



Central New York Marian Center, Inc.

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

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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, 2017

"Dear children! Today I am bringing to you my Son Jesus for Him to give you His peace and blessing. I am calling all of you, little children, to live and witness the graces and the gifts which you have received. Do not be afraid. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to be joyful witnesses and people of peace and hope. 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 great feasts of **Our Lord** and **Our Heavenly Mother?**

The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on January 3. The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time. The liturgical color changes to **green** — a symbol of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Here are some major feasts of the general Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of January.

January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas. In the modern Roman Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Solemnity of

Circumcision of Our Lord.

January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord, "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*

January 8, the Baptism of the Lord, this day, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. **Jesus** descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of **God**. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire **Trinity** intervenes.

January 9, is the first week in **Ordinary Time**, Ordinary Time comprises two periods: the first period begins on Epiphany Day (in the Anglican Communion and Methodist churches) or the day after the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** (in the Catholic Church) and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday; the second period begins on the Monday af-

ter Pentecost, the conclusion of the Easter season, and continues until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.

History of the First Class Relics donated anonymously to the CNY Marian Center.

Saint Catherine of Siena

Set in an ornate reliquary in the Basilica San Domenico in Siena is the dismembered, mummified head of the revered Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-1380). Her right thumb also resides in a smaller reliquary not far from her head.

At the ripe old age of 7, Catherine had her first of many visions, with **Jesus** on a throne, surrounded by saints. As a teenager, she took a vow of perpetual virginity and gave herself over to prayer and worship. To thwart her family's attempts to marry her off, Catherine cut her hair off, scalded herself, and became a nun. Shortly after she joined the nunnery she had a vision of **Jesus** placing a ring on her finger in marriage. This ring, for the record, was no ordinary wedding band; instead of gold it was made from the baby **Jesus'** holy foreskin, a popu-



lar relic at the time. For the rest of her life, Catherine said she could see the ring on her finger.

At the age of 28 Catherine was said to have received the stigmata, when five red rays shot out of the crucifix she was praying to and pierced her hands, feet, and heart. She refused to eat or drink, save for the Blessed Sacrament. Her miracles were not limited to the stigmata and visions: Catherine was seen levitating during prayer, and a priest once said that he saw the Holy Communion fly from his hand straight into Catherine's mouth like a miraculous Frisbee.

The beloved Catherine died young, at the age of 33, and was canonized over a century later. She died while in Rome, but her hometown, Siena, wanted to have her body. When they realized they would not be able to smuggle the whole body past the guards in Rome, they took only her head, hidden in a paper bag. Unfortunately, they were stopped by the guards anyway. The thieves prayed to Catherine to protect them, and when the guards looked in the bag, they saw not the small withered head of the saint, but hundreds of rose petals. When they returned to Siena, the head had re-materialized, Saint Catherine's final miracle. Her head was placed in a splendid reliquary, where it remains today, near her disembodied thumb, in the Church of San Dominico.

The rest of Catherine's body remains in Rome, and her foot is said to be in a reliquary in Venice.

Catherine was buried at **Santa Maria Sopra Minerva** in Rome, from which miracles were reported. In 1383 her head was taken to Siena in a reliquary and carried through the city to the Dominican church in procession, attended by her mother, now 89 years old, and other members of the family. Her biography was completed in the 1390s by her devoted friend Raymond of Capua, who was now Master General of the Dominicans, and she was canonized in 1461 by **Pope Pius II**, who was himself Sienese.

Saint Andrew Avellino

Saint Andrew (Andrea) Avellino (1521 – November 10, 1608) was an Italian saint. Born at Castronuovo (today Castronuovo di Sant'Andrea), a small town in the province of Potenza Basilicata, his baptismal name

was Lancelotto, which out of love for the cross he changed into Andrew when he entered the **Order of Theatines**.

After receiving his elementary training in the school of Castronuovo, he was sent to Venice to pursue a course in the humanities and in philosophy. Being a handsome youth, his chastity was often exposed to danger from female admirers, and to escape their importunities he took ecclesiastical tonsure.

Here upon he went to Naples to study canon and civil law, obtained the degree of **Doctor of Laws** and was ordained priest at the age of twenty-six. For some time he held the office of lawyer at the ecclesiastical court of Naples.

The Archbishop of Naples now commissioned him to reform a convent at Naples, which by the laxity of its discipline had become a source of great scandal. By his own example and his untiring zeal he restored the religious discipline of the convent but not without many and great difficulties. Certain wicked men who were accustomed to have clandestine meetings with the nuns became exasperated at the saint's interference, and one night he was assaulted and severely wounded. He was brought to the monastery of the Theatines to recuperate. Here, however, he resolved to devote himself entirely to **God** and he entered the **Order of Theatines**. On the vigil of the **Assumption** he was invested, being then thirty-five years of age.

After completing his novitiate, he obtained permission to visit the tombs of the Apostles and the Martyrs at Rome, and, upon his return, was made master of novices. After holding this office for ten years, he was elected superior. His holy zeal for strict religious discipline and for the purity of the clergy, as well as his deep humility and sincere piety, induced the General of his Order to entrust him with the foundation of two new Theatine houses, one at Milan and the other at Piacenza. By his efforts, many more Theatine houses rose up in various dioceses of Italy. As superior of some of these new foundations, he was so successful in converting sinners and by his eloquent preaching that numerous disciples thronged around him. One of the most noteworthy of his disciples was Lorenzo Scupoli, the author of that still popular

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book **The Spiritual Combat**. St. Charles Borromeo was an intimate friend of Avellino and sought his advice in the most important affairs of the Church. He also requested Avellino to establish a new Theatine house in Milan.

Though indefatigable in preaching, hearing confessions, and visiting the sick, Avellino still had time to write some ascetical works. His letters were published in 1731 at Naples in two volumes, and his other ascetical works were published three years later in five volumes.

On November 10, 1608, when beginning the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**, he was stricken with apoplexy, and, after receiving the **Holy Viaticum**, died at the age of 88. As pieces of hair were cut from his head for relics, blood oozed from the skin. For years after his death, the stored vials of blood liquefied on the anniversary of his death. In 1624, only 16 years after his death, he was beatified by **Pope Urban VIII**, and in 1712 was canonized by **Pope Clement XI**.

He is venerated as patron saint of Naples and Sicily and invoked especially against a sudden death. His remains lie buried in the **Church of St. Paul at Naples**.

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
			14) FEBRUARY ASH WEDNESDAY Pray the Magnificat Attend Mass	15) Spiritual reading and reflection	16) Attend Mass & Stations of the Cross	17) Make a Holy Hour
18) Spiritual reading and reflection	19) Pray the Rosary	20) Live a Beatitude!	21) Visit the Marian Center	22) Help your parish or a charita- ble org. with feed- ing the poor	23) Attend Mass & Stations of the Cross	24) Learn about your patron saint
25) Sing during Mass, participate actively	26) Attend Eucharistic Adoration	27) Pray the Rosary; pray for the Holy Father	28) Scripture reading and reflection	1) MARCH Spend time in prayer with your Guardian Angel	2) Attend Mass & Stations of the Cross	3) Perform a Corporal Work of Mercy
4) Volunteer as an usher at Mass	5) Visit the USCCB website & learn about our Catholic Faith	6) Devote 15 minutes or more meditating on the Lord's Passion	7) Make a Chapel Visit	8) Request a Mass for a living family member or relative	9) Attend Mass & Stations of the Cross	10) Make an Act of Consecration to Our Lady
11) Celebrate God in creation and nature	12) Light a candle for a Holy Soul in Purgatory	13) Pray the An- gelus 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 virtu- al visit online or at the library to St. Patrick's Ireland



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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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