

Winter Storm Pax, being a snow angel, and a prayer for those in need of shelter and heat

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Over a foot of snow greeted us this morning at our home in Barrington in Bel Air (Photo by Patti Murphy Dohn)

The snow started last night as Winter Storm Pax made its way up the I-95 corridor into DC and Maryland. Everyone knew what to expect for days in advance in order to be prepared. Of course, the grocery stores and gas stations were packed.

I spent the afternoon with my daughter Meighan and my 6-week old granddaughter yesterday. Meighan ran out to the store before dinnertime to get food for their pug Lilly. When she returned, Meighan told me that Pet Smart was packed, the nearby Target and Walmart parking lots were jammed, and that there was a back up to get into the huge lot at the liquor store. Nothing like an impending snowstorm to help the economy!!

Almost every county school system in the state is closed today. Tomorrow is certain to be a repeat as the next wave of snow moves through later tonight. We measured over a foot here at my home in Bel Air. And my students are having cyber days while school is closed.

Schools with 1-to-1 computer programs and teacher websites can get a lot accomplished when school is not in session.... Just as many adults work from home when they can't get out of their neighborhoods due to bad weather. The nice thing about cyber days is that you can work at your own pace and set your own hours. Looks like there will be a long weekend to get everything done and submitted online.

Be a Snow Angel:

I too jumped on the cyber bandwagon and sent out my Morning Prayer to the students and teachers via email with a renewed call for our students to be snow angels:

Please don't forget my snow day challenge from yesterday morning:

Let your light shine by offering your help at home with the shoveling and cleaning off your family cars:

Have a positive attitude and amaze your parents with your kindness!!

Also: Look out for your neighbors and be a #snowangel!!

Today's Prayer:

Join us as we pray for all those affected by this winter storm. Today's prayer is for those who are in need of shelter and warmth during this stormy weather:

*God of compassion,
your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus,
whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable
and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross:
we hold before you those who are homeless and cold
especially in this bitter weather.
Draw near and comfort them in spirit
and bless those who work to provide them*

with shelter, food and friendship.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

God is good : all the time!!

Archbishop John Carroll, pray for us.

Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Medard, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Be safe and warm. And don't forget to be a snow angel!!

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***The view of our backyard before sunrise this morning (Photo by Patti
Murphy Dohn)***