

**September 10, 2020**



On Tuesday of this week, we celebrated the **Birthday of our Blessed Mother**. We all enjoy celebrating our birthdays, so I believe that Mary's birthday would have been special for her, too. We actually have several feasts to honor Mary during this month -- **her birthday, Sept. 8**; feast of **the Holy Name of Mary, Sept. 12**; and the feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows, Sept. 15**. I noticed that Our Lady of Sorrows is the day after the feast of the Holy Cross, so Jesus and Mary have a special day right next to each other.

When I first entered the convent and received the name *Sister Marilyn*, I celebrated the feast of the **Holy Name of Mary as my feast day**. Later when many Sisters were going back to their baptismal names and celebrating their baptismal day for their 'feast day', the community told me that the Church was taking the feast of the Holy Name of Mary off of the calendar. (It was not off the calendar for very long, however.) At that time the Community suggested that I choose a different feast of Mary for my 'feast day'. I asked if I could keep the name 'Marilyn' but still celebrate my 'baptismal day'. They told me that 'yes'. I always thought that my 'baptismal day' was special, because it was the day that *I became a child of God*. I became a child of my parents when I was born, but a child of God when I was baptized. Do you recognize any day that is special for you? Ask God to show you what might be a special day for **you**.

Last week, I mentioned to you about having you having a 'Prayer Partner', that is someone who will pray for you daily. I always enjoy visiting with my prayer partners on the phone. If you would like to have a 'prayer partner', feel free to contact me. I hope that the school year is going well for you.

**God bless you!**

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