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

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

“Dear children! Also today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you and from this embrace I am giving you His peace and a longing for Heaven. I am praying with you for peace and am calling you to be peace. I am blessing all of you with my motherly blessing of peace. 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 out with joy in proclaiming the **Holy Mother of God**, Her highest title in the Catholic Church and our very own Heavenly Mother? Are our hearts eager to take part in a Year of Mercy? **Pope Francis has declared a year of Divine Mercy** and has invited us to gaze upon the face of our Heavenly Father!!!

Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1st 2016

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**. This feast is a holy day of obligation.

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 synopsis 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.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2016

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.

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 10, 2016

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.

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.

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!!!

Eucharistic Miracles

This year I will be writing a whole series of Eucharistic Miracles. To reawaken the Catholic belief of the true body and blood we receive at mass and communion. The church stats tell us 70% of practicing Catholics do not believe in the true presence we receive in the holy sacrifice of the mass.

The history of the church in modern times has well documented the many miracles of the true body and blood that Christ himself gave us at the last supper as recorded in scripture. As we read these recorded events there can be no doubt the real body and blood of the risen Christ is truly present at every mass, in the consecration of the host and the wine.



Catholics who commemorate the Feast of St. Januarius may celebrate two miracles—one ancient, one modern; one Old World, one New World. This past September 19, at the cathedral in Naples, Italy, dedicated to the fourth century martyr, dried blood preserved as a relic of the saint miraculously liquefied, as it has done nearly every year for the last seventeen hundred years. Half a world away, in New York's Little Italy, descendants of Neapolitan immigrants remembered their Old World patron saint with a ten-day **Festival of San Gennaro**, much as they have done for the past eighty-seven years. As skeptics sadly continue

to doubt the first event, so many believers may be tempted to disregard the second. The raucous celebrations accompanying the Festival of San Gennaro stand at quite a remove from the doctrinal concerns and devotional practices that have marked "serious" Catholicism in America for the past generation. Yet the promiscuous mingling of the sacred and the profane, the public and the private, has been the great historic achievement of Catholic culture.

The story of San Gennaro begins in the early fourth century, during the Great Persecution under the emperor Diocletian. Under Bishop of Benevento, Italy, Gennaro was imprisoned for visiting other Christians imprisoned in the early years of the persecution. As legend has it, Gennaro was tortured and thrown into a fiery furnace, yet emerged unharmed. At the end of his tortures, he was publicly beheaded. An old man wrapped his body and head in a burial cloth, while the women of Naples soaked up his blood with a sponge, enough to fill two glass phials. Four decades later, a slave woman named Eusebia, who had been Gennaro's wet nurse, carried the phials in a procession as the faithful transferred the martyr's remains to the catacombs of Naples. It was during this procession that the liquification first occurred. Since that time, the miracle is said to have occurred three times each year: on the first Sunday in May, on September 19 (the saint's feast day), and on December 16 (to commemorate the saint's protection against the threatened eruption of the volcano at Vesuvius).

Devotions to local saints such as San Gennaro were at the heart of popular Catholic practice throughout the middle ages and into the early modern period. Many of these local saints were of quasi-legendary status, and the stories surrounding them often mixed pagan and folk lore with Christian ideals. In responding to the criticisms of Reformation radicals, the **Council of Trent** sought to curb the more extreme pagan aspects of these devotions and celebrations, yet the local cults remained strong as long as people remained local.
Continue next month



CNY Marian Center

Services provided to the Diocese of Syracuse by the CNY Marian Center

2015 Services to the Parish's hit on all time high. We offer to the parishes, a multitude of services and appropriate subject material for different classes such as Confirmation, First Communion, CCD and RCIA programs.

We also offer talks on Prayer, the Rosary, Holy Eucharist, Life topics and an in-depth discussion of the medical aspects of the Crucifixion. Additionally, we provide talks on Marian subjects such as the apparitions at Fatima, Lourdes and Guadalupe.

We filled many requests for talks on various faith based subjects. We offer assistance in starting up rosary groups, Divine Mercy programs, men's and women's prayer groups, and ado-

ration hours.

The 2015 conferences were terrific! The Marian Center is a major sponsor of the Men's and Women's Conferences. We supplied thousands of Rosaries, made here at the Marian Center, and brown scapulars, for the conference packets given to attendees and off the Marian Center vendor tables. Hundreds of rosaries and brown scapulars were given out at each conference from our vendor tables as well. Thousands of rosaries and brown scapulars were given out to parishes to meet there incredible demands this year.

We provide logistical support to the Diocesan offices in providing program materials. As well as special requests as needed.

Over the course of this year we have provided over 33,000 rosaries throughout the diocese and overseas missions. One example is sending three, fifty five

gallon drums, of rosaries sent to missions in Africa. All our rosaries are hand made at the Marian Center. Tuesdays starting at noon, we make and teach others how to make rosaries. Over the 5,000 Divine Mercy Chaplets and Novena booklets and thousands of holy cards went out. In great demand were 2,000 each of St. Louis De Montfort's book, "The Secrets of the Rosary" and Pieta Prayer Book. We also gave out over 1,000 assortment of small prayer books.

Fr. Michael Gaitley's, parish based program, 33 Days to Morning Glory was facilitated in a multitude of parishes throughout the diocese. This has been a huge success in receiving more and more requests from parish's to have this program.

For a list of daily and spiritual activities here at the Marian Center, check out our website at cnymariancenter.com

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board

January 2016						
Apostolate of Prayer for Priests ..Dioceses 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) Msgr. F Culkin Rev. M Galuppi
3) Bishop J M Moynihan	4) Msgr. R Kopp Msgr. S Rossetti	5) Rev. J Serowik Rev. H Muyo	6) Rev. C Ballard Rev. J Carey	7) Rev. S Gerlock Rev. M Fuchs	8) Msgr. J Putano Rev. J Keefe OFM Cv	9) Rev. D Schoenhofen Rev. C Cenwonka
10) Bishop T J Costello	11) Rev. C Auth Rev. G Baccaro	12) Msgr. J Kennedy Rev. R Kapral	13) Rev. P Carey Rev. J Buehler	14) Rev. J Manno Rev. P Alciati	15) Rev. W Florczyk Msgr. M Meagher	16) Rev. R Am- rhein OFM Cv Rev. I Onyenagubo
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24) Rev. M Pasik Rev. J Moskal	25) All Priests	26) Rev. F Pompei Rev. G Wurz	27) Rev. T Ryan Rev. K Corcoran	28) Rev. T Kobuszewski Rev. J Croghan	29) Rev. J Kehoe Rev. J Mikalajunas	30) Rev. M Brown Rev. D Baehr
31) Msgr. C Fahey Rev. R Hyde	Father, we pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls and for perfect love, that they may be the voice of Christ. Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress					



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The CNY Marian Center is pleased to present:

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., Jan. 1 and first Sat. Jan. 2 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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