



# Central New York Marian Center, Inc.

**April, 2015**

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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 24th year!

## The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: March 25, 2015

“Dear children! Also today the Most High permits me to be with you and to lead you on the way of conversion. Many hearts have shut themselves to grace and have become deaf to my call. You, little children, pray and fight against temptation and all the evil plans which the devil offers you through modernism. Be strong in prayer and with the cross in your hands pray that evil may not use you and may not conquer in you. I am with you and pray for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Volunteers Needed, if interested call the center at 452-4698

For visitors, 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, Thurs. 11 AM & 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.

Are the ringers in our hearts ringing out in every fiber within our bodies as we celebrate the greatest Feast of Holy Mother Church and the way to Eternal Salvation? This is truly a month of Salvation and Mercy, it can’t get any better than that!!!

This month we complete the season of Lent and begin the Easter season with Easter Sunday and continue with Divine Mercy Sunday.

#### Easter Sunday April 5, 2015

The Church commences the celebration of the great feast of Easter with “**The Sacred Paschal Triduum**” also called the Easter Triduum. The three days (triduum) commences with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday night, continues with Good Friday service and culminates with the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. **The Easter Vigil begins then the season of Easter Time.**

The name Easter comes from Eastre, an ancient Anglo-Saxon goddess, originally of

the dawn. In pagan times an annual spring festival was held in her honor. Some Easter customs have come from this and other pre-Christian spring festivals. Others come from the Passover feast of the Jews, observed in memory of their deliverance from Egypt. The resurrection of **Jesus** took place during the Passover. In the early days of Christianity Easter and the Passover were closely associated.

Prior to A.D. 325, Easter was celebrated on different days of the week, including Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In that year, the Council of Nicaea was convened by emperor Constantine. They issued the Easter Rule which places Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox (first day of Spring). Therefore, Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday between the dates of March 22 and April 25.

Many Easter symbols and customs come from the Old World.

#### The Cross

The Cross is the symbol of the crucifixion, as opposed to the Resurrection. However, at the Council of Nicaea, In A.D. 325, Con-

stantine decreed that the Cross was the official symbol of Christianity. The Cross is not only a symbol of Easter, but it is more widely used, especially by the Catholic Church, as a year-round symbol of their faith.

#### Easter Lily

The lily symbolizes the Resurrection. Yet, lilies have long been revered by pagans of various lands as a holy symbol associated with reproduction. It was considered a phallic symbol!

#### The Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny also originated with the pagan festival of Eastre. The goddess, Eastre, was worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit. The Germans brought the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America. It was widely ignored by other Christians until shortly after the Civil War. Easter itself was not widely celebrated in America until after that time.

#### The Easter Egg

The exchange of eggs in the springtime is a custom that was centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians. The egg was symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Eggs were often wrapped in gold leaf or, if



you were a peasant, colored brightly by boiling them in with the leaves or petals of certain flowers.

Today, children hunt colored eggs and place them in Easter baskets along with the modern version of real Easter eggs—plastic eggs filled with chocolate candy.

The season of Easter Time, covers the fifty-day period from Easter to Pentecost. It can be seen as:

The death and resurrection of **Jesus** is the central belief of our Christian **faith**. The heart of the Easter message is that **Jesus** is risen! And is with us now. In the first Memorial Acclamation in the Eucharistic prayer we proclaim, "**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.**" **Eastern Catholics at this time greet each other with the words, "Christ is Risen; He is truly Risen!"**

Easter is the greatest celebration of **God's** unconditional and undying love of each of us; a love so strong that death cannot destroy it.

Remember your Easter duty?

Most Catholics today receive Holy Communion each time they go to Mass, but that wasn't always the case. In fact, for a variety of reasons, many Catholics in the past very rarely received the Eucharist. Therefore, the Catholic Church made it a requirement for all Catholics to receive Communion at least once per year, during the Easter season. The Church also urges that faithful to receive the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for that Easter Communion, though you're only required to go to Confession if you have committed a mortal sin.

### Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday April 12, 2015

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated in the Sunday after Easter, the Octave of Easter. The Feast and Devotion of Divine Mercy is kept in a diary of **St. Faustina Kowalska**. A Polish nun reported visions and visitations from **Jesus** and conversations with Him. He asked her to paint the vision of His Merciful Divinity being poured from his sacred heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in Him. "This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is

confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it." (**Jesus' words Diary 420**) "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy."

Divine Mercy Sunday is also the day after the culmination of the novena of the Chapel of Divine Mercy. St. Faustina wrote as Jesus instructed her that the Feast of Mercy (the Sunday after Easter) be preceded by a Divine Mercy Novena which would begin on Good Friday.

Did you know that the in the 1930's **Our Lord Jesus**, Himself requested through St. Faustina that a very special Feast of Divine Mercy be established in His Church and solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter every year?

Among all the of the elements of devotion to The Divine Mercy requested by **Our Lord** through St. Faustina, the Feast of Mercy holds first place. The Lord's will with regard to its establishment was already made known in His first revelation to the saint. In all, there were 14 revelations concerning the desired feast. He joins the feast to the designated Sunday in eight revelations: Diary, 49, 88, 280, 299, 341, 570, 699, and 742. He also implies a connection between the feast and that Sunday on some other occasions recorded in the saint's Diary (see Diary, 420, 89).

The "First Sunday after Easter" - which is designated in "The Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist" as the "Octave Day of Easter" - was officially called the Second Sunday of Easter after the liturgical reform of Vatican II. Now, by the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, the name of this liturgical day has been changed to: "Second Sunday of Easter, or of Divine Mercy."

The feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from **Jesus** Himself the biggest promises of Grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. In specific, **Jesus** states that the soul that goes to Sacramental Confession (the confession may take place some days before), and receives Holy Eucharistic Communion on that day, shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. That means each

person would go immediately after death to the heaven, without suffering in purgatory (or hell). Additionally, the Roman Catholic Church grants a **plenary indulgence** (observing the usual rules) with the recitation of some simple prayers.

The devotion was actively promoted by **St. Pope John Paul II** who, on April 30, 2000, canonized **St. Faustina Kowalska**, and officially designated the Sunday after Easter as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy in the General Roman Calendar.

In 1931 **Our Lord** appeared to her in a vision clothed in a white garment. His right hand raised in a blessing while the left was touching His garment at the breast, where two large rays came forth, one red, the other pale. Jesus said to her: Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.. I promise that the soul that venerates this image will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory... I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You..I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and (then) throughout the world.

**St. John Paul II** was the greatest advocate for Divine Mercy Sunday. He passed away at 11pm after celebrating the vigil mass for the feast of Divine Mercy, which he instituted.

The Easter story is the greatest love story every told. As recorded in scripture "No man has greater love than to lay down his life for another" so it was that Jesus Christ laid down His life for our eternal salvation. Now this love story will continue to the end of time for all souls in His Divine Mercy!!!

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board

## Announcements

### Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday April 12th

Celebrations are being held at:  
Most Holy Rosary in St. Joseph Chapel in Syracuse 2:45pm

St. Joseph the Worker, Liverpool 2pm  
St. Margaret's, Mattydale 3pm

For information on Divine Mercy go to [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)

### Spousal Love in the Image of Christ

Rosa Mystica House of Prayer  
484 Angel Hill Rd Edmeston, NY

### Marriage Encounter Retreat Friday April 24—Sunday April 26

Marriage is a contract between a man, a woman and God. Jesus and Mary enter into the hearts of the spouses allowing to be present in the marriage transforming the union of two into one, living with the spirit of God in their daily lives.

The retreat will be led by Fr. Pio Mandato FMHJ and Sr. Theresa May C.N.

Fr. Pio Mandato FMHJ is a Franciscan priest living as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton, PA. Fr. Pio was born in Italy, grew up in NJ and entered the Capuchin Franciscans at the age of 17. His parents came from Pietrelcina in Southern Italy. Fr. Pio received his First Holy Communion from St. Padre Pio before coming to the USA. He was ordained in 1985 as a Capuchin and has been involved in various

apostolates throughout the years. In 1985 he was accepted into the Diocese of Scranton and began living a life of prayer as a hermit in solitude and going forth to preach.

Sister Theresa May C.N. is a native of Brooklyn, NY where she entered the Franciscan Missionaries of the Infant Jesus in 1969. After spending 2 years in Assisi, Italy she returned to the U.S. to teach. She helped begin the Capuchin sisters of Nazareth located in Tunkhannock, PA which is under Bishop Joseph Bombara, D.D.

Retreat includes Daily Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Conferences, Healing Service, accommodations, all meals, conference materials.

Retreat open to Married and Engaged couples. Registration required, for information and reservations, credit card payments, please call 800-720-9858 or email; [rosamysticaevents@gmail.com](mailto:rosamysticaevents@gmail.com)  
\$300 per couple, make check payable & mail to:  
Rosa Mystica Foundation of America

### Marian Eucharistic Healing Conference 2015

**“Do Whatever He Tells You” John 2:5**  
Saturday, June 13, 2015 8am-6pm  
SRC Arena, OCC Campus, Syracuse, NY

Mass, Rosary, Confession, Adoration, Healing Session, Individual Prayer, Anointed Music, Teaching, Prophecy, and Word of Knowledge, Worship music by Jim McCarthy and family, and Ann Walseman

Keynote speaker, *Dr. Michelle Corral* Catholic Evangelist and founder of *Chesed Works of Mercy*  
Come and rest in God’s extravagant love, mercy and healing.  
Mass Celebrant: Fr. Chris Celentano  
Registration by April 30, \$55;  
May 1-31, \$60; June 1-9, \$65  
Limited at-the-door registration, \$70  
For information:  
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Call Don O’Mara, 668-2258 or write to [spiritusrc@gmail.com](mailto:spiritusrc@gmail.com) for more info.  
**Bud O’Brien, Chairman of the Board**

April 2015						
Apostolate of Prayer for Priests ..Diocese of Syracuse						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church.  Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress			1) Rev. J Smith SJ Rev. P Carey	2) All Priests	3) Rev. J Scardella Msgr. J Lang	4) Rev. D Cunningham Rev. J Larkin
5) Our Holy Father	6) Rev. C Currie Rev. J Hage	7) Rev. V Long Rev. G D Sears	8) Rev. J Gehl Rev. J DeLorenzo	9) Rev. D James Rev. T Servatius	10) Rev. W Florczyk Rev. G Fukes	11) Rev. P Brockmyre Rev. W Evans
12) Bishop James M Moynihan	13) Rev. R Bove Rev. R Dunn	14) Rev. J Bucki SJ Rev. J Roark	15) Rev. C Major Msgr. J O’Brien	16) Rev. J Moskal Rev. D Muscalino	17) Rev. J Culver Msgr. T Elmer	18) Rev. R Dellos Rev. D Heintz
19) Bishop Thomas J Costello	20) Msgr. J McGraw Rev. P Angelicchio	21) Rev. J Clemente Rev. W Cahill	22) Rev. R Chryst Rev. T McGrath	23) Rev. S Gerlock Rev. J Werner	24) Rev. J Quinn Rev. H Muyo	25) Rev. E Morelle Rev. R Wood
26) Bishop Robert J Cunningham	27) Rev. T FitzPatrick Rev. J Bosco	28) Rev. W Jones Rev. V Krul	29) Rev. J Canorro Rev. D Baehr	30) Rev. J Schopfer Rev. D Orzel	O Jesus, Eternal Priest, look with love upon Your priests...and may they do their utmost to win souls for Him whose Blood they possess. Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress	



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## The CNY Marian Center is pleased to present:

### “Wisdom and Works of Mercy”

Saturday, April 11 10am-11:30am We will begin Wisdom and Works of Mercy by **Father Michael Gaitley, MIC**, at the CNY Marian Center. This program is to bring us into communion with the trinity and the works of mercy. Father Gaitley’s engaging videos and discussions to follow will move us into a deeper relationship with God. Meeting dates will be April 11, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 20, 27, July 18.

Contact Regina Harty at [hartyrr@verizon.net](mailto:hartyrr@verizon.net) or call 315-446-5952, Marian Center 315-452-4698 to sign up or more information.

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