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

The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: July 25, 2019

“Dear children! My call for you is prayer. May prayer be a joy for you and a wreath which binds you to God. Little children, trials will come and you will not be strong, and sin will reign but, if you are mine, you will win, because your refuge will be the Heart of my Son Jesus. Therefore, little children, return to prayer until prayer becomes life for you in the day and the night. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



See a rose Say the Rosary!



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HEAVEN CALLS— IS YOUR RINGER ON ?

Blessing and prayers to all our friends, supporters and newsletter subscribers of the Central NY Marian Center.

Eternal life is where we’ll contemplate, as the Apostles did, the Glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Beatific Vision (cc 1028, 1720) and indeed we shall proclaim, “**Lord it is good to be with you!!!!**”.

The month of August is dedicated to **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color **green**. This 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. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward.

St. Alphonsus Liguori 8/1/19

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, and the founder of the Redemptorists

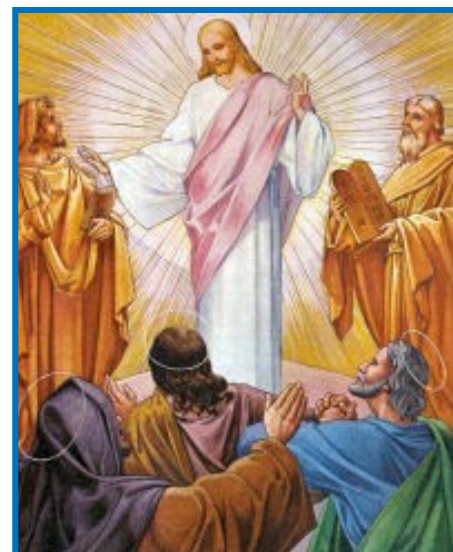
Congregation. He was born Alphon-sus Marie Antony John Cosmos Damien Michael Gaspard de Liguori on September 27, 1696, at Marianella, near Naples, Italy. Educated at the University of Naples, Alphonsus received his doctorate at the age of sixteen. By age nineteen he was practicing law, but he saw the transitory nature of the secular world, and after a brief time, retreated from the law courts and his fame. Visiting the local Hospital for Incurables on August 28, 1723, he had a vision and was told to consecrate his life solely to **God**. He was ordained on December 21, 1726. Alphonsus founded the **Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer**, Redemptorists, on November 9, 1732.

Pope Benedict XIV gave his approval for the men's congregation in 1749 and for the women's in 1750. Alphonsus was preaching missions in the rural areas and writing, teaching theology, and wrote. Alphonsus suffered from rheumatism and great anguish. He overcame his depression, and he experienced visions, performed miracles, and gave prophecies. He died peacefully on August 1, 1787, at Nocera di Pagani, near Naples as the Angelus was ringing. He was beatified in 1816 and canonized

in 1839. In 1871, St. Alphonsus was declared a **Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX**.

The Feast of the Transfiguration 8/6/19

The Feast of the Transfiguration was started in the fourth or fifth century and spread throughout the Christian East in the centuries following. The Transfiguration prefigures the glory of the **Lord as God**, foretells His ascension into



heaven, and anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see **God** face to face. Through grace, we already share in divine promise of eternal life. The feast of the Transfiguration of **Christ** celebrates the revelation of **Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee (Matthew 17:1-6; Mark 9:1-8; Luke 9:28-36).**

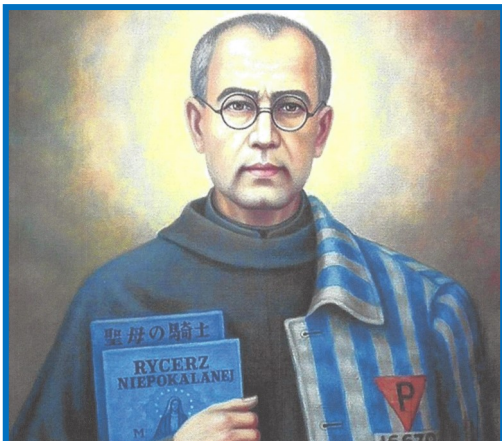
After revealing to His disciples that **He** would be put to death in Jerusalem (**Matthew 16:21**), **Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and John**, went up the mountain. "**He** was transfigured before them. And **His** face did shine as the sun: and **His** garments became white as snow."

As **Christ** was transfigured, two others appeared with Him: **Moses**, representing the Old Testament Law, and **Elijah**, representing the prophets. Thus **Christ**, who stood between the two and spoke with them, appeared to the disciples as the fulfillment of both the Law and the prophets.

St. Maximilian Kolbe 8/14/19

St. Maximilian, born Raymond Kolbe in Poland, Jan. 8, 1894. In 1910, he entered the Conventual Franciscan Order. He was sent to study in Rome where he was ordained a priest in 1918.

Father Maximilian returned to Poland in 1919 and began spreading his Militia of the Immaculata movement of Marian consecration (whose members are also called MIs), which he founded on October 16, 1917. In 1927, he established an evangelization center near Warsaw called Niepokalanow, the "City of the Immaculata." By 1939, the City had ex-



panded from eighteen friars to an incredible 650, making it the largest Catholic religious house in the world.

To better "win the world for the Immaculata," the friars utilized the most modern printing and administrative techniques. This enabled them to publish countless catechetical and devotional tracts, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 230,000 and a monthly magazine with a circulation of over one million. Maximilian started a shortwave radio station and planned to build a motion picture studio--he was a true "apostle of the mass media." He established a City of the Immaculata in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1930, and envisioned missionary centers worldwide.

In 1941, the Nazis imprisoned Father Maximilian in the Auschwitz death camp. There he offered his life for another prisoner and was condemned to slow death in a starvation bunker. On August 14, 1941, his impatient captors ended his life with a fatal injection. Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian as a "martyr of charity" in 1982.

Militia of the Immaculata

Patron: Drug addiction; drug addicts; families; imprisoned people; journalists; political prisoners; prisoners; pro-life movement.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/15/19

This Feast Day is a Day of Holy Obligation

The Feast of Assumption of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** commemorates the death of **Mary** and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the **Blessed Virgin's** passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

"Finally the **Immaculate Virgin**, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the **Lord as Queen** over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed

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to her **Son, the Lord of Lords** and conqueror of sin and death." (cc 966) [Vatican II LG 59; cf. Pius XII, **Munificentissimus Deus** (1950); DS 3903; cf. Rev 19:16] **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin** is a singular participation in her **Son's** Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1, 1950, **Pope Pius XII**, exercising papal infallibility, declared "**Munificentissimus Deus**" that it is a dogma of the Church "that the **Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.**" As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, **Pope Pius** declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

The Rosary in Image and Text Meditations Based on the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** includes the Glorious Mysteries and therefore the Assumption.

The holy death of **Our Blessed Mother** should teach us to prepare for our own death, and to say fervently every day those words of the Hail Mary, "**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**"

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/22/19

The Feast of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Traditional Calendar and the **Queenship of Mary**, the New Calendar. **Pope Pius XII**, by his encyclical letter on October 11, 1954, granted unanimous desire of the faithful and their pastors, and instituted the **Feast of the Queenship of Mary**. With the certainty of faith we know that **Jesus Christ is King** in the full, literal, and absolute sense of the word, **He is true God and true Man. Mary**, in a limited way, shared in His royal works. She was the **Mother of Christ, and Christ is God**. She shared in the work of the **Divine Redeemer**, in His struggles against enemies and in the triumph, He won over them all.

Mary was assumed into Heaven by **Jesus** and the angels. That means she was carried. **Jesus** ascended into Heaven, which is a different word, He went up to Heaven by His own power. **Mary** doesn't have that kind of power, so **Jesus** carried Her.

After She was assumed into Heaven, **Jesus took His Mother to a throne next to His own**. Since He is **King and Lord** of all, then as **His Mother**, She was to become **Queen**. Jesus, **God our Father and the Holy Spirit** placed a beautiful crown of twelve stars on Her head. All the angels and saints sang wonderful songs praising Her as their **Queen**.

St. Monica A Mother's Saint 8/27/19

Saint Monica is a patron saint for mothers and wives. She was an exemplary woman who never gave up hope and her faith in God among all tribulations in her family life.

St Monica was born in the year 332 in Tagaste, which is present day Algeria. Monica had a conversion experience at a very young age and lived a life of virtue.

When she reached a marriageable age, her parents gave her in marriage to a non-Christian man named Patricius. Monica's husband Patricius, not only came home drunk each day but had a violent temper and Monica was often the victim of his rage. Patricius was neither



a faithful husband and therefore, Monica's life was full of trials.

Monica and Patricius had three children out of whom **St Augustine** was the son

who was to give his mother the worst heart aches.

Monica never gave up her prayers for her son. She would fast, cry and beg God for her son's conversion. The conversion of Augustine, whose earlier ways had caused many tears, brought particular joy to Monica. She was present at his baptism. On her way back to Africa with Augustine, she died at Ostia, near Rome, probably some time in October, 387. Her remains are at the church of **Saint Augustine, Rome**.

St. Monica was buried at Ostia, though her body was removed during the sixth century to a hidden crypt in the church of **St. Aureus**. About the thirteenth century, the cult of **St. Monica** began to spread and a feast in her honor was kept on May 4. In 1430 **Martin V** ordered the relics to be brought to Rome. Many miracles occurred on the way, and the cultus of **St. Monica** was definitely established. Later the **Arc bishop of Rouen, Cardinal d'Estouteville**, built a church at Rome in honor of **St. Augustine** and deposited the relics of **St. Monica** in a chapel to the left of the high altar.

Passion of Saint John the Baptist 8/29/19

The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honors the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St.

John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated. He had the courage to blame Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison him and beheaded the saint.

Martyrdom of John the Baptist

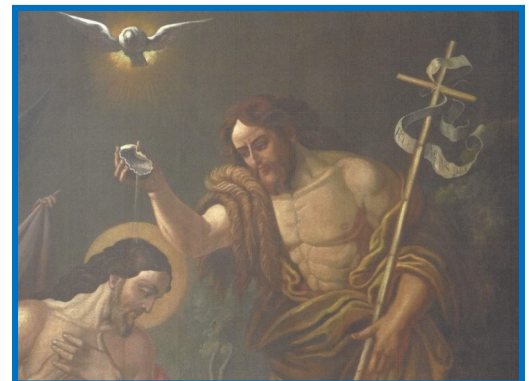
In addition to the feast of the nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24), the Church, since the fourth century, commemorates the martyrdom of Christ's precursor. According to the *Roman Martyrology*, this day marks "the second finding of his most venerable head." The body of the saint was buried in Samaria. Only a small portion of his relics were able to be saved by monks and sent to St. Athanasius at Alexandria. The head of the saint is venerated at various places. That in the Church of St. Sylvester in Rome belongs to a martyr-priest John. Also in the Dominican church at Breslau the Baptist's head is honored.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men. He was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ.

Saint Bede the Venerable



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