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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! Today I am calling you to pray for peace: peace in human hearts, peace in the families and peace in the world. Satan is strong and wants to turn all of you against God, and to return you to everything that is human, and to destroy in the heart all feelings towards God and the things of God. You, little children, pray and fight against materialism, modernism and egoism, which the world offers to you. Little children, you decide for holiness and I, with my Son Jesus, intercede 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 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 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?

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
February 11, 2017**

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 February 11, 1858. There were eighteen in all; the last took place July 16, of the

same year. Bernadette often fell into an ecstasy. The mysterious vision she saw in the hollow of the rock Massabielle was that of a young and beautiful lady. “Lovelier than I have ever seen” said the child. But the girl was the only one who saw the vision, although sometimes many stood there with her. 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. Three years later the basilica was consecrated and the statue solemnly crowned. In 1883 the foundation stone of another church was laid, as the first was no longer large enough. It was built at the foot of the basilica and was conse-

crated in 1901 and called the **Church of the Rosary**. **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.

Through that humble girl, **Mary** revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. 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 world-wide in 1907.**

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of **Jesus’ healing miracles** now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve **God**



in their needy brothers and sisters. There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film *The Song of Bernadette*: "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."

At the end of 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.

Bernadette was born on January 7th 1844, into a loving and devoted family. As a young 14 year old girl, **Bernadette Soubirous had 18 visions of the Blessed Lady** in a grotto in the outskirts of Lourdes. She died in 1879 at the Convent at Nevers. She received Beatification in 1925 and Canonization in 1933 under **Pope Pius XI**, not so much for the content of her visions, but rather for her simplicity and holiness of her life. **St. Bernadette** is the patron saint of sick persons and also of the family and poverty. 30 years after her death, **St. Bernadette's** body was exhumed and found to be intact. Since 1925, the body of **St. Bernadette** is preserved in a shrine in the chapel of the Convent of St. Gildard of Nevers.

Lent March 1, 2017

The liturgical season of lent is based on the Easter date, which is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Lent begins 45 days before Easter Sunday, therefore March 1st is the first day of lent and Ash Wednesday.

The liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the **Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum)**. Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer (**CC 540,1095, 1438**).

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** messages of prayer, penance and sacrifice 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."**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. On Ash Wednesday we pray the Holy Mass and have ashes marked on our foreheads in the sign of the cross.

The liturgical use of ashes originates in the Old Testament times. Ashes symbolized mourning, mortality, penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which **God** made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**" Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from **God**. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay (Genesis 2:7), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash. Ashes are a plea to **God** for mercy and compassion, pardon and forgiveness.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that **God** is gracious

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and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board

Announcements

Franciscan Place Special Event

The Franciscan Place Chapel
Ash Wednesday, March 1

Special Masses on the 6th Floor Sky Deck
12:15 and 4:15pm

The Franciscan Place Chapel
Distribution of Ashes
10:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM, 2:30PM,
3:30PM, 5:30PM and 6:30PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation
2-4PM and 7-8PM

For Information call 315-471-9511
You and I need to be there!!!

Catholic Men's Conference Ignite 2017

Saturday, March 25, 2017
SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College
Campus Syracuse, NY
8am-5pm

**A Message from Bishop Robert
Cunningham**

"It's All Possible with God"

"Just as Mary and Joseph were presented with an amazing responsibility at the Annunciation, so each of us has been entrusted with a specific responsibility to carry Christ to the world. I look forward to praying with you as we are strengthened and comforted by the Archangel's promise that "It's all possible with God."

Join us for an exceptional event and exciting speakers.

Msgr. Jim Lisante

Making his return to IGNITE, Msgr. Jim

Lisante, a pastor from Long Island, NY, is well-known for his inspirational talks and homilies. His gregarious personality coupled by his ability to connect to people helps to convey the Gospel in a manner that is spiritually enlightening and enjoyable.

Msgr. Lisante is the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Massapequa Park, NY. He previously served as a Director of the Office of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Msgr. Jim is the author of four well-received books: Of Life and Love, Let's Talk, Personally Speaking, and The Power of One.

Long active in the popular media Msgr. Lisante has hosted several national television programs including: Personally Speaking and Christopher Close-Up and recently launched a new tv show, Close Encounter.

Chris Horn

Chris Horn's journey to the NFL (National Football League) was anything but ordinary and his story will captivate any audience.

Former wide receiver and special team performer for 3 NFL teams, Chris is a devout Catholic and popular Catholic motivational speaker. Horn and his family pray the rosary daily and have a special devotion to St. Bridget. Chris is a devout Catholic and popular Catholic speaker. He speaks on topics such as developing virtue, evangelizing, living your faith in public, abortion, courage, prayer and accepting daily crosses. He currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife Amy and their two children, Christopher and Frances.

Mark Houck

Mark Houck is Cofounder and President of the King's Men, who's mission is to "unite , brochures and publications on the topics of pornography, homosexuality, abortion, teen sexuality, parenting and masculine spirituality. and build up other men in the mold of leader, protector, and provider."

Mark Houck, Co-Founder & President of The King's Men is an author, lecturer, radio host, activist and passionate Catholic. Since 2006, he has been speaking to thousands of men about a variety of topics

related to the development of authentic masculinity. Mark has written numerous articles.

The mission of The King's Men has enabled Mark to minister to men and women all across North America and Europe.

Register at:
<http://www.ignitecatholicmen.org>

Cost includes conference registration, continental breakfast and lunch.

\$70 at the door on March 25th

\$65 March 9 – March 23, 2017

\$55 Early Registration - through March 8, 2017 – A savings of \$15!

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

February 2017						
Apostolate of Prayer for Priests ..Diocese of Syracuse						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Our priests speak to the faithful with their hearts and their faith. Fill them, Lord, with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners. Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress			1) Rev. H Pedzick Rev. P Drobin	2) All Priests	3) Rev. A Krawczenko Rev. J Rook	4) Rev. J DeLorenzo Rev. G P Worn
5) Bishop R J Cunningham	6) Rev. P Brockmyre Msgr. M Meagher	7) Rev. R Kelly Rev. N Hammon OFM Cv	8) Rev. W Cahill Rev. R D DeLorme	9) Rev. C Vavonese Rev. C VanKuren	10) Msgr. J Flanagan Rev. D Orzel	11) Rev. A Arts FI Rev. J Voytek OFM Conv
12) Bishop J M Moynihan	13) Rev. K Maloney Rev. V Hevern SJ	14) Msgr. E Yennock Rev. J Hage	15) Rev. G Wurz Rev. A Keeffe	16) Rev. E Castronovo Rev. A Morbito	17) Rev. C Opondo-Owora Rev. D James	18) Rev. J Fritzen Rev. T Ryan
19) Bishop T J Costello	20) Rev. J Bucki SJ Msgr. J Putano	21) Rev. J Schopfer Rev. V Krul	22) Our Holy Father	23) Rev. J Fetcho Rev. D Muscalino	24) Rev. A Esper Rev. T McGrath	25) Rev. L Nichols Rev. R O'Neill
26) Rev. R Dellos Rev. J Salerno	27) Rev. J Katz Rev. W Dolan SJ	28) Rev. D McCallum SJ Msgr. J McCloskey	O Jesus, Eternal Priest, look with love upon Your priests. Teach them to penetrate the secret life of the tabernacle...the Divine Blood. Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress			



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Rosary Makers Needed

The demand for **Our Lady's Rosaries** is greater than ever! As the Marian Center supplies rosaries to our parishes throughout the Diocese to meet demands for rosary groups, special rosaries for First Communion, and Confirmation classes. We supply thousands of rosaries to our overseas missions and we are seeing an increase need in our hospitals.

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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