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Promoting The Gospel Through the Marian Messages

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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 23rd year!

The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: April 25, 2014

“Dear children! Open your hearts to the grace which God is giving you through me, as a flower that opens to the warm rays of the sun. Be prayer and love for all those who are far from God and His love. I am with you and I intercede for all of you before my Son Jesus, and I love you with immeasurable love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Volunteers Needed

If the CNY Marian Center is locked, you are allowed to obtain a key upstairs at the doctor’s office M- F 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The CNY Marian Center is available to hold group Meetings. For a reservation, call the Center and leave a message. Current Prayer groups meet Mon. 7:30 PM, Tues. 7 PM, 2nd Wed of the month 6:45pm, & Fri. @ 11:00 AM.

HEAVEN CALLS— IS YOUR RINGER ON ?

Blessing and prayers to all our friends, supporters and newsletter subscribers of the Central NY Marian Center.

As we look forward to **Our Lady’s** month of May, do our hearts ring with joy, as we celebrate a number of important feast days in the Catholic Church?

The feast of **Our Lady of Fatima (5/13/14)**. Between May and October 1917, **Our Lady** appeared six times to three young Portuguese children in a field called the Cova de Iria, near the small village of Fatima, about seventy miles north of Lisbon. The children who received the apparitions had been brought up in an atmosphere of piety. **They were Lucia dos Santos, age ten, and her two younger cousins Francisco and Jacinta.** They tended sheep together and often would kneel in the open field to pray the Rosary.

In the spring, prior to the apparitions, an angel appeared to the children to prepare them for the coming of **Our Lady.** “Fear not! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray

with me!” The angel knelt on the ground and bowed very low. The children imitated the angel and repeated his words three times: “My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.” Then he rose and said: “Pray this way. **The Hearts of Jesus and Mary** are attentive to the voice of your supplications.”

The first apparition took place around noon on Sunday, May 13, 1917 when a brilliant flash of lightning drew the attention of the children. A beautiful Lady appeared clothed in white and asked the children to return the thirteenth of each month. In these apparitions, Mary asked the children to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and asked for devotion to her Immaculate Heart. She asked for prayer, penance and the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. She also spoke of observing the first Saturdays of each month by going to confession and receiving Holy Com-

munion to make reparation to the **Hearts of Jesus and Mary.**

During the apparitions, **Our Lady** gave the children “**Three Secrets**”. On the day of the final apparition, October 13, 1917, she identified herself as “**Our Lady of the Rosary**” and the dramatic episode of the dance of the sun took place, witnessed by a crowd of seventy-thousand people, in which the sun seemed to tumble from the sky. After a lengthy diocesan inquiry, a declaration of the Bishop of Leiria, in whose diocese these apparitions occurred, approved the devotion to **Our Lady of Fatima** in 1930. The young visionary **Francisco** had died on April 4, 1919 and his sister **Jacinta** on February 20, 1920. The sole survivor, **Sister Lucia**, lived many years as a professed Carmelite nun, before her death on February, 13, 2005.

The Ascension (5/29/14) This **Holy day of Obligation**, 40th day of **Easter**, commemorates **Christ’s Ascension** into Heaven from Mount Olive 40 days after He rose from the dead (**Mark 16:14-20**). After the Gospel is sung, the Paschal Candle, lit



from the New Fire of the Easter Vigil, is extinguished to symbolize the departure of Christ.

The story of **Our Lord's Ascension** and His foretelling of the **Pentecost** to come is recounted most fully by **Luke in Acts 1:1-11**. He ascended to be glorified with the Father, to sit at the Father's right hand, to rule as **Kings of Kings**, to send us the **Holy Spirit** and prepare a place for us (**John 14: 1-3**).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. **Jesus** appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father." He stated, "You shall be



baptized with the **Holy Spirit** not many days from now: (**Acts 1:5**).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (**Acts 1:8**). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by **Christ** to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**" (**Matthew 28:19**). **Jesus** also told them

that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (**Matthew 28:20**).

As the disciples watched, **Jesus** lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (**Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9**). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same **Jesus**, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (**Acts 1:11**).

The **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (5/31/14)**. Assuming that the **Annunciation and the Incarnation** took place about the vernal equinox, **Mary** left Nazareth at the end of March and went over the mountains to Hebron, south of Jerusalem, to wait upon her cousin Elizabeth. This is related in (**Luke 1: 39-57**). The earliest evidence of the existence of the feast is its adoption by the Franciscan Chapter in 1263, upon the advice of **St. Bonaventure**.

May is the month of **Mary** and it concludes with one of the most beautiful Marian Feast days – the **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin St. Elizabeth**. Many superb spiritual lessons can be learned from this Marian gem, which also is the 2nd Joyful mystery. Let us descend into this "Spiritual mine" and grab on to the excellent treasures.

The connection between the **Annunciation and Visitation** is the last part of the prior mystery – the **Annunciation /Incarnation, ends with Mary's "Fiat", that is to say Mary's "Yes" to God**. "Behold I am the handmaid of the **Lord**, let it be done to me according to your word." In that moment, one of the most sublime moments in the history of the world took place: the **Incarnation of the Son of God**. That is to say, the **Second Person of the Blessed Trinity**, descended from His heavenly throne, and became incarnate (man) in the most pure womb of the **Virgin Mary!** In rapt awe, we humbly adore this sublime mystery!

Enter into an Ignatian contemplative scene and imagine **Mary** travelling. She started an 80 kilometer journey, uphill to Ain Karim to visit her cousin **Elizabeth** to help her in her need. Her joy, her quick pace, her awareness of **Jesus** within her, her determination to carry out God's will despite the possible obstacles – all of these, made up the long trek to Ain Karim. You can accompany **Mary**, admire her majesty, but also be inspired by her humility and simplicity; during this long journey with **Mary**, open up your heart and talk to her about what is going on in your life. Why not even tell her what is most heavy on your mind. **Mary** is the best of listeners!

JOY! This is the 2nd joyful mystery. Being with **Jesus and Mary** is the true and authentic source of joy. **Mary's canticle (Her Magnificat)** emphasizes this truth: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord** and my spirit rejoices (finds joy) in **God my Savior...**" May we always seek joy in the authentic source: **JESUS THE LORD!**

Most likely, **Mary** greeted **Elizabeth** with the typical Jewish greeting, **SHALOM** – Peace be with you! Our homes, our families, our activities, should be characterized by a "Shalom" atmosphere. An essential note of apostolic effectiveness is that of creating a warm and welcoming environment. **Mary** teaches us this by her greeting!

John the Baptist jumps with joy, **Mary's** spirit rejoices, and **Elizabeth** exclaims that **Mary** is the most blessed of women. Where **Christ** is the center of attention, there you find **JOY!** This very **DAY** we need to make **Christ in the Eucharist** the center point of our lives, to make His Real Presence the axis around which our physical, historical and everyday lives revolves!

We would welcome and encourage all to send in your comments and questions to the Center. Please contact us by phone or email, or at the mailing address listed above Our Lady's Message on page 1. I will personally answer all requests. Bud O'Brien Chairman of the Board



Announcements

**Open House and Special Events
Honoring Our Lady of Fatima**

May 12-17, 2014

Monday May 12

We begin our week long celebration with 6:30 pm mass and our beautiful May Crowning. **Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Eugene Yennock, who is our long term spiritual advisor.** The May Crowning will follow with music accompaniment and the Rosary.

Tuesday May 13

12 pm we start with the Angelus and the Rosary. 1 pm Rosary making will be presented. 2:30 pm we will step back in time in history joining Our Lady in a DVD presentation of **"Fatima."**

Wednesday May 14

6:45-8 pm we will make and pray the **Rosary of the 7 Sorrows of Our Lady.**

Thursday May 15

12 pm we will start with the Angelus and Rosary, 1 pm a presentation on the **Brown Scapular** and how to make them, 3 pm we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Friday May 16

11 am we will pray the Rosary followed by a Bible study with focus on the Apostles Creed.

Saturday May 17

10 am we will pray the Rosary. Concluding a beautiful week of celebration in honor of **Our Blessed Mother.**

10:30 am we will now begin a six week study program and Consecration to Jesus through Mary with the **33 Days to Morning Glory, which is part of the Hearts Afire program, written by Rev. Michael Gaitley, MIC,** which is a parish based program.

I would like to give my heart felt thanks for the hard work and personal sacrifices to our board members and volunteers. They donated their time and energy over the last couple of months to present an outstanding program.

Bud O'Brien

Chairman of the Board

**May 2014
Apostolate of Prayer for Priests ..Diocese of Syracuse**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mary Immaculate....we know you are blessing our Priests. Dear Mother, intercede for their every need and secure for our beloved Priests the grace of holy perseverance. Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress				1) Rev. J. Moskal Rev. M. Kaminski	2) Rev. A. Nortz Rev. G. Wurz	3) All Priests
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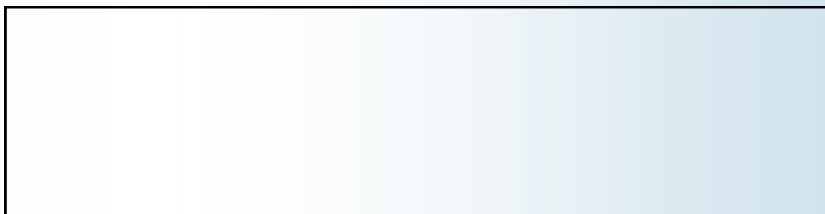
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The [May Crowning of Our Lady](#) will be held on May 12th 6 PM–9 PM at the [Marian Center](#). All supporters and friends are invited to this beautiful program. For additional information, please email the Marian Center at MarianCenter.CNY@Gmail.com or call Bud O'Brien at [315-439-1250](tel:315-439-1250) any time 10:00 AM through 10:00 PM

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