the Crypt Church and complete it with the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, in the Great Upper Church.

For more information, please visit [www.nationalshrine.org/lourdes-experience](http://www.nationalshrine.org/lourdes-experience). 🇺🇸

## UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES TO MARY'S SHRINE

Sept 10	Indian American Catholic Association
Sept 17	National Black Catholic Congress
Sept 24	Diocese of Metuchen
Oct 1	International Day of Prayer and Fasting
Oct 6	Diocese of Allentown
Oct 8	Diocese of Pittsburgh

Oct 15	Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Oct 22	Diocese of Brooklyn
Oct 29	Diocese of Camden
Nov 12	Diocese of Trenton
Nov 19	Lourdes Pilgrimage Experience
Dec 3	Haitian Catholic Community



# THE ADVENT APSE OF THE CRYPT CHURCH

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Archivist-Curator Emerita

“**B**ut when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption” (Galatians 4:4-5).

In my elementary years of school, I often wondered what, exactly, the “fullness” of time meant. It had to be something important because it was in the Bible, and it was referenced most often during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Although I had various notions of understanding, the most reasonable to my young mind was that “time” had somehow become sated; had “overindulged” as if at a banquet. Yes, a naïve understanding but as I would learn years later, not that far off the mark. A comparison of different translations of the original Greek text provides nuance and a clearer understanding of the phrase. Thus, the “fullness of time” or “the time that had fully come” was “*just the right time*” for God to fulfill his promise to send his Son into this world. It was a time that had been prophesied for generations; a time realized and hailed by Mary to her cousin Elizabeth (cf. Luke 1:55).

During the first century of Christianity, there was not a great deal of interest as to the date when Jesus was born. Having lived during the “fullness of time,” the early Christians fixed their gaze on the second coming of Christ, when the salvation promised by Jesus would be accomplished in his glorious return. *Marana tha!*, an

exclamation found in 1 Corinthians (16:22) and the Didache (10:14), was a prayer or supplication of the early Church for the return of Christ: “O Lord, come!” If this Aramaic phrase is divided differently, *Maran atha!*, it becomes a creedal statement of a past event, “Our Lord has come!”

Advent, a four-week period that begins the liturgical year, is similarly two-fold in purpose: 1) it prepares the Church for the season of the Incarnation or Christmas, when the first coming of Christ is remembered and celebrated, and 2) when our remembrance of the first coming is a joyful preparation and expectation for the second coming; for the end time. In this ritual cycle, the beginning and the end meet seamlessly: the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe or “Christ the King,” whose teachings are rooted in the Incarnation, and the season of the *adventus*, the “coming” or the “arrival.”

The artistic integrity of the Crypt Church was of particular importance to Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, the founder of this national church. An early publication of the National Shrine referred to the Crypt Church as “the catacomb under the sanctuary of the main church.” The Crypt Church is not a catacomb but catacomb-like. For the ethos of the Crypt Church to be truly catacomb-like, the artist, Mary Chase Stratton (1867-1961), with the help of Bishop Shahan, spent an entire summer exploring, studying, and sketching the catacombs of Rome. The



West Apse with heralding angels framing the arch.



Mary Chase Stratton

result was a Crypt Church ornamented with early Christian artwork culled from the catacombs of Rome. For Bishop Shahan this was “legible decoration,” artwork that is capable of being read or deciphered. It is a pictorial theology in ceramic design of the first four centuries of Christianity based on

the art of Christian antiquity and the Roman catacombs – and it begins in the west apse with the prophecy, the *adventus*, “the coming.”

The Crypt Church is beautiful and poignant in its simplicity. The west apse begins, as do the north and east apses, with heralding angels framing the arch. The ceiling of the west apse carries four prophecy panels.

**The first prophecy panel** is from Genesis and speaks of a new Eve, made by God in the Garden of Eden: “I will put enmities between thee and the woman and thy seed and her seed” (Genesis 3:15). It pairs with the first frieze on the left of the chapel of Saint Agnes above the first set of columns: *The Right Hand of God*. In the Old Testament, the right hand of God referred to the coming of the Messiah. In Early Christian artwork the countenance of God was not shown, for as the LORD told Moses, “But you cannot see my face, for no one can see me and live (Exodus 33:20). Thus, early Christian art only indicates the presence of God. The Pewabic ceramic panel shows three extended fingers, the sign of the Trinity. The rays issuing forth are the blessing of God.



The Right Hand of God

Moses, thought by many scholars to be the author of Genesis, is also a symbol of the Savior to come. He is depicted in a frieze next to the chapel of Saint Cecilia: *Moses percutit Petram*. The scene is that of Moses striking the rock

from which water came forth. Peter, as told by Jesus was the rock of the Church. This scene is modeled after the fresco in the Crypt of the Shepherd (*pecorelle*), catacomb of Callistus [Callixtus], 4th century. Moses is depicted striking the rock; Peter is loosening his sandal, he is without a beard as is common in Roman art; a Roman soldier, who appears to be drinking from the water given by God, is believed to be Cornelius, the first to be baptized by Peter.



Moses percutit Petram

In the center of the arch ceiling is a medallion of Miriam, the older sister of Moses and Aaron. “The prophetess Miriam” is described in the Old Testament as one who, along with her brothers, delivered the Jews from exile. She presages Mary of Nazareth, a woman who is the mother of the Savior and who also sings canticles to the fidelity of God.



The Prophetess Miriam

To the left and right of Miriam are images of two other women of the Old Testament who prefigure Mary of Nazareth: Deborah and Ruth. Deborah was also a prophetess and the only female judge mentioned in the Bible. She too, was a liberator of her people, acting with Barak and Jahel to defeat the Canaanites. The well-known Song of Deborah is a victory hymn sung by Deborah and Barak.



# THE ADVENT APSE OF THE CRYPT CHURCH



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The Female Judge Deborah

Ruth was a Moabite widow, the daughter-in-law of Naomi, who out of fidelity returned to Bethlehem with Naomi. At Bethlehem she married Boaz and became an ancestor of David and of Christ. Ruth is one of five women mentioned by Matthew in his genealogy of Jesus.



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Ruth the Moabite

These three women of the Old Testament prefigure Mary. Through their fidelity to God and, like Mary, their willingness to respond to the call of God, they help guide the story of salvation forward. Like the angels framing the arch, they too herald “the coming.”

**The second prophecy panel** is that of Isaiah 6: 14, “Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel.” The detail of this prophecy is shown in the panel *Visio Isaiaae*. This “vision of Isaiah” is

adapted from the 2nd century fresco in the Catacomb of Priscilla, which is one of the first extant representations of the Blessed Mother.



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Vision of Isaiah

**The third prophecy panel** comes from Jeremiah 30:22, “For the Lord hath created a new thing upon the earth a woman shall compass a man.” Jeremiah is one of the major prophets of the Old Testament. He is also known as the “weeping prophet” as he is known to do so. This text, though somewhat elusive, is thought to be his reference to Jesus in the womb of the Virgin Mary. For a few verses earlier, it is Jeremiah who gives the prophecy of God, that the time is close at hand when God will “fulfill the promise” of a “righteous branch” that will “spring up for David” (33:14-15).

**The fourth prophecy panel** is taken from Luke 2:35, “And thy own soul a sword shall pierce that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed.” Unlike the previous three, this text speaks not of the things that Jesus will do and the effect they will have on Mary. It speaks of the mother-son relationship. This is part of what Simeon told to Mary during the presentation of Jesus in the temple.

Crowning the entire apse, the ceiling of the vault contains exquisite ceramic Pewabic panels replicating *Noah and the Ark*, a fourth century fresco found in the Catacomb of Saints Peter and Marcellinus; *Jonas and the Whale*, as found in the second century Sacrament Chapel of the Catacomb of Callistus or a fresco of the Catacomb of Peter and Marcellinus; the prophet *Malachi*, who promises a clean and eternal sacrifice and a symbol of Christ as our hope, and the great warrior *Judas Maccabeus*.

Malachi is one of the last Old Testament prophets who lived about 400 years before the birth of Christ. His is the last book of the prophets in the Bible and the last book of the Old Testament. The word *malachi* means “messenger.” At





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West Apse Ceiling with Pewabic Panels



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Malachi

the time of Malachi, the people were struggling to believe that God loved them: “I have always loved you, says the LORD” (Malachi 1:2). Through his “messenger” God tells the people how they have fallen short of their covenant with him. The final lines of

the prophecy of Malachi tell of Messianic redemption: “Now I am sending to you Elijah the prophet, Before the day of the LORD comes, the great and terrible day” (Malachi 3:23).

Finally, the west apse closes with a frieze depicting the ancient symbol of the anchor with pendant fish: *Hope in Christ*. This image is from the Catacomb of Priscilla, Gallery O, 3rd century. The anchor is the symbol of hope; the fish is the most common symbol for Christ; the five Greek letters spell the word “fish” (ΙΧΘΥΣ) and are the Greek monogram for “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior.” The earliest depiction is Livia Primitiva, 2nd century. This leads into the north apse, “The Promise” or the Incarnation,

the Word made Flesh and the Eucharist.

In many ways, the west apse is like an icon: it is a portal that leads into a state of meditation and prayer. The west apse is a meditation on the supplication *Maran atha!* (“O Lord, come!”) and credal statement, *Maran atha!* (“Our Lord has come!”)

This coming Advent, bring your Bible, your Rosary, perhaps even this issue of *Mary’s Shrine* and spend an hour or so in the west apse of the Crypt Church. Spend time surrounded by the prophets and prophecies of old, recalling those holy women and men who, “in the fullness of time,” helped to create “just the right time” for the Incarnation of Jesus. So that we, like the early Christians, might fix our gaze on the second coming of Christ, when the salvation promised by Jesus is accomplished in his glorious return. 🙏



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Hope in Christ

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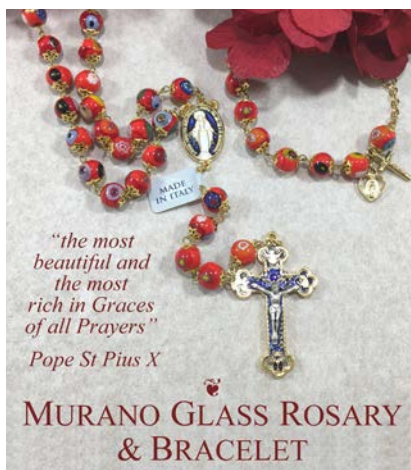
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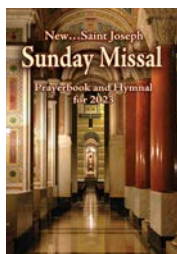
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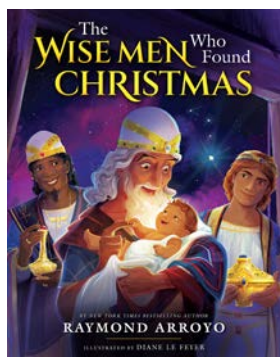
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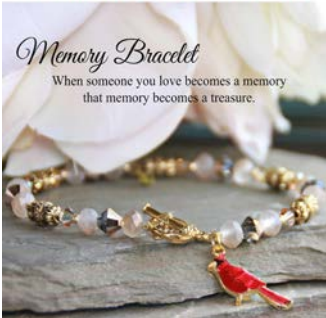
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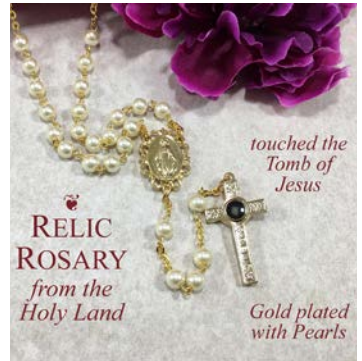
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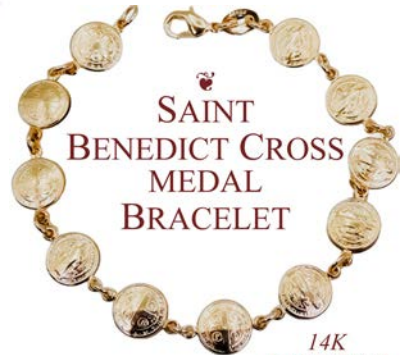
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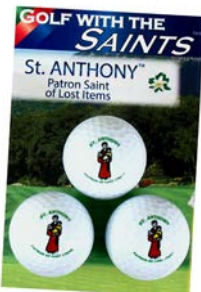
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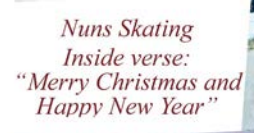


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and  
Happy New Year"

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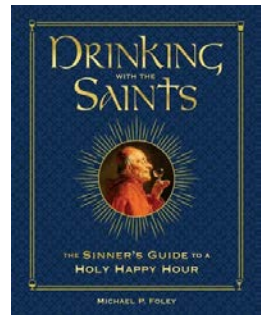
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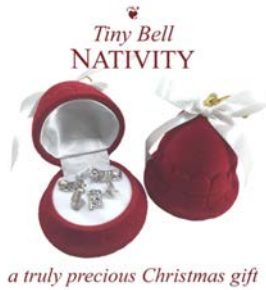
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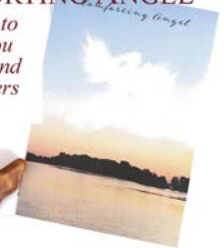


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