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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, 2016

“Dear children! With great joy, today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, for Him to give you His peace. Open your hearts, little children, and be joyful that you can receive it. Heaven is with you and is fighting for peace in your hearts, in the families and in the world; and you, little children, help with your prayers for it to be so. I bless you with my Son Jesus and call you not to lose hope; and for your gaze and heart to always be directed towards Heaven and eternity. In this way, you will be open to God and to His plans. 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 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 our journey with the **“Christ child in the manger.”** In the true meaning of Christmas, the act of **God** fulfilling his promise of salvation in becoming man! It is a season of **“Hope,”** a continuous journey that makes us walk forward in life to Eternal Salvation!!!

Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1st 2017

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.

As we look at the nativity scene we see hope and promise immersed in the figures surrounding the manger, pulling us closer to the child. We see our **Heavenly Mother**, that with her “yes” to being the Mother of Our Savior. Because of Her “yes,” Bethlehem was the small village where **Jesus**, in whom the hope of **God** and the hope of man meet, is born.

We see **St. Joseph**, through the message of our Angel, saying “yes” to taking the Mother of our Savior for his wife and becoming the Holy Family.

Now we look back at the shepherds who represent the humble and poor people awaiting the salvation of the Messiah. They also answered “yes” to the choirs of angels, telling them to go to the manger

to adore the "New born King."

How many of us really say "yes" to Our Lord and our Lady and the will of the Father in His Divine Plan for each of us? Before we close our eyes at night, let us offer up Our Heavenly Mother's response to the angel. "Be it done unto me, according to thy Word." When we arise to a new day in our life, let us pray the prayer of the **Angel of Peace** given to the children of **Fatima**.

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You!

The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2017

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 a 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!!!**

What gifts can we bring to the manger? Some of us have rich talents to bring to Christ; others, like the shepherds, have only themselves, their poverty, their work. What matters is not what we give but whether we give, how much we give (all, like the widows pence), and how we give freely, (for **God** loves a cheerful giver). Remember: Life too is a gift. **God** gives us our lives, our very existence, and then His life in substitution when we forfeited ours by sin. Our fundamental response to **God** must be like His to us: the gift of self.

How do we go forward to fulfill the hope and promise of the nativity?

First, is to pray the greatest prayer ever known and that is, to pray the **Holy Mass**. Second, is to pray the **Holy Rosary** to fulfill the hope and promise that we can change the world bringing hearts and souls back to Her **Divine Son and Her Immaculate Heart**. We have already seen our Holy Rosary change the course of history, as in the **Battle of LePanto**, the battle that saved Europe in 1571. The third most important act is to pray the stations of the cross. **The Stations of the Cross** bear witness to the hope and promise of salvation. They put us into the Divine Plan for our Eternal Salvation, fulfilling the hope and promise of Our Savior. They remind us that **Jesus** suffers with us compelling us to action as they guide us, from the Cross to the Resurrection, to the hope and promise of Eternal Salvation!!!

Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2017

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.

A Happy and Holy New Year to everyone! May it be a year of hope and promise, to truly live our Catholic faith on our journey to Eternal Salvation. **May the peace and**

blessings of the Christmas message be upon all of you! God Bless!!!

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board

Announcements

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

2016 Services to the Parish's set another record high. We provided to the parishes, a multitude of services and appropriate subject material for different classes on Confirmation, First Communion, CCD and RCIA programs.

We also gave talks on a multitude of different topics, **Dr. Iannolo, founder of The Marian Center**, was the guest speaker at the Marian Eucharistic Conference this year. He addressed Our Lady's recorded apparitions to the world and their connections.

Dr. Patsy also gave his presentation of

The Medical Aspects of the Crucifixion and an array of other Marian subjects throughout the parishes in the Diocese and at the **Shrine of Rosa Mystica**.

As Chairman of the Board, I have given a multitude of talks on requested subjects to a number of parishes in the Diocese and out of state.

The 2016 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. A multitude of Holy cards and prayer booklets were also given out at each conference from our vendor tables.

Over the course of this year we have provided thousands of rosaries throughout the diocese and overseas missions. All rosaries are hand made here at the Marian Center by our Rosary makers.

We also teach how to make rosaries to a multitude of new rosary makers for the Marian Center.

To parishes and conferences we have provided thousands Divine Mercy Chaplets, Novena booklets, Holy cards, St. Louis De Montfort's book, "The Secrets of the Rosary," Pieta Prayer book, and small prayer books on different subjects as requested.

Fr. Michael Gaitley's, parish based program, 33 Days to Morning Glory was facilitated in great demand throughout the parishes.

2017 will be an exciting year bringing in many new programs to the Marian Center and throughout the parishes.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1) Our Holy Father	2) Rev. C Major Rev. R Riccioli OFM Cv	3) Msgr. F Osei Nyarko Rev. P Machira	4) Rev. T Taugher Rev. R Morissette	5) Rev. J Ahern Rev. G Baccaro	6) Rev. C Auth Rev. E Zandy	7) Rev. S Dudkiewicz Rev. R Jones
8) Bishop R J Cunningham	9) Rev. P Madej Rev. S Yagazza	10) Rev. J Smith FI Rev. M Pasik	11) Rev. F Young Rev. D Caruso	12) Rev. R Kapral Rev. A LaFache	13) Rev. R Fraats Rev. R Bove	14) Rev. L Smith Rev. J Rose
15) Bishop J M Moynihan	16) Rev. D Baehr Rev. R Sullivan	17) Rev. J Gehl Rev. T Kobuszewski	18) Rev. R Wood Rev. P Keebler	19) Rev. T Honold Rev. J M Donovan	20) Rev. F Pompei Rev. L Lord	21) Rev. J Amrhein OFM Cv Rev. D Hayes
22) Bishop T J Costello	23) Rev. P Naumann SJ Rev. D Bourgeois	24) Rev. C Rumble Msgr. J Heagerty	25) All Priests	26) Rev. M Galuppi Msgr. C Fahey	27) Rev. D Heintz Rev. A Dunghe SJ	28) Rev. R Prior Rev. W Mesmer
29) Rev. A Nortz Rev. B Manding	30) Rev. J Hogan Rev. D Mulhauser SJ	31) Rev. T Hobbes Rev. S Shofany	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. 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:

The Gesthemane Prayer Group

First Wednesdays at 6:30pm continuing as a monthly program

Anna Costa will lead the prayer groups in private, quiet prayer, **Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading)** to hear the word of God and a time of sharing and fellowship based on her book: *Praying for Those who are Addicted: A Mission of Love, Mercy and Hope.*

Anne Costa is a wife, mother, Catholic speaker and author with six books published through various Catholic presses, including the best-selling *Refresh Me Lord! Meditations to Renew a Woman's Spirit*. She co-hosts *Refresh Me Lord! Radio*, a vehicle for Catholics to speak from the heart about what Jesus has done in their lives! She is also the founder of *Charismata Coaching/Veronica Ministries*, a Catholic media apostolate. Anne is a soul-stirring speaker who combines practical insights with spiritual strategies to tackle some of life's most difficult subjects. Her books and talks focus on such topics as addiction, abuse, depression, forgiveness, HOPE, HEALING miscarriage and loss. Anna has experienced an enormous infusion of God's grace in her own life and passionately shares His words of wisdom and hope with others. Anna Costa's email: annabelle62@aol.com

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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