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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 25th year!

The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: January 25, 2016

"Dear children! Also today I am calling all of you to prayer. You cannot live without prayer, because prayer is a chain which brings you closer to God. Therefore, little children, in humility of heart return to God and to His commandments so that with all of your heart you are able to say: as it is in Heaven so may it be on earth. You, little children, are free to in freedom decide for God or against Him. See where Satan wants to pull you into sin and slavery. Therefore, little children, return to my heart so that I can lead you to my Son Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. 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 can obtain a key upstairs at the doctor's office M- F 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The CNY Marian Center is available for group Meetings. For a reservation, call the Center and leave a message. Current Prayer groups meet Mon. 7:30 PM, Tues. 7 PM, Thur. 11:00 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 great love and joy as we celebrate the "**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**" and the miraculous cures of bodies and souls in the spring water at the Shrine in Lourdes?

February seems to be a month of high points of joy and honoring **Our Blessed Mother** and seemingly points of penance, fasting and sacrifice as we begin the season lent!!!

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes February 11, 2016

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

The pilgrimage of Lourdes is founded on

the apparitions of the **Blessed Virgin** to a poor, fourteen-year-old girl, **Bernadette Soubiroux**. The first apparition occurred 11 February, 1858. There were eighteen in all; the last took place 16 July, of the same year.

Now and then the apparition spoke to the seer who also was the only one who heard the voice. Thus, She one day told her to drink of a mysterious fountain, in the grotto itself, the existence of which was unknown, and of which there was no sign, but which immediately gushed forth.

On another occasion the apparition bade Bernadette go and tell the priests she wished a chapel to be built on the spot and processions to be made to the grotto. At first the clergy were incredulous. It was only four years later, in 1862, that the bishop of the diocese declared the faithful "justified in believing the reality of the apparition". **A basilica was built upon the rock of Massabielle by M. Peyramale, the parish priest.** In 1873 the great "national" French pilgrimages were inaugurated.

Pope Leo XIII authorized a special office and a Mass, in commemoration of the apparition, and in 1907 **Pius X** extended the

observance of this feast to the entire Church; it is now observed on February 11.

In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the significance of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

At the end of the year 1908, when the fiftieth anniversary of the apparition was celebrated, 5297 pilgrimages had been registered bringing 5,000,000 pilgrims. The estimate that about 4,000 cures have been obtained at Lourdes within the first fifty years of the pilgrimage is undoubtedly considerably less than the actual number.

Lent February 10, 2016

The season of **Lent** is the time the church gives us to re-examine our lives in the light of the word and the call of **Jesus: "Be converted and believe in the Gospel"** and in the light of **Our Lady's** message given to us for many years.

Lent (the word "**Lent**" comes from the Old English "**lencten**", Meaning "**springtime**") lasts from Ash Wednesday to the Vespers



of Holy Saturday - forty days + six Sundays which don't count as "Lent" liturgically. **The Latin name for Lent, Quadragesima, means forty and refers to the forty days Christ spent in the desert** which is the origin of the Season. The last two weeks of Lent are known as **"Passiontide," made up of Passion Week and Holy Week. The last three days of Holy Week - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday - are known as the "Sacred Triduum."**

Because of the focus on penance and reparation, it is traditional to make sure we go to Confession at least once during this Season to fulfill the precept of the Church that we go to Confession at least once a year and receive the Eucharist at least once a year during Eastertide.

Lent is a time to renew our spiritual life, closely reflecting on where we stand with **God** now. **Our Lady** has stated so many times in Her messages to us through Medjugorje, don't wait for any "secrets" before deciding to change and follow **God**. Do it now. Make this Lent the time to begin that change!!!

Eucharistic Miracles

The great transformation in devotional practice took place during the nineteenth century, when the commercial and industrial revolutions drove millions of peasants off their lands, into cities, and in many cases across oceans. Nineteenth-century popes responded to this social dislocation by promoting what historians have called a **"devotional revolution"** that aimed to replace local devotions with a set of common, standardized devotions that would be both more removed from the taint of paganism and more accommodating to the geographic dislocation experienced by immigrants. In this vision, Neapolitan immigrants would trade their local devotion to San Gennaro for practices such as Eucharistic Adoration and the Stations of the Cross, which could be performed anywhere an immigrant could find a Catholic Church.

In 1866, New York **Archbishop John McCloskey** invited Italian Franciscans to administer St. Anthony of Padua parish, serving both Italians and Irish on the lower West Side. Italian Franciscans also staffed the Church of the Most Precious Blood, which would become the home of the Festival of San Gennaro.

Significantly, the festival began as a lay, rather than clerical initiative. In 1928, three Italian American businessmen, Donato Nappi, Michael Montanini and Alex Tisi founded the Society of San Gennaro, Incorporated. Each owned a coffee shop/café on Mulberry Street (the main street of the Little Italy section of New York). For the four days leading up to the feast day, they brought their business out of their shops and on to the sidewalks. They strung festive colored lights across fire escapes and built a small chapel in the street to house a statue of San Gennaro. Patrons could receive food in exchange for a cash donation to the poor, which they would pin to ribboned streamers hanging from the statue. The four days of celebration featured Italian food, music and entertainment, culminating in a grand procession of the saint's statue through Little Italy. Early observers commented on the near-pagan frenzy that seemed to accompany the religious processions. Many penitents would walk barefoot and show signs of self-inflicted wounds. Supplicants would struggle to reach the statue, shouting out petitions that to American ears sounded more like threats or insults than pleas for assistance.

Is it any wonder that Catholics have abandoned their faith when they have abandoned everything else that once set them apart from mainstream Protestant and secular America? Faithful, concerned Catholics have done much in recent years to promote a culture of life, but beyond opposition to grave moral evils such as birth control, abortion and euthanasia, the Catholic culture of life all too often looks like a pale reflection of simply the least offensive aspects of modern secular American culture. Those looking for more authentic models of Catholic culture would do well to look to the life and lore of the **Festival of San Gennaro**.

The central focus of the celebration takes place every September 19th, the official Saint Day when a celebratory Mass is held in Shrine Church of the Most Precious Blood, followed immediately by a religious procession in which the Statue of San Gennaro is carried from its permanent home in the church through the streets that comprise Little Italy in New York City.

The first Feast in New York City took place on September 19, 1926 when newly arrived immigrants from Naples settled along Mulberry Street in the Little Italy section of New York City and decided to continue the

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tradition they had followed in Italy to celebrate the day in 305 A.D. when Saint Gennaro was martyred for the faith.

Next month a new Eucharistic Miracle!

Announcements

Dr. Patsy Iannolo, M.D., Ph.D.

A renowned speaker, founded the Central New York Marian Center, located in North Syracuse, New York in 1992.

St. Paul's Church 50 E. Mohawk Street, Oswego, NY March 15th 6:30PM

Presents an in depth discussion of the physical suffering and death of Our Lord. Dr. Patsy will give a slide presentation on the **Medical Aspects of the Crucifixion**, based on historical information, current medical knowledge and evidence from the Shroud of Turin.

This educational and moving description of the sufferings of Our Lord has captured the hearts of audiences throughout Central New York. The Love of Our Lord in His Passion and Death will take on a whole new meaning for you in this Lenten Season. This presentation will leave you with a deep spiritual revelation of the ultimate sacrifice Christ made on the Cross for the salvation of mankind.

Dr. Iannolo was interviewed for "Catholic Answers" (National Catholic Radio) and the program often is aired on Good Friday.

After this presentation, Holy week services will give you new spiritual insights. You can't afford to miss it!!!

Ignite 2016 Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 19, 2016
SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College Campus Syracuse, NY
8am-5pm

A Message from Bishop Robert Cunningham

"Merciful like the Father"

What a beautiful invitation we have before us in the Year of Mercy! In order to be mer-

ciful like the Father, **Pope Francis** has invited us to gaze upon the face of our Heavenly Father.

The annual **IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference** in the Diocese of Syracuse provides us the opportunity to turn our attention to God. We will gather again at the SRC Center on the campus of Onondaga Community College for a day of prayer, fellowship and inspiration. Rudy Ruettiger, Randy Raus, and Fr. Joe Freedy will lead us to consider not only the great love and mercy of the Father, but how we are called to be the face of mercy for others.

This year we gather on March 19, the feast day of **St. Joseph**, in whom we have a great model of focusing on the Father. Through his intercession, we can all become Men of Mercy."

Conference Speakers

Rudy Ruettiger

A highly sought after motivational speaker, Rudy entertains international audiences

with a unique, passionate, and heartfelt style of communicating. After years of fierce determination to overcome obstacles and criticisms, Rudy achieved his first dream — to attend Notre Dame and play football for the Fighting Irish. As fans cheered RU-DY, RU-DY, he sacked the quarterback in the last 27 seconds of the only play in the only game of his college football career. He reaches audiences with the same enthusiasm, portraying the human spirit that comes from his personal experiences of adversity and triumph.

Fr. Joe Freedy

Father Joe Freedy is the youngest of five children. He grew up in Bethel Park, PA where he attended Saint Thomas More grade school followed by Bethel Park High School. Earning a scholarship to the University at Buffalo to play football, Father Freedy was the starting quarterback for three years before graduating in 2002. After college he entered Saint Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh and then was assigned to the North American College in Rome where he studied at the

Gregorian University followed by the John Paul II Institute. He was ordained a priest in June of 2008 and has been serving as the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh for the past 6 years.

Randy Raus

Randy Raus is the President of Life Teen and a 22 year veteran of youth ministry. He spent twelve years leading a parish youth group, and has worked with youth leaders around the globe. "I converted to Catholicism in 1983 and feel called to give back. The first ministry I looked at was teens and it has been a calling ever since."

Register at:

<http://www.ignitecatholicmen.org>

Bishop 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 play a very important role in the church and in their families you need to be there, don't miss it!!!

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board

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Apostolate of Prayer for Priests ..Diocese of Syracuse

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Glory to the Precious Blood! Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress	1) Rev. W Votraw Rev. C VanKuren	2) Our Holy Father	3) Rev. J Katz Msgr. J McCloskey	4) Rev. V J Lauducci Rev. R Dwyer	5) Rev. J Hogan Rev. W Jones	6) Rev. G Kreinheder Rev. F Mannara
7) Bishop J M Moynihan	8) Rev. S Dudkiewicz Rev. T Rudnik	9) Rev. C Seibt Rev. G D Sears	10) All Priests	11) Rev. F Wapen Rev. W Dolan SJ	12) Rev. D McCallum SJ Rev. J Schopfer	13) Rev. C Rumble Rev. A Esper
14) Bishop T J Costello	15) Rev. D Mulhauser SJ Rev. L Smith	16) Rev. C Stirpe Rev. T Durant	17) Rev. J Bosco Rev. J Quinn	18) Msgr. J Lang Rev. J Finnegan	19) Rev. E Castronovo Rev. E Morelle	20) Rev. P C Pilla Rev. L Kennedy
21) Bishop R J Cunningham	22) Rev. B Manding Fr. L Desantis OFM Cv	23) Rev. D Casey SJ Rev. J Smegelsky	24) Rev. L Olguin Rev. R O'Neill	25) Rev. T Ward Rev. P Naumann SJ	26) Rev. T Honold Rev. A Keeffe	27) Rev. R Kelly Rev. J Smycha OFM Cv
28) Rev. E Harer Rev. A Morbito	29) Rev. J Tormey Rev. R Stephenson	Heavenly Father, during this penitential season, we pray that the Blood of Jesus may kindle in the hearts of our priests the divine fire of Your love by their devotion to the Eucharist. Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress				



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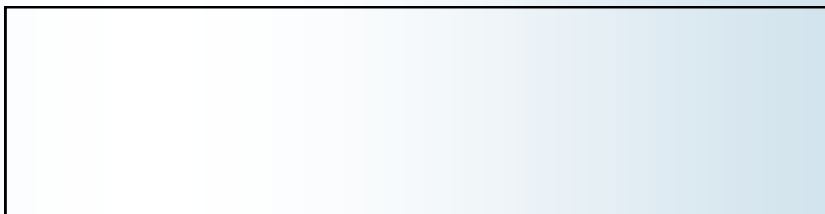
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First Friday and First Saturday Devotion Group

Fridays starting with 11AM Mass at the Franciscan Villa 6900 Buckley Road with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Newman Communities.

12 noon at the Marian Center a study group will meet in promoting First Fri., Feb. 5 and First Sat. Feb. 6 devotions. Led by [Nancy Graziano](#) who will cover the apparitions given to St. Margaret Mary, instructing her in first Friday devotions. Nancy will also cover the Fatima apparitions that Our Lady requested for first Saturday devotions to console the sorrows of [God](#), [Jesus](#), and the [Virgin Mary](#) for the sins against Her [Immaculate Heart](#). To join the group contact [Nancy at 315-652-3253](#) or [email: Mariancenter.cny@gmail.com](mailto:Mariancenter.cny@gmail.com)

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