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CHAPLAIN'S LOG -

- Fr. Tony Gargotta

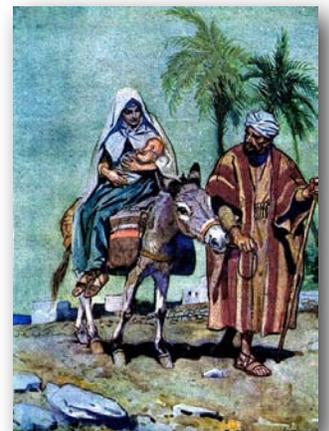


In Luke 2:51 we hear an important line about Mary, one that is relevant to all of us as we enter into a New Year. Luke writes, "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Why is that important? Stop and think about it. Mary was visited by an angel and then had a miraculous pregnancy, but then this Son of God was born in a stable. This was not the norm. In fact, think about it, a woman's first days with your new born child was in a barn, being invaded with visitors such as the shepherds, the magi, and others. Then fleeing to another country, to Egypt for safety,

not having anything concrete, not having family and friends around. Mary, like any woman, would probably just want to sit and cry. Most women would be very depressed and angry. Instead, Mary took all these strange occurrences and reflected on them in her heart (Lk 2:51).

What did that do for her? It helped her in the future to be able to look back and draw from her experiences. Remembering: that strangers came and visited them in a stable while Jesus laid on a feeding trough for animals; and the hard ships of those first days of His life; remembering the ridicule she went through when pregnant, and fleeing for safety; and much more, would make Mary a full participant in the plan of salvation. She would understand more fully the sorrows of their life together, the pains and struggles, and the depth of how Jesus and her needed to enter into them in order to truly help save us. She reflected on them and knew and understood all the more God's plan of sending His Son in the very way that He did, and how to live in participation with Him.

We can say the very same thing about Joseph but in different circumstances of the meeting of the angel. His other experiences would be the same as Mary's in his role as foster father and husband. These also helped Joseph as life advanced, on how to participate most fully in God's plan. We to have to reflect on every experience in life to become the people God has asked us to be. When we reflect on our mistakes, we learn from them, when we reflect on our hardships, we learn how to endure the hard things in life in patience and love and when we reflect on joys, accomplishments, good things, we see God's Blessing in our life. Our very personalities are products of our life's experiences and the path that we are in. If we reflect on every experience in life in our heart, every joy, every sorry, every situation, every hurt, hurtful words, every celebrations of any kind, we can use that all to become the great Christians we are called to be, knowing how to participate most fully as Mary and Joseph did with their experiences. Taking everything, reflecting on them, and allowing them to shape our decisions, and journey through life. Be like Mary and reflect on all things in your life, good and bad. Think of New Year as an acronym: **N-E-W Y-E-A-R: Nothing's – Ever - Wasted, - Your – Experiences – Are – Resourceful.** This New Year, let every experience shape and mold you to be like Mary and Joseph in following Jesus and uniting every experience of your lives with Jesus for the building of the Kingdom .



JANUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2 Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	3	4 Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
5 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	6 7PM 1st Degree	7	8	9	10	11
12 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	13 7PM-Officers Meeting	14	15 	16	17 Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot	18
19	20 ML King Day 8PM Meeting	21 Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	23	24 Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	25 Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
26	27	28 Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	29	30	31 Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest	

FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	3 8PM Meeting	4	5 Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	6 Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	7	8
9	10 Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin 7PM-Officers Meeting	11	12 	13	14  Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop	15
16	17 8PM Meeting Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	22 Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

-Keith Brown, GK

Worthy Brothers,

Our Council finished the year strong! Our Christmas food basket program was another success (as see on the cover of The Times Express, below). Thank you all for making time to stuff boxes, deliver complete baskets and following the generosity leadership of chair Bob Condrac - Amen!

As the new calendar year starts, our liturgy focuses on the holy family. Mary said YES to the Angel of the Lord, Joseph also said yes and took Mary into his home... Then, after being warned by an Angel, Joseph moved his family to Egypt... and then to Nazareth. He had to start his carpentry vocation, each time, from scratch. Joseph knew the importance of protecting and providing for his family.

We men must continue to fight and protect our families: the family in our homes, the family in our church and the family in our world!

Let's start by protecting the definitions of family and **marriage**, period. This is one of the most important fights of our generation! See how the secular world is forcing the notion that any two people can get "married"... Once the definition of marriage is destroyed, the family structure is so weakened, our society will fall into the secular abyss.

You may ask yourself, how do we protect family and the definition of marriage? One way: Invite a Catholic Man to join our order and stand with us to protect these sacred institutions! Another, ask yourself what more you can do to strengthen Pius XII Council?

Now is the time to set our goals to make 2014 a successful addition to Fr. McGivney's legacy!



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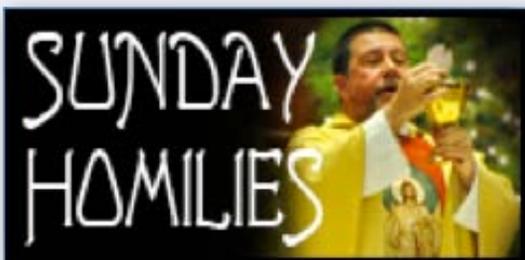
Use your seals all year round!

We are blessed to have such a prayerful chaplain, Fr. Tony. He, with the Holy Spirit, put great thought into every homily he shares (even for daily masses). Enjoy Fr. Tony's weekly homilies online: <http://www.stbrnadet.org/>
 Look for the button below & share the link!



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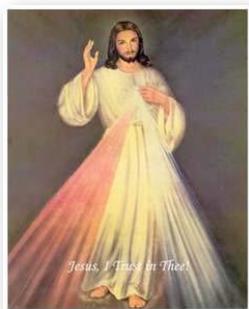
Prayers for our sick,

- Joe Weber
- Len Damratowski
- Fr. Chuck Baptiste
- Ed Kuntz, Sr.
- Ray Ankenbrandt
- Fr. Michael Deciewicz
- Chuck Beyer
- Tom Hajdukiewicz
- Jaxon Hajdukiewicz
- Beatty Ringer
- Alicia Marney
- Debbie Meziutch
- Rose Kosar
- Amie Angelas
- Lori Sepp
- Angelo Labertto
- Sister Kamella Marny
- John Marny
- Alice Flaherty
- Mark Banner

and deceased,(+)

- Bob Gartz
- Ruth Curl
- Mary Papso
- Dorothy Mosco
- Helen Damp

The Unborn, and for Vocations!



The upcoming **Year of Faith** is a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world” (Porta Fidei 6). In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The “door of faith” is opened at one’s baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk

through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

Videos On-Line:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new->



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