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

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

“Dear children! I am thanking God for each of you. In a special way, little children, thank you for having responded to my call. I am preparing you for the new times that you may be firm in faith and persevering in prayer, so that the Holy Spirit may work through you and renew the face of the earth. I am praying with you for peace which is the most precious gift, even though Satan wants war and hatred. You, little children, be my extended hands and proudly go with God. 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 9AM to 5PM. The CNY Marian Center is available for group Meetings. For a reservation, call the Center and leave a message. Our monthly newsletter posts to our website, www.cnymariancenter.com, you can be notified when it is posted through the website, email us your email address, also there is a form on the back cover for postal mailings, or call 315-452-4698.

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 in celebration with great joy as we celebrate the **4th of July, Independence Day** and treasure our freedom from slavery and tyranny from foreign monarchs???

The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. 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. This month we also celebrate the great **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** and Her great sacramental, the Brown Scapular.

We also celebrate **The Feast of Our Blessed Mother**, Our Heavenly Father and other great saints.

St. Thomas, Apostle July 3, 2019

St. Thomas, the disciple who at first did not believe, has become for the Church one of the first witnesses to her faith. There is very little about the apostle Thomas in the Gospels; one text calls him the "twin." Rarely during **Jesus'** lifetime does he stand out among his colleagues. There is the instance before the raising of **Lazarus**, when **Jesus** was still in Perea and Thomas exclaimed: "Let us also go and die with Him." Best-known is his expression of unbelief after the Savior's death, giving rise to the phrase "**doubting Thomas**." Nevertheless, the passage describing the incident, had as today's Gospel, must be numbered among the most touching in Sacred Scripture.

St. Maria Goretti July 6, 2019

St. Maria Goretti was born of a poor family in Corinaldi, Italy, in 1890. Near Nettu-

no she spent a difficult childhood assisting her mother in domestic duties. She was of a pious nature and often at prayer. In 1902 she was stabbed to death, preferring to die rather than be raped. (Office of Readings)

"It is well known how this young girl had to face a bitter struggle with no way to defend herself. Without warning a vicious



stranger (actually Alessandro Serenelli who lived with his father in the same house as the Goretti's.) burst upon her, bent on raping her and destroying her childlike purity. In that moment of crisis she could have spoken to her Redeemer in the words of that classic, *The Imitation of Christ*: "Though tested and plagued by a host of misfortunes, I have no fear so long as your grace is with me. It is my strength, stronger than any adversary; it helps me and gives me guidance." With splendid courage she surrendered herself to God and his grace and so gave her life to protect her virginity.

"The life of this simple girl—I shall concern myself only with highlights—we can see as worthy of heaven. Not all of us are expected to die a martyr's death, but we are all called to the pursuit of Christian virtue. This demands strength of character though it may not match that of this innocent girl. Still, a constant, persistent and relentless effort is asked of us right up to the moment of our death. This may be conceived as a slow steady martyrdom which Christ urged upon us when he said: The kingdom of heaven is set upon and laid waste by violent forces.

"So let us all, with God's grace, strive to reach the goal that the example of the virgin martyr, Saint Maria Goretti, sets before us. Through her prayers to the Redeemer may all of us, each in his own way, joyfully try to follow the inspiring example of Maria Goretti who now enjoys eternal happiness in heaven."

Excerpted from a homily at the canonization of Saint Maria Goretti by **Pope Pius XII**. Her mother was present at her canonization in 1950, the first time a parent was present for a child's canonization by **Pope Pius XII**.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel July 16, 2019

The feast was assigned to July 16 because on that date in 1251, according to Carmelite traditions, the scapular was given by the **Blessed Virgin** to **St. Simon Stock**; it was first approved by **Sixtus V** in 1587. After **Cardinal Bellarmine** had ex-



amined the Carmelite traditions in 1609, it was declared the patronal feast of the order. **The Order of Carmelites** takes its name from **Mount Carmel in Israel**, which was the first place dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin** and where a chapel was erected in Her honor before Her Assumption into heaven.

Saint Simon Stock entered the **Carmelite Order** when he was 40 years old. He was sent to **Mt. Carmel** in the Holy Land where he led a life of prayer and penance.

St. Simon Stock had great devotion to **Our Blessed Mother**. This may help to explain why the Carmelite Order began to prosper under his guidance despite considerable opposition. In response to his appeal to **Our Blessed Mother** for help for his oppressed Order, on July 16, 1251 A.D. **Mary** appeared to him holding a Brown Scapular in her hand. **Mary** said to him: "**Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothe in this shall never suffer eternal fire.**" This was truly a great gift and a great promise from the **Mother of God**.

After this apparition, **Friar Stock** went on to establish Carmelite communities near university towns in England, France and Italy. He became the Superior-General of his order several years after the appari-

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tion. Until very recently, the brown scapular was one of the most widely used religious symbols of personal dedication to the mission of **Mary** found in her last recorded words in the **Bible (John 2:5)**.

For over 700 years, the Brown Scapular of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** has been one of the most precious gifts and highly-indulged Sacramental of our church. It is more than that, however; it is in reality a garment, given to us by **Our Blessed Mother** which makes us her special children. Blessing and clothing with the Scapular of the '**Blessed Virgin of Mt. Carmel**' enrolls the individual in the **Scapular Confraternity** and admits him a share in all the spiritual works performed by the Religious of **Mount Carmel**.

St. Bridget July 23, 2019

Bridget was born in **Sweden** of noble and pious parents, and led a most holy life. While she was yet unborn, her mother was saved from shipwreck for her sake. At ten years of age, **Bridget** heard a sermon on the **Passion of our Lord**; and the next night she saw **Jesus** on the cross, covered with fresh blood, and speaking to her about His Passion. Thenceforward meditation on that subject affected her to such a degree, that she could never think of Our Lord's sufferings without tears.



Patron saint of Sweden, Bridget married a young prince and lived happily with him for 28 years, bearing him eight children. **St. Catherine of Sweden** was their daughter. After her husband died, Bridget founded the **Order of the Most Holy Savior**, erecting at Vadstena a double monastery for monks and nuns. Following the guidance of the **Holy Spirit**, she later went to Rome, where she worked for the return of the Popes from Avignon. She died of natural causes in 1373, at the age of seventy-one. This Scandinavian mystic is famous for her Revelations concerning the sufferings of our Redeemer.

For a long time **St. Bridget** wanted to know the number of blows **Our Lord** received during His Passion. He one day appeared to her and said: "I received 5480 blows on My Body. If you wish to honor them in some way, say 15 Our Fathers and 15 Hail Marys with the following prayers (which He taught her) for a whole year. When the year is up, you will have honored each one of My Wounds." The fifteen prayer and the 21 promises associated with them are found on pages **6-14** in the **Pieta prayer book**.

St. Joachim and St. Anne Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary July 26, 2019

It was in the home of **Joachim and Ann** where the **Virgin Mary** received her training to be the **Mother of God**. Thus, devotion to Ann and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our **Blessed Mother**. We, too, owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation.

According to the 1962 Missal of **St. John XXIII** the Extraordinary Form of the **Roman Rite**, today is the feast of **St. Ann; St. Joachim's** feast in this rite is celebrated on August 16.

Who does not know about the great shrine of **St. Anne de Beaupre** in Canada, where miracles abound, where cured cripples leave their crutches, and where people come from thousands of miles to pray to the grandmother of **Jesus?** Our



information about **Mary's** parents comes from an apocryphal Christian writing, the **Protoevangelium Jacobi (or Gospel of James)**, written about the year 170. According to this story, Joachim was a prominent and respected man who had no children, and he and his wife, Anne, looked upon this as a punishment from God. In answer to their prayers, **Mary** was born and was dedicated to **God** at a very early age.

St. Anne has two great shrines, that of **St. Anne d'Auray in Brittany, France**, and that of **St. Anne de Beaupre near Quebec in Canada**. We know little else about the lives of **Mary's** parents, but considering the person of **Mary**, they must have been two very remarkable people to have been given such a daughter and to have played so important a part in the work of the Redemption.

There is a church of **St. Anne in Jerusalem** and it is believed to be built on the site of the home of **SS. Joachim and Anne**, when they lived in Jerusalem.

Announcements

A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Pope Francis recently approved diocesan and parish pilgrimages to Medjugorje. The announcement came just days before Regina Harty and Janice Bader's third pilgrimage there in May. We would like to share pictures, video and experiences of a pilgrimage to Medjugorje at the Marian Center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning July 9th at 6:30PM, ending November 12th. We'll focus each month on one of the prayer methods Our Lady recommends and tie it into our experiences: Pray the Rosary daily; Holy Mass; Holy Bible; Fasting; and Monthly Confession. Please come and

join us as we climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain, pray at St. James Church, visit old friends and more. Call 315-452-4698 or email cnymarian-center@gmail.com with questions.

Peg Sopchak's funeral was one of the most uplifting funerals I have ever attended. Father Michael Carmola celebrated the funeral Mass in Monsignor Yennock's absence, while he was away for a sibling's birthday. You could tell as Father Carmola shared stories from his time at Christ the King Retreat House that he knew Peg well. All of us who knew her or thought we did, learned so much more about her through the funeral or while talking in the Calling Hours long line. Peg loved Scrabble, her grandchildren, doted on her family, always smiling, making her home and a meal available to just about anyone. Her funeral card had a favorite saying from a brick in a memorial area at the Retreat House. "Be the change you wish to see in the world." To honor Peg, there are many things you can do but two are **be that change you wish to see in the world** and/or make a **St. Louis de Montfort Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. Peg loved the Consecration and guided me through my first one. I am renewing it again in her honor. Thank you Peg for your friendship to me and everyone at the Marian Center and being a true role model in life and faith. *Regina Harty, Marian Center Volunteer*

Volunteers Needed—Many times, people tell us there is no one at the Center to welcome them and answer their questions. Can you help by volunteering Monday through Thursday between 9am and 4pm or Friday 9am and 2pm? The Doctor's office is open upstairs during those times and will provide a key to volunteers or visitors. Items in our expanded library and DVDs can be borrowed. You can pray in our Chapel with **First Class relics of Saints Anthony, Vincent Ferrer, Catherine of Siena and Andrew Avellino Second Class of Sts. John Newman and Blessed Anna Maria Taigi**. Please call 315-452-4698 if you can help or have questions.

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board



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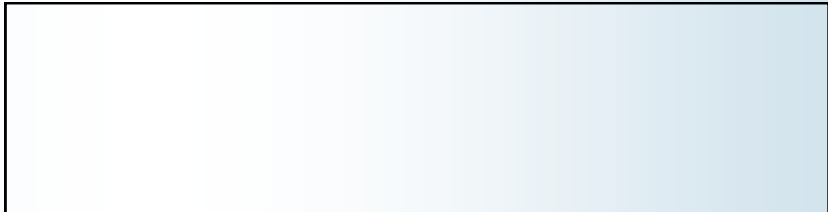
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August 3 Apparition Hill Documentary of a Pilgrim Journey to Medjugorje

Sept. 7 Padre Pio Great Saint of Our Century

Oct. 5 St. Faustina Apostle of Mercy

Currently the Intercessory Rosary Group meets Monday 7:30PM, the Divine Mercy Cenacle Thursday, 11:45AM

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