



Central New York Marian Center, Inc.

Promoting The Gospel Through The Marian Messages **February 2018**

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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, 2018

"Dear children! May this time be for you a time of prayer, so that the Holy Spirit, through prayer, may descend upon you and give you conversion. Open your hearts and read the Sacred Scripture, that through the testimonies you also may be closer to God. Above everything, little children, seek God and the things of God and leave earthly ones to the earth, because Satan is attracting you to the dust and sin. You are called to holiness and created for Heaven; therefore, seek Heaven and the things of Heaven. 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 celebrate the Holy Family? Between the events which marked **Christmas** and the beginning of **Christ's** public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family. That we may become holy too?

The month of February is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. This year the first thirteen days of February fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of **Lent**. The liturgical color changes to **purple** a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2018

Today the Church celebrates the feast of

the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of **Jesus** and is also known as **Candlemas** day. The Presentation or **Our Lord** bridges the two seasons, Christmas and Easter! In addition, the faithful may receive in February two of the four major public sacramental that the Church confers during the liturgical year: blessed candles and the blessing of throats.

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter February 22, 2018

This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by **Christ** on **Peter**, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present **Pope**. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary **Magisterium**.

Continued History of the First Class Relics donated to the CNY Marian Center

The Angel of Judgement The Life of the Glorious

St. Vincent Ferrer

Saint Vincent Ferrer is one of the greatest saints of the **Holy Catholic Church**. Few saints have been more gifted in speech and none have performed as many miracles. In fact, it was often said that it was 'a miracle' if **St. Vincent Ferrer** did not perform a miracle!

St. Vincent was born in Valencia, Spain on January 23, 1350. However, even *in utero* he was performing miracles. His mother visited a blind woman she often helped. The lady placed her head on the mother's womb to hear the baby's heart beat and was instantly healed of her blindness. The entire city was quite animated at his birth and their town square argument over his name had to be settled by the local bishop who recommended he share the name of the city's patron saint (**St. Vincent of Zaragoza, a third century martyr**). Before **St. Vincent** was three months old, Valencia was struck by a terrible famine. The infant spoke in a perfectly intelligible manner to his mother, informing her that all the townspeople needed to carry a venerated statue in procession about the city to end the famine. No sooner had the procession begun than rain began to fall and the famine was broken.



From his tenderest years, it was clear that **God** was calling **St. Vincent** to serve Him at His Altar. The boy was gifted with great intelligence and even more profound piety. For three years he read only the scriptures and knew the whole Bible by heart. He joined the **Dominican Order** and was soon teaching and preaching all over Spain. His fame spread far and wide on account of his erudition, preaching, and holiness. **Pope Benedict XIII** in turn called him to Avignon where he became the confessor for the papal court. At this time, Christendom was split between two rival popes (**the Great Western Schism**) and it was difficult for Christians to know who was the real pope. This sad division caused great problems in the Church as families, cities and kingdoms were split in their varying allegiance to **St. Peter's** successor(s). Moreover, the Muslim threat was growing, heresy was on the rise, morals in the hierarchy and laity were lax, and a spirit of worldliness all gripped the Church in a death-like vice. **God's** wrath then fell upon Europe in the form of the **Black Plague** (it is estimated that 75-200 million people died in just two years, from 1348-1350 at the peak of the plague). **St. Vincent** knew that the only way out of these many troubles was for the people to return to **God** and his great solicitude for the Church led him to exert every effort in ending the **schism** of two heads. Although **St. Vincent** believed **Benedict XIII** to be the rightful pope, he never stopped pleading with him to resign and give up his claims to the tiara in order to restore unity and stability in the Church.

At the age of forty, sorrow over the great division led the great Dominican to the brink of death. Yet as he lay sick in bed, entrusting his final breaths to **God**, he received a heavenly vision. **Our Lord** appeared to him with **St. Francis** and **St. Dominic** at His sides. **Our Lord** told **St. Vincent** that he was entrusting him with a great mission - to save His Bride from the imminent destruction of the world. **St. Vincent** recovered his full health and requested his leave from **Pope Benedict XIII**, who did not grant it for two more years. Yet he prevailed upon the Pope to give him full papal legate powers to preach all over Europe. Thus began the final and greatest period of **St. Vincent's** life.

For twenty years, **St. Vincent Ferrer** carried out the apostolate of a itinerant missionary preacher. Daily Mass, hours of confession, preaching, and daily prayer consumed his days. Twice a day the "**Bell of Miracles**" was

rung, once in the morning and once in the evening. Each time all the sick and infirm were brought to him and he would cure them all. It was not all unusual for **St. Vincent** to perform more than one hundred bona-fide miracles in a day.

St. Vincent also had great success in preaching to the Moors and Jews. Countless converts came into the Church and on one single day he converted more than five thousand Jews. His spiritual success was even more fruitful among Catholics. Hatreds, envies, wars and other divisions were all brought to an abrupt end under his guidance. Once he raised a woman from the dead so that she could testify to all present that he was indeed the **Angel of the Apocalypse** (cf. **Apco 14:6**), sent by **God** to call a world seeped in sin to repentance. The Great Western Schism was finally ended in 1417 when all the world universally acknowledged **Martin V** as **rightful pope**. **St. Vincent Ferrer** died in Vannes, Brittany on April 5, 1419.

Pope Callixtus III canonize him on the feast of **Saints Peter and Paul, June 29, 1455, in the Dominican church of Rome, Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. The body was found to be incorrupt on that day.** During the Mass of canonization, two dead persons were covered with the cloak in which **Saint Vincent** had been buried. They were both restored to life. Also the Duke of Brittany's relative was cured of leprosy that day and a blind man was restored to sight.

The death of **St. Vincent Ferrer** did not check the flowing of the spring which his merits and penances and love had opened in the rock of Mercy inexhaustible. They laid two corpses in his tomb before they sealed it. Just as the touch of his habit wrought miracles during his life, so did the touch of his grave: two dead people were brought to life when placed upon it! Nor is that an isolated incident. The inquiry set on foot at Vannes for the process of his canonization brought to light an incredible mass of miraculous happenings, sudden conversions, cures, apparitions, and a surprising number of resurrections from the dead. Falls, drownings, murderous assaults, illnesses, he intervened in all and was always being invoked. Fifty years after his death, a boy of twelve, Juan de Zuniga, died at Placenzia. A prayer to **St. Vincent** brought him back to life. He lived to be Cardinal Archbishop of Seville. A cathedral

was build in commemoration of the event. On the day they were celebrating the **Saint's feast**, the preacher failed to appear he had suddenly fallen ill. The embarrassment would have been serious only that a Dominican father, absolutely unknown, appeared from nowhere and offered to take his place. He went up into the pulpit, preached and was seen no more. It was **St. Vincent Ferrer**, naturally, since he is always present upon earth, in action if not in person. There seems to be no other possible explanation of the sudden appearance and disappearance of the preacher.

During his life **Saint Vincent** freed more than seventy people from the Devil and many more were freed at his tomb. More than twenty-eight people were raised from the dead by him and four hundred sick people were cured by resting on the couch where he had lain during his illness.

The change of a sinful heart is even a greater miracle than wondrous temporal benefits. **Saint Vincent** was not wanting here as we have seen; thousands of sinners became penitent and he is documented to have converted many Jews and Moors [Muslims] to the Catholic Faith!!!

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board

Announcements

Catholic Men's Conference Ignite 2018

Saturday, March 24, 2018
SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College
Campus Syracuse, NY
8am-5pm

A Message from Bishop Robert Cunningham

"Families form a Domestic Church and fathers have a special role in guarding and guiding the family. I invite you to join with a thousand men from around the Diocese of Syracuse and beyond for a day of strengthening and praying for our own growth in holiness and for our families."

We welcome Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Michael Komisarek, and Dr. Peter Kreeft to the 10th annual IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference.



Please plan to join us for the special gathering as we celebrate ten years of the IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference."

Join us for an exceptional event and exciting speakers!

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

He is known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" – is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him. He co-hosts the weekly broadcast, "Living Stones," every Monday on Mater Dei Radio, and has appeared as a guest on numerous other national and international radio programs, including "Catholic Answers Live" and "Vocation Boom Radio." Most importantly, Deacon Harold is married to his lovely wife, Colleen, and they have four beautiful children. They live in Portland, Oregon, where Deacon Harold is assigned to Immaculate Heart Catholic Church.

Dr. Peter Kreeft

Professor of philosophy at Boston College. He is the author of numerous books as well as a popular writer of Christian philosophy, theology and apologetics. He is a regular contributor to several Christian publications, is in wide demand as a speaker at conferences, and is the author of over 55 books. Dr. Kreeft is a convert to the Catholic Church from reformed Protestantism. His conversion was related to his discovery of the centrality of the Eucharist, the Real Presence, prayers to saints, devotion to Mary, and apostolic succession.

Mike Komisarek

Mike played 12 years in the NHL as a defenseman. Mike played college hockey at Michigan. He was selected 7th overall in the 2001 NHL Draft. He spent his professional career with the Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Maple Leafs and Carolina Hurricanes. In Montreal Komisarek earned a reputation as a hard-hitting, no-nonsense defenseman. Mike's father came to the U.S. from Poland to start a better life for his

family. Mike credits his father's example of hard work and determination for his work ethic and desire to be an example to others. As of July 2017 Mike is coaching with the Buffalo Sabres.

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

Cost includes conference registration, continental breakfast and lunch.
\$70 at the door on March 24th
\$65 March 9 – March 22
\$55 Early Registration - through March 8
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

Lent with - and by - Our Lady 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11) Celebrate God in creation and nature	12) Light a candle for a Holy Soul in Purgatory	13) Pray the Angelus and Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel	14) Contemplate a religious work of art	15) Pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	16) Attend Mass & Stations of the Cross	17) Make a virtual visit online or at the library to St. Patrick's Ireland
18) Spiritual reading and reflection	19) St. Joseph Perform a Corporal Work of Mercy	20) Make a Holy Hour, ask your Guardian Angel to be with you	21) Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet	22) Make a Spiritual Communion	23) Attend Mass & Stations of the Cross	24) Pray the Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
25) PALM SUNDAY Pray the Rosary, especially for our Holy Father	26) Go to Confession & thank Jesus for the gift of reconciliation	27) Pray for RCIA candidates	28) Spend 15 minutes in prayer with our Blessed Mother	29) HOLY THURSDAY Attend Mass and make a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament	30) GOOD FRIDAY Attend service. Begin the Novena of the Divine Mercy	31) HOLY SATURDAY Maintain prayerful watch, keep Mary company
1) EASTER SUNDAY Rejoice! Pray the Creed and Magnificat	2) EASTER MONDAY Day 4 Divine Mercy Novena	3) EASTER TUESDAY Day 5 Divine Mercy Novena	4) EASTER WEDNESDAY Day 6 Divine Mercy Novena	5) EASTER THURSDAY Day 7 Divine Mercy Novena	6) EASTER FRIDAY Day 8 Divine Mercy Novena	7) EASTER SATURDAY Day 9 Divine Mercy Novena
8) DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Rejoice! Attend Divine Mercy prayer serv. or pray the Chaplet with friends	9) FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION Pray the Regina Coeli					



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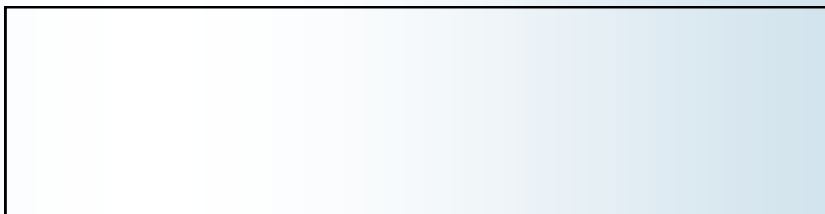
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CNY Marian Center is Pleased to Present

A Lenten Bible Study entitled "Our Father"

The study will be held at the Marian Center on each of the Fridays during Lent at 12:00 PM beginning February 16, 2018. Please contact Nancy Graziano at 315-652-3253 for more information or to sign up!

With the Lenten season approaching in February, The Marian Center will be pleased to present, **Dr. Patsy Iannolo** 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.

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

For more information: www.cnymariancenter.com; Call 315-453-4698; or Email: mariancenter.cny@gmail.com.
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