

# Central New York Marian Center, Inc.

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

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

“Dear children! I am carrying to you my Son Jesus who is the King of Peace. He gives you peace and may it not be only for you but, little children, carry it to others in joy and humility. I am with you and am praying for you in this time of grace which God desires to give you. My presence is a sign of love here while I am with you to protect you and lead you towards eternity. 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 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!!!

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 and eternal salvation!!

The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the **Angel Gabriel** announces it when he informs the **Blessed Virgin** of the incarnation: "**Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus**". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "**savior**." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

The name of **Jesus** is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls **Jesus** his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

**Jesus** is our all. In His name we may pray to the **Father** with assurance of being heard. In His name the Church administers all her sacraments. In His name she offers all her prayers and blesses homes,

the fields, and the sick. In the name of **Jesus** she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian soul." She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of **Jesus**, "**Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord.**"  
**Benedict Baur, O.S.B.**

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1st 2019

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 Most Holy Name of Jesus January 3, 2019

The Church reveals to us the wonders of the **Incarnate Word** by singing the glories of His name. The name of **Jesus means Savior**; it had been shown in a dream to Joseph together with its meaning and to **Our Lady** at the annunciation by the **Archangel Gabriel**.

Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in the Sacred Scriptures, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. It was promoted in a special manner by St. Bernard, St.



Bernardine of Siena, St. John Capistrano and by the Franciscan Order. It was extended to the whole Church in 1727 during the pontificate of **Innocent XIII**. The month of January has traditionally been dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**.

This feast marks no progress in the development of the Church year. It merely embellishes the occasion just observed when the Child received the **Name Jesus** as had been foretold by the angel. The feast is meant to impress on us Christians the dignity of the **Holy Name**. It is a relatively new feast, stemming out of devotional piety. What did a name signify originally? The name should express the nature of a thing. Thus Adam in paradise gave the animals names in accordance with their being. Among the Jews God's name expressed His essence, Yahweh, i.e., I (alone) am who am (and cause all else to be). The Jews had the highest respect for the name of God, a reverence that finds continuation in the **Our Father: "Hallowed be Thy Name."**

### The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

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 13, 2019

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.

### St. Vincent

January 23, 2019

**Vincent of Saragossa** was one of the Church's three most illustrious deacons. He is also Spain's most renowned martyr. Ordained deacon by **Bishop Valerius of Saragossa**, he was taken in chains to Valencia during the Diocletian persecution and put to death. Vincent and his bishop Valerius were confined to the prison of Valencia. Though he was finally offered release if he would consign Scripture to the fire, Vincent refused.

He is the patron saint of Lisbon and Valencia.

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*



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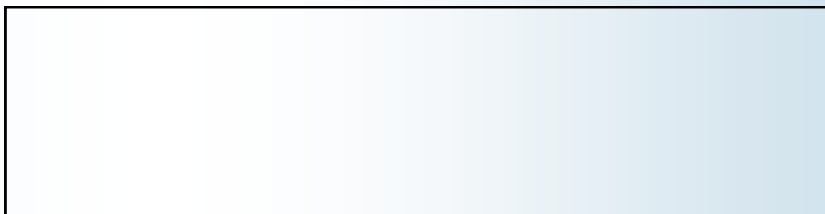
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With the Lenten season approaching in February, The Marian Center will be pleased to present, **Dr. Patsy Iannolo renowned speaker and founder of the CNY Marian Center and a Medical Dr.** in private practice will be presenting **“the Medical Effects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

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 Iannolo at 315-427-1597 or email the Marian Center.**

For more information: [www.cnymariancenter.com](http://www.cnymariancenter.com); Call 315-452-4698; Email: [mariancenter.cny@gmail.com](mailto:mariancenter.cny@gmail.com)

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