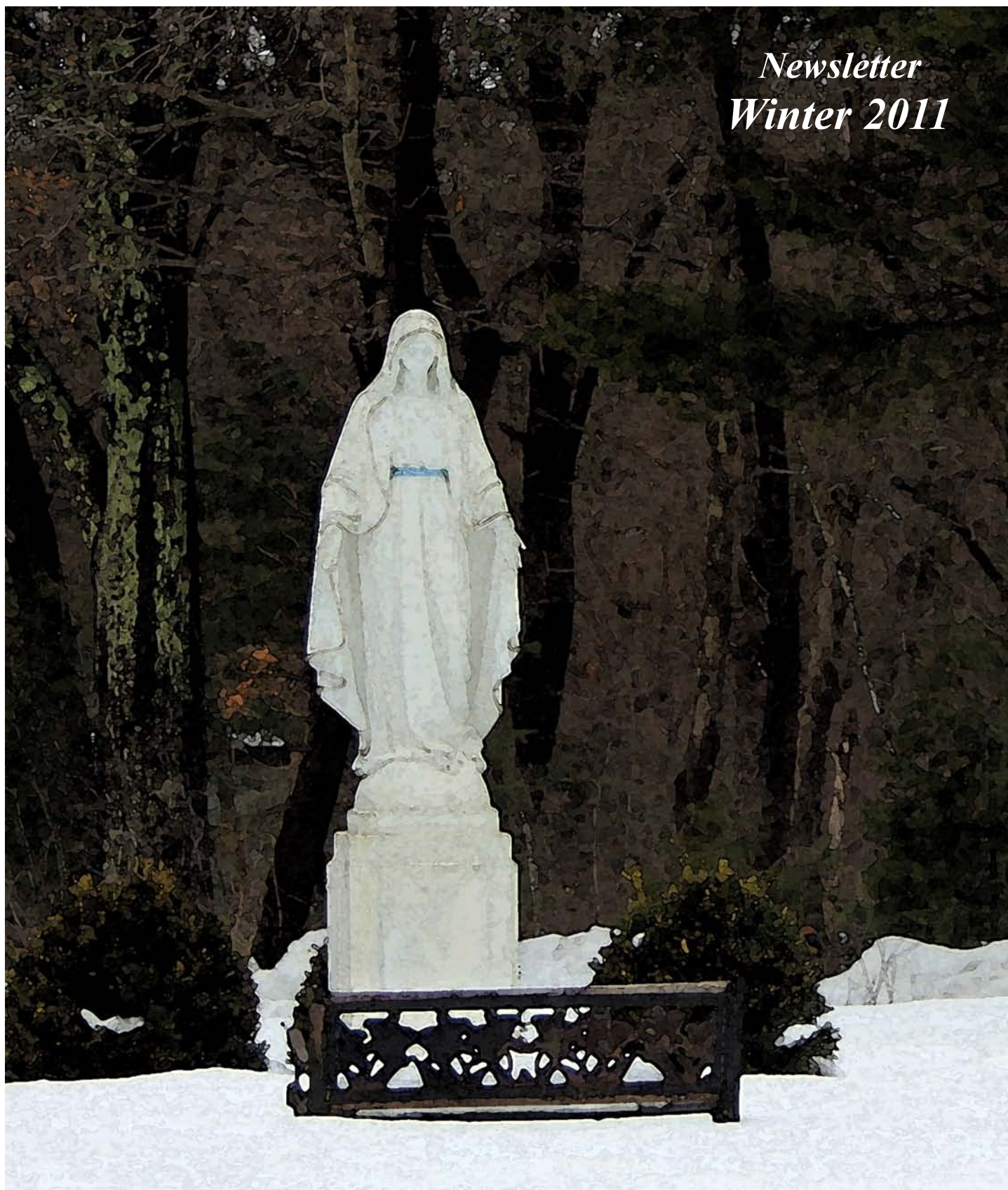
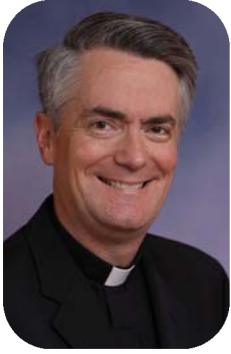


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Blessed John XXIII
National Seminary



As I embark upon my second semester as Rector, I reflect on recent changes here at Blessed

John XXIII National Seminary.

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new full-time faculty members, Dr. John J. Clabeaux, Ph.D., and Rev. William F. Murphy,

who will join our Seminary this summer. Please see the article below for details.

Even as our Seminary community prepares to welcome these two new members of our Faculty Council, we pause to remember our colleagues; Rev. John J. Moriarty, S.J., and Rev. John J. O'Brien, C.P.; who passed away unexpectedly in October.

Fr. Moriarty faithfully served as a Professor and Spiritual Director for ten years and

Fr. O'Brien was Professor of Catholic Social Doctrine for six years. We gratefully acknowledge their contributions and keep them in our prayers.

As we continue our 47th academic year, we ask for your prayerful support.

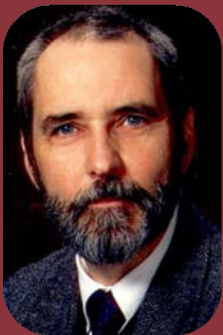
May God bless you all!

Rev. William B. Palardy
Rector

We Proudly Welcome Two New Faculty Members

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new full-time faculty members at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary.

Dr. John J. Clabeaux, Ph.D.



Dr. John J. Clabeaux, Ph.D. has accepted a position as Professor of Sacred Scripture.

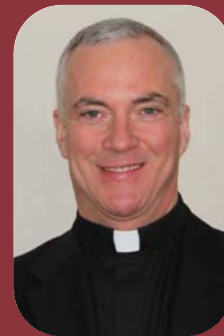
He received an A.M. and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. This accomplished scholar currently teaches at the Pontifical College Josephinum

School of Theology in Columbus, OH. He previously taught at the Harvard Divinity School and at St. John's Seminary in Boston.

He was named a "Consultor" to the Executive Committee of the Catholic Biblical Association of America from 2009 - 2011 and serves on its Program Committee.

Dr. Clabeaux has hosted three 13-week lecture series on Catholic TV, a national cable network. These include the recent award-winning program, "The Gospel of Matthew."

Rev. William F. Murphy



Rev. William F. Murphy has accepted the position as Spiritual Director.

Fr. Murphy received an M.A. in Christian Spirituality at Creighton University in Omaha, NE.

Since 2005, he has served as an adjunct faculty member in the position of Professor of Homiletics. Fr. Murphy currently is the Undergraduate Chaplain with the Harvard Catholic Chaplaincy at Harvard University.

Ministry of Acolyte Conferred on Twenty Seminarians

On December 8, 2010, Bishop Robert J. McManus of the Diocese of Worcester, MA, was Principal Celebrant at a Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and conferred the Ministry of Acolyte on twenty seminarians.

At Blessed John XXIII, semi-

narians receive Acolyte in their first year of theological studies, Reader in second theology and are admitted to Candidacy in third theology - in preparation for ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood in their home dioceses.

The Seminary Chapel was filled to capacity with the semi-

narians' family members and well-wishers who had come to share in this important milestone in their priestly formation journey.

After Mass, Bishop McManus joined the Acolytes for a festive luncheon with their guests, fellow seminarians, faculty and staff.



Left to right - back row: Francis Lawlor, **Diocese of Springfield, MA**; Eric Rasmussen, **Diocese of Colorado Springs, CO**; Michael Salerno, **Diocese of Norwich, CT**; Lawrence Love, **Diocese of Tyler, TX**; James Davis, **Diocese of Albany, NY** and Kenneth Gill, **Archdiocese of Washington, DC**

Middle row: Javier Heredia, **Diocese of Charleston, SC**; Gregory Piatt, **Archdiocese of Detroit, MI**; Kevin Hickey and Jeffrey Archer, **Archdiocese of Boston, MA**; John Fewel, **Diocese of St. Thomas, VI** and Joseph Tuskiewicz, **Archdiocese of Detroit, MI**

Front row: Peter De Fazio and Mark Storey, **Archdiocese of Boston, MA**; Edward Clifford, **Diocese of Portland, ME**; Leonardo Prada, **Diocese of Worcester, MA**; The Most Reverend Robert McManus, Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester, MA; Rev. William Palardy, Rector of Blessed John XXIII; Bro. Francis Pham, O.Cist., **Our Lady of Divine Grace Abbey, Vietnam**; Robert Paliotta, Jr., **Diocese of Providence, RI**; Laurence Tocci, **Archdiocese of Boston, MA** and Carlos Gómez, **Archdiocese of Atlanta, GA**

29th Annual Lawn Party Raises \$250,000 - a New Record!

On Wednesday, September 22, the 29th Annual Lawn Party was a special homecoming for former Rector, Bishop Peter J. Uglietto, now an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Boston who represented Cardinal Seán O'Malley during the event.

He was welcomed by a record number of benefactors, friends, bishops, alumni, and seminarians at this premier fundraiser, held just a week after his Episcopal Ordination. In honor of Bishop Peter, the Lawn Party Committee created a new \$15,000 giving level – the *Bishop Peter J. Uglietto Society*.

"We are honored to support priestly vocations while recognizing the twenty years of dedicated service Bishop Peter gave to Blessed John XXIII," said Gretchen and John LaRossa, MD, who served as Event Chairs and donors to the newly created society.

"At this year's event we honored the new bishop, thanked him personally for his dedication to priestly vocations, congratulated Fr. Bill Palardy on his appointment as eighth Rector, and met those preparing to serve us as parish



Lawn Party Chairs Dr. and Mrs. John LaRossa with Bishop Peter J. Uglietto and Rector of Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, Rev. William B. Palardy

priests - the current seminarians," said Dr. LaRossa. "We would especially like to thank attendees who increased their giving this year in recognition of Bishop Peter."

In its inaugural year, the Bishop Peter Uglietto Society raised over \$75,000.

The proceeds from the Lawn Party help keep tuition costs affordable. During the Annual Lawn Party, some 350 guests enjoyed a night of fine dining and music while meeting the seminarians who directly benefit from their contributions.

The Seminary community is grateful to the Lawn Party Committee for the success of this special event, and to our many loyal supporters who raised \$250,000 for the Seminary formation program.

For more information about Seminary events, please contact Kate Folan at 781-899-5500.

***We invite you to join us
September 21, 2011 for our
30th Annual Lawn Party!***



We thank Anna-Marie Ferraro, a premier member of the Bishop Peter J. Uglietto Society; pictured here with Adjunct Faculty member Rev. Thomas Nestor and Bishop Uglietto.

Blessed John XXIII Community Participates in March for Life Events

On January 24, 2011, thirty-two seminarians, Rector William B. Palardy and Dean of Seminarians Rev. Thomas F. Schmitt, took part in the March for Life in Washington, DC. Events included an Adult Mass for Life at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle.

Auxiliary Bishop Francisco Gonzales, S.F., was principal celebrant, and Frs. Palardy and Schmitt were concelebrants. Blessed John XXIII seminarians served as deacons and acolytes for this special Mass.

Michael Peterson, Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS was Deacon of the Cup and Patrick M. Cunningham, Diocese of Bismarck, ND was Deacon of the Word. "It was an honor to proclaim the gospel at this special Mass for life," said Patrick M. Cunningham.

Other seminarians served as Acolytes - Jeffrey S. Archer, Archdiocese of Boston, MA; Ronald W. Cattany, Archdiocese of Denver, CO; Kenneth J. Gill, Archdiocese of Washington; Ivan Olmo Jr.; Diocese of Orlando, FL and Edward G. Rama, Diocese of Paterson, NJ.

First theology seminarian, Ken Gill facilitated our Seminary's

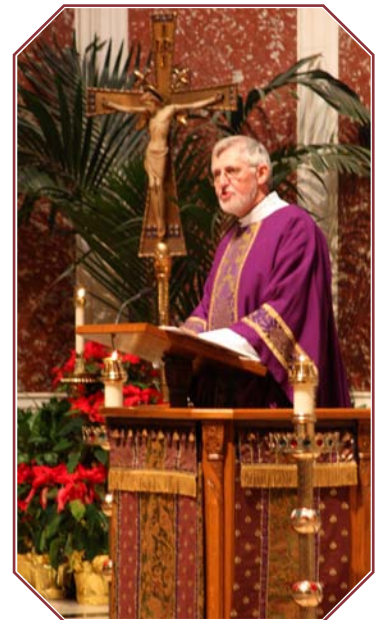


Auxiliary Bishop Francisco Gonzales, S.F., of the Archdiocese of Washington; with seminarians Patrick M. Cunningham and Michael Peterson. Seminarian alumnus Rev. Andrew M Morkunas, '09, (background), of the Archdiocese of Washington, also concelebrated during this special Mass for Life.

participation at this special Mass, held for the first time at the Cathedral, which is his home parish. Ken is the Coordinator of the Seminary Pro-Life Committee.

After Mass the group went to the Rally on the Mall and March for Life, which culminated in front of the United States Supreme Court building.

"It was a tremendous experience," says Ken. "I want to especially thank the Massachusetts State Council of the Knights of Columbus who made this trip possible through their sponsorship."



Seminarian Patrick M. Cunningham was Deacon of the Word during this special Mass.

Stephen and Fran Rowen Memorial Golf Tournament

In life, we may have the good fortune to cross paths with unique individuals who enter our lives and share their time, energy, and treasure faithfully and generously. Frances and Stephen Rowen were two such beloved persons in our Blessed John XXIII community.

Their decades-long relationship with our Seminary began in the 1960s when Fran and Steve met seminarians serving in pastoral ministry at Saint Julia's Parish in Weston. Few supporters have devoted as much time and energy to the life of our community as did Fran and Steve. Steve passed away on February 9, 2001 and Fran recently passed on January 6, 2011. Both are missed greatly, but their legacy lives on.

To honor their long support and commitment to our mission, we will hold the the **Stephen and Fran Rowen Memorial Golf Tournament, Monday, May 23, 2011, at the Weston Golf Club**. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit our seminarians by keeping their tuition affordable. We hope you will consider joining us. For additional information, please visit the 'Events' section of our Seminary website at: www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu.



Frances (Fran) J. Rowen, a long-time friend of the Seminary, passed away on January 6, 2011. Fran is pictured with grandson Stephen Rowen Jr., daughter Susan James and her husband Bob James during a recent tournament.

Annual Alumni Days Held October 19-20, 2010

Nearly 50 priests returned to their Alma Mater during Alumni Days. This annual event kicked off with a keynote presentation by Dr. Hadley Arkes, Professor of American Institutions at Amherst College. Dr. Hadley spoke on the crucial role of natural law in culture and society.

During the second day, Fr. Gregory Hoppough, CSS, Professor of Liturgy at Blessed John XXIII, spoke on the third edition of the Roman Missal, which is to be used in all United States dioceses this year beginning with the Advent



On behalf of the Class of 2005, Class President Rev. Bob Cullen, of the Archdiocese of Boston, presented Rector Rev. William B. Palardy with a \$10,000 donation for the Seminary.

season.

The Alumni Mass - "Remembrance of Deceased Alumni,"

was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Peter Uglietto, of the Archdiocese of Boston. Alumni priests celebrated milestone anniversaries during the banquet, including Rev. Charlie Brown, '70, of the Archdiocese of Washington who was honored for 40 years of ministry.

"My classmates and I would not be serving in parishes across the country without a Seminary like Blessed John XXIII," --

Fr. Ed Michelini, '05

Faculty Member and Recent Alumnus Proudly Concelebrate Mass at the Altar of our Seminary Patron - Blessed John XXIII

During the summer academic break, Rev. Thomas F. Schmitt, who is the Dean of Seminarians at Blessed John XXIII and also an alumnus (Class of 1991) went on pilgrimage to Italy with parishioners from his home diocese – the Diocese of Springfield, MA. During the trip, he was able to connect with a recently ordained member of the Class of 2010, Rev. Silverio (Sal) P. DiFazio, from the Archdiocese of Saint Augustine, FL.

“At the culmination of my pilgrimage, I was proud to have the opportunity to concelebrate Mass with Fr. Sal at the Altar of our Seminary’s patron,” said Fr. Schmitt. The Mass was held at the altar of Blessed John XXIII in Vatican City. This altar is located a short distance from the main or papal altar in Saint Peter’s Basilica.

“Fr. Sal was born in Ponza, Italy, and he has a great affection for Pope John XXIII, who was the pontiff of his youth,” said Fr. Schmitt. “During his homily, Fr. Sal spoke of his deep gratitude for his calling to priesthood and the unexpected blessing of being able to celebrate as a newly-ordained priest at the tomb of ‘Papa Buono’ or Good Pope John, as he was known throughout Italy.”



From left to right: Deacon Robert Moulton, Rev. Silverio P. DiFazio and Rev. Thomas F. Schmitt at the Altar of Blessed John XXIII, our Seminary Patron. The altar is located in Saint Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City.

Fr. Schmitt was accompanied during his pilgrimage by parishioners from his home Diocese of Springfield, MA – Permanent Deacon Robert Moulton, his wife, Carolyn and their adult daughter, Maryann.

With Fr. Schmitt at the wheel, the group traveled to several prominent Catholic shrines.

These included Saint Benedict’s Abbey at Monte Casino, the San Giovanni Rotondo, the friary and pilgrimage shrine of Saint “Padre” Pio of Pietrelcina and Assisi - the mountain town of Saint Francis.

They stayed in Rome for several days and had a general audience with Pope Benedict XVI. The pilgrimage concluded with Fr. Schmitt concelebrating Mass with Fr. Sal at the altar of Blessed John XXIII in Saint Peter’s Basilica.

“The opportunity to worship with Fr. Sal, a recent graduate, at the altar of the

Seminary’s patron was one of the highlights of the trip,” said Fr. Schmitt. “I pray that Blessed John XXIII will continue to inspire Fr. Sal in his priestly life and ministry.”

“May our Patron bless all the alumni of the Seminary which bears his name!”



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Alumni News

On September 3, 2010, Very
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was named a Prelate of Honor
with the title of Reverend
Monsignor.

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