

# Central New York Marian Center, Inc.

Promoting The Gospel Through The Marian Messages

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

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

“Dear children! This is a time of grace, a time of mercy for each of you. Little children, do not permit that the wind of hatred and peacelessness rule in you and around you. You, little children, are called to be love and prayer. The devil wants peacelessness and disorder, but you, little children, be the joy of the risen Jesus who died and resurrected for each of you. He conquered death to give you life, eternal life. Therefore, little children, witness and be proud that you have resurrected in Him. 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.

As we look forward to Our Lady's month of May, do our hearts ring with joy, as we celebrate a number of important feast days in the Catholic Church?

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to **Our “Blessed Lady,”** and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the **Queen of Heaven.** During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of **God’s** mercy come down to us from Her throne in greater abundance” (**Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1.**)

**St. Joseph The Worker**  
May 1, 2019

To foster deep devotion to **Saint Joseph**

among Catholics, and in response to the “**May Day**” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, **Pope Pius XII** instituted the feast of **Saint Joseph the Worker** in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the **Book of Genesis**, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of **God.** By work, human kind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (**Gn 2:15**) and to be productive in their labors. **Saint Joseph**, the carpenter and foster father of **Jesus**, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

In his encyclical **Laborem Exercens**, **Pope John Paul II** stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

**Saint Joseph** is held up as a model of such work. **Pius XII** emphasized this when he

said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of



the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of **Jesus**, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

### Mother's Day May 12, 2019

The decree establishing the memorial was published in a letter from **Cardinal Robert Sarah, head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.**

**Pope Francis** added the memorial to the Roman Calendar after carefully considering how the promotion of devotion to the **Blessed Virgin Mary** under this particular title might encourage growth in "the maternal sense of the Church" and in "genuine Marian piety."

"This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of **Christ** in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed."

**The memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,** has been added to the General Roman Calendar, the Roman Missal, and the Liturgy of the Hours. The Latin text has been published, and the translations will be prepared by the bishops' conferences and approved by the congregation. A celebration of a memorial generally means that prayers and readings specific to the day's memorial are used in the Mass.

The Marian title of "**Mother of the Church,**" was given to the **Blessed Mother** by **Bl. Pope Paul VI** at the Second Vatican Council. It was also added to the Roman Missal after the Holy Year of Reconciliation in 1975.

Subsequently, some countries, dioceses and religious families were granted permission by the Holy See to add this celebration to their particular calendars. With its addition to the General Roman Calendar, it will now be celebrated by the whole Roman Catholic Church.

### The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima May 13, 2019

Between May and October 1917, **Our Lady** appeared six times to three young Portuguese children in a field called the **Cova de Iria**, near the small village of Fatima, about seventy miles north of Lisbon. They were **Lucia dos Santos, age ten, and her two younger cousins Francisco and Jacinta.** They tended sheep together and often would kneel in the open field to pray the Rosary.

In the spring, prior to the apparitions, an angel appeared to the children to prepare them for the coming of **Our Lady.** "**Fear not! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me!**" The angel knelt on the ground and bowed very low. The children imitated the angel and repeated his words three times: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I beg pardon for all those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You." Then he rose and said: "Pray this way. **The Hearts of Jesus and Mary** are attentive to the voice of your supplications."

The first apparition took place around noon on Sunday, May 13, 1917 when a brilliant flash of lightning drew the attention of the children. A beautiful Lady ap-



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peared clothed in white and asked the children to return the thirteenth of each month. In these apparitions, **Mary** asked the children to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and asked for devotion to her **Immaculate Heart.** She asked for prayer, penance and the consecration of Russia to her **Immaculate Heart.** She also spoke of observing the first Saturdays of each month by going to confession and receiving Holy Communion to make reparation to the **Hearts of Jesus and Mary.**

During the apparitions, **Our Lady** gave the children "**Three Secrets**". On the day of the final apparition, October 13, 1917, she identified herself as "**Our Lady of the Rosary**" and the dramatic episode of the dance of the sun took place, witnessed by a crowd of seventy-thousand people, in which the sun seemed to tumble from the sky. After a lengthy diocesan inquiry, a declaration from the Bishop of Leiria, in whose diocese these apparitions occurred, approved the devotion to **Our Lady of Fatima** in 1930. The young visionary Francisco died on April 4, 1919 and his sister Jacinta on February 20, 1920. The sole survivor, Sister Lucia, lived many years as a professed Carmelite nun, before her death on February, 13, 2005.

**Pope Francis** will declare the sainthood of **Blessed Jacinta Marto and Blessed Francisco Marto,** two of the shepherd children who saw Mary in Fatima, Portugal, during his visit to the site of the apparitions May 13.

### Saint Rita of Cassia May 22, 2019

Rita's childhood was one of happiness to her parents. At the age of twelve, however, she desired to consecrate herself to **God** in the religious state. Pious though her parents were, their tearful pleadings to postpone her noble purpose prevailed on **Rita,** and they gave her in marriage, at the age of eighteen. Eighteen years had elapsed since her marriage, when her husband was murdered by an old enemy; both of her sons died shortly after.

In a miraculous way she was conducted to the monastic enclosure, no entrance hav-



ing been opened. Astonished at the miracle, the Nuns received **Rita**, and soon enrolled her among their number.

After hearing a sermon on the **Passion of Christ** she returned to her cell; kneeling before her crucifix, she implored: "Let me, my **Jesus** share in Thy suffering, at least of one of Thy thorns". Her prayer was answered. Suddenly one of the thorns detached and fastened itself in her forehead so deeply that she could not remove it.

Miraculous power was soon recognized in **Rita**. When **Pope Nicholas IV** proclaimed a jubilee at Rome, **Rita** desired to attend. Permission was granted on condition that her wound would be healed. This came about only for the duration of the trip. Upon her return to the monastery the wound from the thorn reappeared, and remained until her death. In a life-long and terrible malady her patience, cheerfulness, and union by prayer with almighty **God**, never failed her. **Jesus** imprinted on her brow the mark of a thorn from His crown. She died May 22, 1456, and both in life and after death has worked many miracles. This optional memorial is new to the USA liturgical calendar.

## The Ascension of the Lord May 30, 2019

The Ascension of the Lord, 40th day of Easter, commemorates **Christ's Ascension** into Heaven from Mount Olive 40 days after He rose from the dead (**Mark 16:14-**



**20**). After the Gospel, the Paschal Candle lit from the New Fire of the Easter Vigil, is extinguished to symbolize the departure of **Christ**.

The story of **Our Lord's Ascension** and His foretelling of the **Pentecost** to come is recounted most fully by **Luke in Acts 1:1-11**. He ascended to be glorified with the Father, to sit at the Father's right hand, to rule as **Kings of Kings**, to send us the **Holy Spirit** and prepare a place for us (**John 14: 1-3**).

**Christ** made His, last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. As the disciples watched, **Jesus** lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (**Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9**). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same **Jesus**, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (**Acts 1:11**).

## The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary May 31, 2019

The Feast of The Visitation recalls to us the following great truths and events: The visit of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** to her cousin **Elizabeth** shortly after the **Annunciation**; the cleansing of **John the Baptist** from original sin in the womb of his mother at the words of Our Lady's greeting; **Elizabeth's** proclaiming of **Mary, Mary's** singing of the sublime hymn, **Magnificat** ("my soul doth magnify the Lord") which has become a part of the daily official prayer of the Church. The **Visitation** is frequently depicted in art, and was the central mystery of **St. Francis de Sales'** devotions.

The Mass of today salutes her who in her womb bore the King of heaven and earth, the Creator of the world, Son of the Eternal Father, the Son of Justice. It narrates the cleansing of John from original sin in his mother's womb. Hearing herself addressed by the most lofty title of "**Mother of the Lord**" and realizing what grace her visit had conferred on John, **Mary** broke out in that sublime canticle of praise proclaiming prophetically that henceforth she

would be venerated down through the centuries: "**My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because He that is mighty, hath done great things to me, and holy is His name**" (**Lk. 1:46**).

## Announcements



The CNY Marian Center will greatly miss our dear friend, **Nora Whaley**, who is now spreading her joy and light with the many souls she has prayed for. **Nora** was involved with

the Marian Center from its inception and was one of its best evangelizers. She volunteered as secretary, receptionist, rosary maker, greeter, and more. Father Sean O'Brien asked friends and family at her funeral at St. Mary's, Minoa, which of her gifts we would like to receive. There were so many including her warm, generous nature, her love of Jesus and Mary, her ability to pray anywhere, anytime, for anyone and any thing. She had a true gift of spontaneous prayer. **Nora** was a gift to the Marian Center, as we are sure she was to many of our readers, and we will miss her. We are consoled with the thought that she has returned to her true home, where she can rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus and His Mother, **Mary**. Goodbye dear friend, until we meet again.

**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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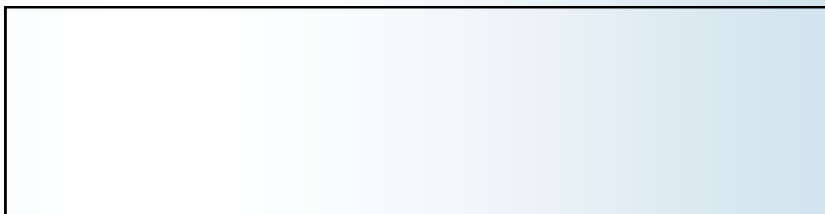
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April 6 Son of God; May 4 The 13th Day Story of Fatima;

June 1 St. Anthony Miracle Worker of Padua

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