

Marist Brothers United States Province  
*Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved*



# Friday Notes Newsletter

February 14, 2020 | WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PROVINCE OF THE USA

## PROVINCE NEWS

- Br. Tom Schady, Province Director of Schools, hosted the annual Presidents and Principals meeting at the Province Center in Forest Hills earlier this week. [See the meeting schedule here.](#)



- Next week, Br. Patrick will attend the CMSM National Board meeting in Sierra Madre, CA.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Anniversary of the Memorare in the Snow**  
February

**School Board Meeting**

- Br. Dan will be visiting our Marist communities in Laredo, Austin and Brownsville next week.
- Br. Patrick and Br. Dan are with the Brothers in Brownsville, TX, and visited St. Joseph Academy and Guadalupe Regional Middle School yesterday. Br. Dan will visit the Brothers in Laredo, TX next week as well as our Community of Welcome in Austin, TX.



Br. Pat at Our Lady of Guadalupe Middle School with school President Micheal Motyl, school Principal Dr. Virginia Miller, and a 7th grade student.

- Vincent Gschlecht, Kevin Ryan, Br. Armand Lamagna, Br. Al Rivera, Br. George DiCarluccio, and Frank Pellegrino will be attending a Camp Marist Board Meeting on Saturday at Sheridan Street.

**Marist High School  
Chicago**  
March 2nd

**Marist Youth  
Encounter**  
March 5th -  
March 8th

**School Board Meeting  
Roselle Catholic High  
School**  
March 9th

**School Board Meeting  
Saint Joseph Academy**  
March 9th

**School Board Meeting  
Christopher Columbus  
High School**  
March 11th

**School Board Meeting  
Mount Saint Michael  
Academy**  
March 18th

**School Board Meeting  
Archbishop Molloy  
High School**  
March 19th

**Sharing Our Mission**  
March 21st -  
March 24th

**Marist Youth  
Encounter**  
April 2nd -  
April 5th

**Vocations Week  
Marist High School -  
Bayonne**  
April 20th -  
April 24th

- **Jaret Criss**, one of the founding members of the Marist Community of Welcome in Austin, TX, graduated in December and is now working in an internship near Dallas. He was recently accepted into Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program where he will receive a Masters in Education and gain two years of teaching experience (at no cost!). He begins that program this summer. **Check it out!**



**Marist Youth Gathering**  
May 22nd -  
May 25th



## MBCE UPDATE

The Irish Language and Cultural School is in Esopus for a retreat this weekend.

Next week, a group from CYFM (Capuchin Youth and Family Ministry, CapCorps Volunteers) will be staying at the MBCE.



**Sunday, February 16th**  
**Br. Paul Meuten**

**Tuesday, February 18th**  
**Br. Kevin Handibode**

**Tuesday, February 25th**  
**Br. Michael Sheerin**

# CHICAGO VOCATIONS WEEK



Bros. Al Rivera and Brian Poulin were at Marist High School in Chicago this past week for Vocations Week! Both vocation ministers spoke with several religion classes and were also stationed in a central hallway during key times on Monday to reward with donuts any student who asked a good question to learn more about the Marist Brothers. Tuesday saw a vocations fair during lunch periods featuring tables from the Marist Brothers, Mercy Sisters, and the archdiocesan offices for priestly vocations and lay ecclesial ministry. Later in the week, Bros. Sam Amos and Luis Ramos joined Al and Brian in a panel discussion for senior classes focused on issues around finding your way in early adulthood--Lay Marists Erin Stapleton and Sarah Kolkmeier served as additional panelists for some sessions. In addition to vocations-themed prayers that were read over the P.A. each day, members of the Marist High School community were also invited to come together on Wednesday evening for a Mass in the school chapel with the special theme of vocations. Finally, Thursday night featured a dinner at the Leavitt Street community with a young man from the St. Benedict's Parish youth group who is curious to learn more about the Marist Brothers. Many thanks to all who made this week possible!

*Thank God It's Saturday!*  
A BLOG BY BR. BRIAN POULIN (CO-DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS WITH DR. AL RIVERA)

Have you checked our Br. Brian Poulin's weekly blog series "Thank God It's Saturday!"

**Read his latest post**, and be sure to catch his new posts each weekend!

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The General House recently released the new edition of "Wherever You Go: The Marist Brothers' Rule of Life".

[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)



Let us remember with gratitude all of the men and women who serve on our Boards and continue to help foster the Marist Mission.

**MEET THE MARIST YOUTH INTERNS!**



Meet the Marist Youth Interns, Monica and Billy! The new Marist Youth Internship Program was created to help with the work of Marist Youth and Young Adult Ministry here in the US. Throughout the year, the interns will assist with different projects focusing on the Marist mission of making Jesus Known and Loved!

## JOIN US FOR MIDDAY MEMORARE!

At the beginning of this year, we launched Midday Memorare where Marists around the USA and the globe pray the Memorare at noon local time. The Memorare was a powerful prayer for Champagnat at a time when he really needed it. Let's see how powerful prayer can be this year, as we remember to pray for each other! Join us in praying by following the steps below:

**Step 1:** Set an alarm on your phone for 12 noon.

**Step 2:** Make sure you set the alarm to repeat every day!

**Step 3:** Each time that alarm rings or vibrates, take a moment and pray a Memorare.

**Step 4:** Sign up to let us know if you'll be praying with us. Click the link below to sign up! You'll get some reminders and helpful prayer resources throughout the year too!



[SIGN UP FOR MIDDAY MEMORARE HERE!](#)



**May 29 to June 26, 2020**  
Catholic Theological Union | Chicago

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# A Silent Lenten Retreat

with Brother Don Bisson, FMS

**March 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday - Sunday) 2020**

**Building the Kingdom of God:  
Living with paradox, parables and powerlessness.**

The reign of God is both within us and around us. This Lenten retreat will be a time of prayer, silence, and reflection on the conferences. The Gospels call us to die and rise, be empty and be filled, and trust in all circumstances. Through the lenses of both Jungian Psychology and Christian Spirituality, the retreat will guide us to potential transformation and a new religious outlook.



[DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM HERE](#)

# Let's Not Forget Those in Need...



## PRAYERS

### **ON THIS VALENTINE'S DAY -**

Let us pray for all of those we love and those who have loved us. May we pray as well for those whom we have difficulty loving.

Frank McKnight, brother of Br. Jim McKnight, who is suffering from a debilitating lung disease.

Kim McKnight, wife of Dan, brother of Br. Jim, recently diagnosed with Malt Lymphoma.

Br. Robert McGovern, East-Asian Province, who has been hospitalized in recent weeks.

John DiMeo, Sr. who is recovering from removal of a brain tumor.

Sal Blando, who is recovering from a recent MIA.

Julie Overton, sister of Br. Vincent Jerome, who is undergoing cancer treatments.

Br. Donnell Neary, who is having eye surgery today.

Br. Joseph Herrera, who had minor surgery yesterday.

Br. Robert Andrews, who is at Cabrini Nursing Home.

Br. Gerry Brown who is continuing his ongoing cancer treatments in Blue Island, IL.



## IN MEMORIAM

The mother of Deacon Steve DeMartino, who passed away recently.



Br. Dominick O'Brien who is rehabbing after a recent fall in Jacksonville, FL.

Br Rene Roy in Lawrence, MA, as he begins chemotherapy treatments as follow-up to his recent colon surgery.

Br. Aquinas Richard who continues to rehab at De La Salle Hall in Lincroft, NJ.

For all of our senior Brothers, other Marists of Champagnat, family members, and friends who are ill. May the Lord bring healing, and our Good Mother bring comfort to them.

For all of our Brothers throughout the world, our affiliates, our family members, and benefactors.