



# Central New York Marian Center, Inc.

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

## The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: March 25, 2017

“Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling all of you to open your hearts to God’s mercy, to begin a new life through prayer, penance and a decision for holiness. This time of spring moves you to a new life, to a renewal, in your thoughts and hearts. Therefore, little children, I am with you to help you to say ‘yes’ to God and to God’s commandments with resoluteness. You are not alone; I am with you through the grace which the Most High gives me for you and your descendants. 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, First Wed. 6:30 PM and Thur. 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, as the Lenten message of “**hope and promises**” comes to fulfillment on **Easter Sunday**? **Pope Francis’** Easter message assures us the abyss of death has been bridged, and with it, all mourning, lamentation and pain (**Rev. 21:4**).

Do our hearts ring out with joy, as we celebrate the greatest feast of our Catholic Faith and the way to Eternal Salvation was opened for us? This is truly a month of **Salvation and Mercy**, it can’t get any better than that!!!

This month the Easter season continues as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

The season of Easter Time, covers the fifty-day period from Easter to Pentecost. 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 was not 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.

### **Easter Sunday April 16, 2017**

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. 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. Howev-



er, at the **Council of Nicaea, In A.D. 325**, Constantine 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.

### Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 2017

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is celebrated on 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 Chaplet 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.

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 (**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 pat-

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tern 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!!!**

### Announcements

### Celebrating our 25th Year of Divine Mercy

St. Margaret's Church  
203 Roxboro Road  
Mattydale, NY

**April 14** Good Friday 2pm  
Hannon Chapel

**April 15** Holy Saturday 3pm  
Hannon Chapel

**April 16** Easter Sunday 3pm  
St. Margaret's Church

**April 17—April 22** 3pm  
St. Margaret's Church

**April 23 Feast of Divine Mercy** 3pm  
St. Margaret's Church

There will be Benediction, Special Blessing, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Special Homily, Veneration of the First Class Relic of **St. Faustina** and more!

In the Divine Mercy Image, we see **Jesus'** foot stepping toward us and His right hand raised in blessing. **Jesus** calls us to respond to Him as He steps toward us. With

His arm raised in blessing, He gives us the grace to act in trust.

Don't miss this great opportunity, you and I need to be there!!!

Celebrate the Fatima message with us from May through October 2017.



**Fatima Centennial Tour  
Honoring the 100th Anniversary of  
the Apparitions of Fatima in the  
Syracuse Diocese**



On 13 May 1917 three shepherd children of Aljustrel, a village near Fatima, Portugal, were tending a small flock at the nearby Cova da Iria (in today's Diocese of Leiria-Fatima). They were Lucia de Jesus, aged 10, and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, aged 9 and 7, as **Our Lady of Fatima** appeared to them.

May 13 St. Daniel's, Syracuse 4PM Mass, Celebrant, Rev. Msgr. Eugene Yennock. We move to Lyons Hall for Rosary, refreshments and the 1952 classic movie, "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima" at 5:45pm.

June 13 St. Mary's of the Assumption, Baldwinsville 9AM morning prayer and all day Adoration, 6:30PM Rosary and Benediction, 7PM Mass, Celebrant, Rev. Joseph Scardella.

July 13 St. John and Andrew, Binghamton 7PM Holy Hour, Rosary and a talk on the third Apparition, Celebrant, Rev. Christopher Seibt

August 13 CNY Marian Center Pilgrimage to The Shrine at the World Apostolate of Fatima in Washington, NJ Details will be posted in mid April

Sept. 13 St. Stephen's Oswego 7PM Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction, visit St. Stephen's Fatima Shrine.  
Get more info at 315-343-0350

**Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board**

As we look at the condition of our family, our church, our world, we are in great need of Divine Mercies!

**April 2017  
Apostolate of Prayer for Priests ..Diocese of Syracuse**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church: the Blood of the Sacred Victim. Enkindle in them the fire of love of Christ as they do Your work.</p> <p>Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress</p>						<p><b>1)</b> Rev. S Kardas Rev. J Smycha OFM Cv</p>
<p><b>2)</b> Bishop R J Cunningham</p>	<p><b>3)</b> Rev. E P Reddick Rev. M Wiczorek</p>	<p><b>4)</b> Rev. R Weber Msgr. N Quartier</p>	<p><b>5)</b> Msgr. R Bill Rev. J Baptist Nguyen</p>	<p><b>6)</b> Rev. P Tassini, Jr. Rev. J Quinn</p>	<p><b>7)</b> Rev. K Boretto CHS Rev. T FitzPatrick</p>	<p><b>8)</b> Rev. J Moskal Rev. K Bunger</p>
<p><b>9)</b> Bishop J M Moynihan</p>	<p><b>10)</b> Rev. P Carey Rev. C Aho</p>	<p><b>11)</b> Rev. J Buehler Rev. J Tormey</p>	<p><b>12)</b> Rev. L Kennedy Rev. S O'Brien</p>	<p><b>13)</b> All Priests</p>	<p><b>14)</b> Rev. J Kurgan Rev. A Baranski</p>	<p><b>15)</b> Rev. R Dunn Rev. L Sogliuzzo SJ</p>
<p><b>16)</b> Our Holy Father</p>	<p><b>17)</b> Rev. R Stephenson Rev. J Zareski</p>	<p><b>18)</b> Rev. M Brown Msgr. J R Yeazel</p>	<p><b>19)</b> Rev. L Olguin Rev. E Harer</p>	<p><b>20)</b> Rev. R Chryst Rev. A Bebel</p>	<p><b>21)</b> Rev. D Casey SJ Rev. C Celentano</p>	<p><b>22)</b> Rev. K Kirkman Msgr. M J Lutz</p>
<p><b>23)</b> Bishop T J Costello</p>	<p><b>24)</b> Rev. J Finnegan Rev. W Jones</p>	<p><b>25)</b> Rev. G D Sears Rev. T Servatius</p>	<p><b>26)</b> Rev. Z Miller Rev. R Hyde</p>	<p><b>27)</b> Rev. J Mathews Rev. D Kirby SJ</p>	<p><b>28)</b> Rev. J Sestito Rev. V Long</p>	<p><b>29)</b> Rev. M Kaminski Rev. B Lang</p>
<p><b>30)</b> Rev. A Keltos OFM Cv Rev. L Aiello</p>	<p>Increase in Your priests a hunger for the glory of Jesus, and for the salvation of souls. Grant them courage and confidence in carrying out their duties.</p> <p>Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress</p>					



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### Rosary Makers Needed

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The people that make **Our Lady's Rosaries** receive spiritual blessings for doing **Our Lady's work!!!**

If you would like to volunteer please call the CNY Marian Center at 315-452-4698.

#### Important Notice to Our Readers

**With rising postal and printing cost we need to revise our mailing list. If you have email, please send us your email to the address below. Please respond by phone call, postal mail, or email!!!** We are trying to continue to spread Mary's messages and need your support too. If you would like to be a regular sponsor or provide a donation towards our many Marian Center Projects throughout the diocese, please fill out the form & mail it with your donation to the **CNY Marian Center, 5180 W. Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212**

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