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

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

“Dear children! Also today, in my arms I am carrying my Son Jesus to you and I am asking from Him peace for you and peace among you. Pray to and adore my Son for His peace and joy to enter into your hearts. I am praying for you to be all the more open to prayer. 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.

Do our hearts ring our with joy in proclaiming the **Holy Mother of God**, Her highest title in the Catholic Church and our very own Heavenly Mother? As Mary played an important role in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the **Blessed Trinity**. She consents to God’s invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). In our hearts do we make that same proclamation, “Be it done unto me according to thy word?” Do our hearts rejoice in **God our Savior**?

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1st 2015**

On New Year’s Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God**, the divine and virginal motherhood of the **Blessed Virgin**.

Mother of God is Mary’s highest title and the source of all her other titles and roles in the Church. From all eternity, **God** chose the Virgin of Nazareth to be the Mother of His Son. With her “fiat” at the Annunciation,

she became the **Theotokos, the Mother of God (CCC no. 495)**. At Calvary, **God**, in the person of **Christ**, gave His Mother to all mankind as our spiritual Mother, so that through her we might come to Him, as through her He came to us.

In A.D. 431, the third general council of the Church at Ephesus (the Council of Ephesus) defined as Catholic dogma that the **Blessed Virgin is the Mother of God (Theotokos)**; the Council also reasserted the teaching of the truth that there is but one divine person in **Christ**.

In 1931, in honor of the fifteenth centennial of the Council of Ephesus, **Pope Pius XI** declared the Feast of the Maternity of Mary to the whole Church. The original date for this feast was October 11; it was later moved to January 1, a date associated with honoring Mary since the fifth century Rome. The feast became known as the **Feast of the Circumcision**, because **Jesus** was circumcised on the eighth day after His birth. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of **God**, as the feast is now called, is a

holy day of obligation and, like all solemnities, has a special liturgy.

Let us look to Mary, let us contemplate the **Holy Mother of God**. I suggest that you all greet her together, just like those courageous people of Ephesus, who cried out before their pastors when they entered Church: “**Holy Mother of God!**” What a beautiful greeting for Our Mother.

The solemnity of the Mother of God, which now coincides with the octave-day of Christmas and the beginning of the new year, was probably assigned this day because of the influence of the Byzantine Church, which celebrates the synapsis of the most holy Theotokos on December 26. The Coptic Church celebrates this feast on January 16. Even before **Pope Sergius** introduced four Marian feasts in the seventh century (the Birth of Mary, the Annunciation, the Purification and the Assumption), the octave day of Christmas was celebrated in Rome in honor of the Maternity of Mary.

A popular movement began in Portugal in the eighteenth century for a feast honoring Mary’s maternity, and in 1914 the date of the feast was fixed at October 11. It was



extended to the entire Latin Church in 1931, the fifteenth centenary of the Council of Ephesus. The restoration of the feast to January 1, which falls in the Christmas season and has an ecumenical significance, coincides with other anniversaries; for example, the octave day of Christmas, the circumcision of the **Infant Jesus** (assigned to the first Sunday of January); the feast of the **Holy Name of Jesus** (which dates back to 1721); and the day for peace, introduced by **Pope Paul VI**.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2015

The Feast of the **Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ** is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of **Christ** to man.

Epiphany in Christianity is feast celebrating the 'shining forth' or revelation of **God** to mankind in human form, in the person of **Jesus Christ**. The observance had its origins in the eastern Christian church, and included the birth of **Jesus Christ**; the visit of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) who arrived in Bethlehem; and all of **Jesus'** childhood events, up to his baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist.

The feast was initially based on (and viewed as a fulfillment of) the Jewish Feast of Lights. This was fixed on January 6. Observers of Epiphany often celebrate the Christmas holiday as well on December 25.

The first reference to Epiphany in the Latin West is a slighting remark by **Clement of Alexandria** in Stromateis, I, xxi,45: "There are those, to who over-curiously assign to the Birth of Our Savior not only its year but its day.." Origen's list of festivals (in Contra Celsus, VIII,xvii) omits any reference to Epiphany. The first reference to an ecclesiastical feast of the Epiphany, in Ammianus Marcellinus (XX:ii), is in 361.

More recently, Roman Catholics in the United States mark Epiphany on the Sunday after the first Saturday in January (before this the Sunday between January 1 and January 6, in years when there was one,

was designated the **Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus**, and all Catholics and Anglicans (along with many other Protestants) now formally end the Christmas season on the Sunday immediately following January 6, or, for American Catholics, the ensuing Monday in years when the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8. In either case, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is observed on the latter day, after which the first installment of Ordinary Time begins.

The Irish call this day Little Christmas. In Rome, "Epiphania" was transformed into Befana, the great fair held at that season, when sigillaria of terracotta or baked pastry were sold (Macrobius I, x, xxiv; II, xlix). In Spain, Cuba and some Latin American countries Epiphany day is called El Día de Reyes (Kings' Day, as the Magi are known as the Los Tres Reyes Magos) or Pascua de Negros (Blackmen Christmas). In Spanish tradition, on this day, the Magi deliver Christmas presents.

The gifts of the Magi we do not poses but let us all offer up our Hearts, Mind's, Bodies and Souls to the Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords and King of Kings!!!

Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2015

Traditionally, the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** was celebrated on January 13, the octave day of **Epiphany**. In the current liturgical calendar, the Baptism of the **Lord** is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6. However, in countries (such as the United States) where the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to Sunday, sometimes the two feasts will fall earlier on the same day. The Feast of the Baptism of the **Lord** marks the beginning of what is called the "public" ministry of **Jesus**. He was thirty years old. He died His redemptive death at Golgotha when He was only thirty three. At first glance, the Baptism of the **Lord** might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was **Christ** baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do. In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of **St. John the Baptist**, however, **Christ** provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had

no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of **Christ** on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw **Christ's** Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the **Holy Spirit** (in the form of a dove) and the voice of **God the Father** announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of **Christ's** public ministry.

We are invited on this great Feast to live our lives in the "**Theophany**" of the **God who is a Trinitarian communion of Perfect love**. The Christian vocation, no matter what our state in life, is to reveal the Love of the Trinity to the entire human race in order to bring them to the Waters of Baptism into New Life in the new humanity of the Church which is **Christ's Body**. There, joined in Him we participate in His ongoing redemptive mission until He returns to make all things new.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the **Baptism of Our Lord**. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of **God**. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied **Christ's** baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At **Christ's** baptism the **Holy Spirit** descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism **Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father**; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of **God**. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Happy New Year to everyone! May it be a year of peace in the tender embrace of the Lord with the maternal protection of Mary, the Mother of God and Our Mother!!!



Announcements

**Catholic Conference for Young Adults
Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015**

Holy Family Church in Syracuse

9am-3:30pm

All are welcome! Free of charge! Lunch will be provided!

Register by email at hfamily@twcny.rr.com

Get your lent started right. Join us with Matthew Leonard in a day of prayer and recollection and powerful talks on Christian living for young adults. Matthew Leonard is an internationally known speaker, author, and Executive Director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology (founded by Dr. Scott Hahn). A convert to Catholicism and former missionary to Latin America, Matthew is a frequent guest on radio programs across the country and appears on EWTN, Shalom Media, and the Magnificat. He is the host of the Journey Through Scripture video series and is a featured speaker by Lighthouse Catholic Media. Matthew also holds a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. In addition to numerous articles, he is the au-

thor of two books, "Louder Than Words: The Art of Living as a Catholic" and "Prayer Works! Getting a Grip on Catholic Spirituality," both published through Our Sunday Visitor. Matthew lives in Ohio with his wife Veronica and their five children.

www.MatthewSLeonard.com

Catholic Men's Conference IGNITE

Saturday, March 21, 2015

SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College Campus Syracuse, NY

8am-5pm

Rise up. Be Strong. You are sent! An answer to the call of Pope Francis and the Diocese of Syracuse. Stand up and be counted! Join us for an exceptional event and exciting speakers. In the line up are the following:

Curtis Martin is the President and Founder of FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Curtis as a Consulter to the Pontifical Council of the New Evangelization. He holds a Masters degree in Theology and is the author of the best-selling book *Made for More*, and co-host the new ground-breaking show on EWTN, *Crossing the Goal*.

Steve Ray is an intrepid traveler, expert on the Holy Land, Popular Catholic apologist, documentary producer, Bible teacher and best-selling author. Come and be inspired by Steve's infectious enthusiasm for St. Paul and Catholic Faith. Steve filmed the life of St. Paul in six counties and will share the riches of the Bible and the lands in which St. Paul traveled. Father Larry Richards is a gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master and author, he holds the answer to some of life's most profound questions. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor and evangelist. Fr. Larry Richards has directed hundreds of Retreats, Parish Missions and Conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations, always authentic and enthusiastic.

Register at:

www.ignitecatholicmen.org

Bishop Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate Mass and adoration. As the Marian Center is one of the major sponsors, be sure to stop at our vendor's tables. As men have played a very important role in the history of the church you really need to be there!!!

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board

**January 2015
Apostolate of Prayer for Priests ..Diocese of Syracuse**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May each day of this New Year bring our Priests more good to do, more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around them by word and by deed. Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress				1) Our Holy Father	2) Rev. J Finnegan Msgr. J McCloskey	3) Rev. D Schoenhofen Bro E Falsey, OFM, Cv
4) Bishop J M Moynihan	5) Rev. J Fetcho Rev. R Prior	6) Rev. C Rumble Msgr. N Quartier	7) Rev. L Smith Rev. D Caruso	8) Rev. R Dwyer Rev. M Fuchs	9) Rev. A LaFache Rev. S Kardas	10) Msgr. G Sheehan Rev. L Nichols
11) Bishop T J Costello	12) Rev. F Pompei Rev. H Wallace	13) Rev. P Alciati Rev. E Harer	14) Rev. M Pasik Rev. G Wurz	15) Rev. J Rook Rev. T Honold	16) Rev. V J Lauducci Rev. B Lang	17) Rev. L Sogliuzzo SJ Msgr. C Fahey
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The CNY Marian Center is pleased to present:

Dr. Patsy Iannolo renowned speaker and founder of the CNY Marian Center and a Medical Dr. in private practice will be presenting **“the Medical Effects of the Crucifixion”** in the Diocesan parishes during the Lenten Season. During the Lenten Season we are called to meditate upon the Passion, Suffering, and Crucifixion of Christ. This presentation will leave you with a deep spiritual revelation of the ultimate sacrifice Christ made on the Cross for the salvation of mankind. You won't want to miss a great opportunity to gain insight and graces!!

To invite Dr. Patsy to your parish while he still has openings in his schedule, please contact **Dr. Patsy Iannolo at 315-427-1597 or email the Marian Center at mariancenter.cny@gmail.com.**

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