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Fr. Danny Murphy – Solemnity of Mary – 2020

The Holy Day of Mary the Mother of God, the holiday of New Year's Eve, let's take a look at both. The Holy Day, Mary the Holy Mother of God. We know that Mary is not only the Holy Mother of God, but also, she is our mother, our Blessed Mother, as well. Let's pause for a moment, so that each of us in quiet prayer can place ourselves in Mary's gentle hands, in Mary's loving care. So, let's see what happens, we'll pause for a moment, and in prayer, just place yourself into Mary's gentle hands, into her loving care. (PAUSE) "Dear Mary, you are my mother, please do for me what mothers do for their children: watch over me, protect me, guide me, encourage me, help me, heal me – thank you. Amen." The holiday: New Year's Eve. Tonight, and all day tomorrow, we're going to be wishing one another a "Happy

New Year." Now, while it's a nice thing to do, to wish others a "Happy New Year," regretfully, wishing it so doesn't make it so, it just doesn't. So, here's a suggestion that, if we follow, I think this suggestion can help us have a Happy New Year. Are you ready for the suggestion? Throughout 2020 resolve to trust God totally in everything. If I do that, I know I will have a Happy New Year! In our second reading tonight, St. Paul Tells us that we are children of God and, as children, we are heirs. Our inheritance, as God's children, is nothing less than eternal life, heaven, endless ecstasy! None of us knows how many more New Year's we will be welcoming in. But, because we trust God totally in everything, we do know that in some year, we will be welcomed into heaven. None of us knows what the year 2020 holds in store for us. But because we trust God totally in everything, we can say: "I know nothing of tomorrow, except that the love of God will rise before the sun." Because we trust God totally in everything, we can pray: "Dear God, please help me to remember throughout 2020 that you forgive me all my sins, that you wipe away all my tears." Because we trust God totally in everything, we can pray: "Dear God, please help me to remember, throughout 2020, that you are with me when I'm experiencing problems and pain, that you are with me when I'm enjoying love and laughter; that you are always with me until when you will be with me eternally, in heaven." In order for 2020 to be a Happy New year for you, not just wishing it, but making it, resolve to trust God totally in everything!