

# Central New York Marian Center, Inc.

**Promoting The Gospel Through The Marian Messages** 

**December 2018** 

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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 26th year!

### The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: November 25, 2018

"Dear children! This is a time of grace and prayer, a time of waiting and giving. God is giving Himself to you that we may love Him above everything. Therefore, little children, open your hearts and families, so that this waiting may become prayer and love and, especially, giving. I am with you, little children, and encourage you not to give up from what is good, because the fruits are seen and heard of afar. That is why the enemy is angry and uses everything to lead you away from prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."



## See a rose . . . . Say the Rosary!

### Volunteers Needed, if interested call the center at 315-452-4698



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 we sing "Glory to God in the Highest" with the angels celebrating the birth of Our Savior? Are our hearts overwhelmed in adoration as we join the Holy Family and the baby Jesus with the shepherds at the manger?

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, which is celebrated on December 8. The first day of December falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time and are represented by the liturgical color green. The next 22 days fall during the liturgical season of Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8, 2018

The feast of the Blessed Virgin's Immaculate Conception is the most sol-

emn of all those which the Church celebrates during the holy time of Advent; for the Conception of **Mary** tells us that the Birth of **Jesus** is not far off.

The intention of the Church, in this feast, is not only to celebrate the anniversary of the happy moment in which began, in the womb of the pious Anne, the life of the ever-glorious **Virgin Mary**; but also to honor the sublime privilege, by which **Mary** was preserved from original sin.

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX officially declared the Immaculate Conception a dogma of the Church, which means that all Christians are bound to accept it as true. As the Holy Father wrote in the Apostolic Constitution Ineffabilis Deus,.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of Her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854. (ccc 490,491)

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of the United States. Pope Leo XIII, Nov. 30 1879, raised the feast to a double of the first class.

#### The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12, 2018



Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of **God** to **Saint Juan Diego**, an Aztec Indian, on December 9, 10, and 12, 1531. She left a Miraculous Image of her appearance on his cactus fiber cloak (tilma), which still exists today for all to see in the **Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexi-**



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On December 9, 1531, in Mexico, Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego, a poor humble Aztec Indian who had recently converted to the Catholic faith. She identified herself as the ever Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth. She asked him to go to the Bishop and tell him to build a church where she said "I will show and offer all of my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to my people." St. Juan Diego did as she asked, but the Bishop asked for a sign that this message was really from Our Lady.

After complying to the Bishop's request for a sign, She also left for us an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the native's *tilma*, a poor quality cactuscloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years but shows no sign of decay 480 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin.

There is reason to believe that at Tepeyac Mary came in her glorified body, and her actual physical hands rearranged the roses in St. Juan Diego's tilma, which makes this apparition very special. St. Juan Diego's feast day is December 9, 2017.

**Our Lady** came to offer faith, hope and consolation to the oppressed natives of **Mexico** and to reconcile them with their Spanish rulers. She put an end to the bloody human sacrifice of the Aztecs and converted eight million natives in the next seven years!!!

#### Christmas December 25, 2018



A Holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

For a child is born to us, a son is given to

us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:1-6)

"For the first coming of **Our Lord** in the flesh [**December 25**, the fourth day] in the reign of Augustus [the forty-second year, and] in the year 5500 [from Adam]. And He suffered in His thirty-third year [March 25, the parasceve, in the eighteenth year of **Tiberius Caesar**, during the consulate of Rufus and Rubellio]."

The early Christians, who attributed to **Christ** not only the title **("Kyrios")** but also many other honors that the pagans paid to their "divine" emperors, naturally felt inclined to honor the birth of the Savior. In most places the commemoration of **Christ's birth** was included in the **Feast of the Epiphany** (Manifestation) on January 6, one of the oldest annual feasts. Soon after the end of the last great persecution, about the year 330, the Church in Rome assigned December 25 for the celebration of the birth of **Christ**.

Christmas soon became a feast of such great importance that from the fifth century on it marked the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. After the tenth century, the season of Advent came to form an integral part of the Christmas cycle; thus the beginning of the ecclesiastical year was advanced to the first Sunday of Advent.

The English word "Christmas" is based on the same pattern as the old names for other feast days in the liturgical year, such as Michaelmas, Martinmas, Candlemas. The first mention of the name, "Christes Maesse," dates from the year 1038. It means "the Mass of Christ."

Nicholas was among the most senior bishops who convened the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE. A cult was developed as celebration took place for him on the anniversary of his death, placing gifts in children's stockings on December 6th. The Nicholas cult spread north until it was adopted by German and Celtic pagans. In 1809 Dr. Clement Moore, a professor at Union Seminary, read Knickerbocker History, and in 1822 he published a poem based on the character Santa Claus: "Twas the night before Christmas."

As Christ came into the world as the

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"Light of the World." Let the light of the "Prince of Peace, the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings" remain with us always and open our eyes that we may see Him in all things and in all human beings throughout the world. Let Him open our ears that we may hear His "word" and let Him open our hearts that we may receive Him, live with Him, in Him, and share in His glory for all Eternity!!

## Feast of the Holy Family December 31, 2018

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intersession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

The gifts of the Magi, I do not have. I come forth on bended knee before the Prince of Peace, truly present in every Tabernacle in the world!!!

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all!!!

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board



## **Two-Day Pilgrimage** The National Shrines of Our Lady of Czestochowa



Doylestown, PA

## Saint Padre Pio

Barto, PA

May 13 and 14, 2019



#### Highlights:

Our Lady of Czestowacha: Solemn veiling of the Black Madonna icon, Evening Mass followed by an Outdoor Rosary Procession in celebration of 102nd Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Morning Mass and optional Shrine Tour, Outdoor Stations Padre Pio: Visit the Shrine and museum, view the relics, Divine Mercy Prayer Both Shrines have Religious Articles Stores for your spiritual shopping!

Pilgrimage includes round-trip transportation with Onondaga Coach Tours, driver gratuity, breakfast food, beverages and snacks in transit, overnight hotel accommodations at the Hampton Inn, Warrington, PA with evening snack reception and continental breakfast, one lunch.

- Deposits postmarked by November 30, 2018 will reserve a seat and discounted pricing. \$145 balance is due by February 10, 2019. (Total \$195)
- Deposits postmarked <u>December 1-31</u> are \$60. Balance due February 10, 2019 is \$145. (\$205)
- Deposits postmarked January 1, 2019 and after, are \$70. Balance due by February 10, 2019 is \$145. (Total \$215) (Deposit & Balance are refundable if trip cancels or we can not fill your seat.)

Prices are based on double room reservation. Single: Add \$65 Triple: Deduct \$5 For more info, contact Carol Puschaver at 315-409-7088, email cnymariancenter@gmail.com, or visit www.cnymariancenter.com Also check out https://www.czestochowa.us/ and http://www.padrepio.org/

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## **CNY Marian Center is Pleased to Present**

With the Lentin season approaching in February, The Marian Center will be pleased to present, **Dr. Patsy** lannolo renowned speaker and founder of the CNY Marian Center and a Medical Dr. in private practice will be presenting "the Medical Effects of the Crucifixion" in the Diocesan parishes during the Lenten Season.

We will also make available our four **First Class Relics** for Lenten Season services as requested. It is in the veneration and kissing of a first class relic that many miracles occur.

To invite Dr. Patsy to your parish while he still has openings in his schedule, please contact **Dr. Patsy**lannolo at 315-427-1597 or email the Marian Center.

For more information: www.cnymariancenter.com; Call 315-452-4698; Email: mariancenter.cny@gmail.com
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