



Friday Notes Newsletter

December 11, 2020 | WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PROVINCE OF THE USA

PROVINCE NEWS

Tomorrow is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe



The apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe had a deep impact on Evangelization in the Americas. The messages that Mary imparted to her children in 1531 from Tepeyac Hill need to be made known once again. In a society that talks more about God rather than to God (prayer), we need to be reminded that God exists. In a world that is entangled with practices leading to death such as abortion, euthanasia, genocide, wars etc. we need to hear the message of respect for life in all its stages. In a world that is losing the sense of the supernatural, we need to know that Jesus is our Savior and that He has given us a most precious gift: his own Mother to be ours. Let us turn to Mary with our most intimate problems and deepest questions. She listens to us with attentiveness and compassion. On her special feast, let us ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect especially our suffering brothers and sisters in Mexico and throughout Latin America.

"AM I NOT HERE, WHO AM YOUR MOTHER?"
REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - FR. THOMAS ROSICA, CSB

- More than 50 Brothers and Lay Marists joined together last Saturday for an Advent Zoom Retreat. Thanks to Pastor Ellen Salmi Van Cleef and Br. Dan O'Riordan for their planning and organization, and the tech assistance of Matt Fallon.



- Br. Dan joined

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20th

Christmas Day
December 25th

New Year's Day
January 1st

the Secretariat of Solidarity and representatives from the Arco Norte Region on Wednesday to share current Solidarity efforts in our Region.



Anniversary of the
Marist Institute
January 2nd

"Advent With Our Good Mother"

Click below for a set of Marist Reflections for an Advent Journey with Mary, Our Good Mother.

[DOWNLOAD REFLECTIONS HERE](#)



Friday, December 11th
Br. Bernard Nolan

Monday, December 14th
Br. Jerry Dowsky

Never Too Young to Change the World



Br. Dan's second book, *Never too Young to Change the World*, was launched on December 1st.

The Book is filled with stories that illustrate the divine greatness in all young people and offers examples of how blessed our world is to have so many unsung and quiet young Marist heroes who are impacting our world, one person at a time.

Read and be amazed and inspired by these young ambassadors of faith, hope and love.

Most of the young people highlighted in the book are graduates of our Marist Schools. All proceeds from the book will support the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus. The book is available on Amazon.com.

[Click Here](#) to order a copy today.

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

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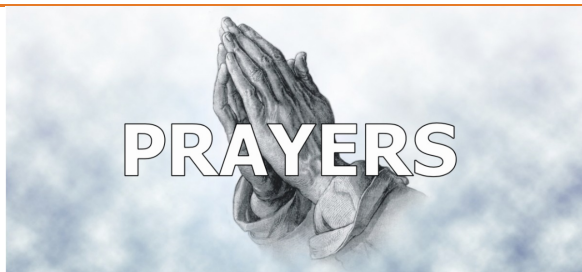
Our ongoing blog series "Thank God It's Saturday" has transitioned to a monthly format! It will now be updated for the first Saturday of each month. [Read the blog entry for December here!](#)

Bro. Brian is still looking for guest contributors, so please reach out to him if you are at all interested.



Download the latest news from the General House in Rome [here!](#)

Let's Not Forget Those in Need...



For the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon our election of delegates for the 2021 Provincial Chapter and the election of our new Provincial.

For God's healing and care for all our family, friends, and Brothers who are ill especially:

- Our Brothers who are dealing with health concerns - Br. Sumner Herrick, Br. Bernard Yamaguchi, Br. Pat Hogan.
- Brothers Ron Barabino and Dominic O'Brien who are hospitalized in Miami.
- Brother Gerry Brown who was admitted to Christ Hospital in Chicago on Wednesday for tests.
- Mike Encke NYFD, recovering from pneumonia and COVID; Mike is the nephew of Br. James Devine.

For the success and safety of all our educational ministries and schools throughout the USA and Marist world.

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.



Please remember in your prayers, Rosemary McTigue, the sister of Paulette Karas, our Province Development Director. Rosemary died suddenly this past week of cancer related illness; she lived in Burr Ridge, IL. Funeral arrangements are pending.

For all of the deceased Brothers of the USA Province, as well as our deceased colleagues, students, family, and friends. May they rest in peace.

