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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 27th year!

The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: July 25, 2020

“Dear children! In this peaceless time in which the devil is harvesting souls to draw them to himself, I am calling you to persevering prayer, so that in prayer you discover the God of love and hope. Little children, take the Cross in your hands. May it be your encouragement for love to always win, in a special way now when the Cross and faith are rejected. You be a reflection and an example with your lives that faith and hope are still alive and a new world of peace is possible. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son, Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



See a rose Say the Rosary!



BISHOP LUCIA NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC www.syrdio.org:

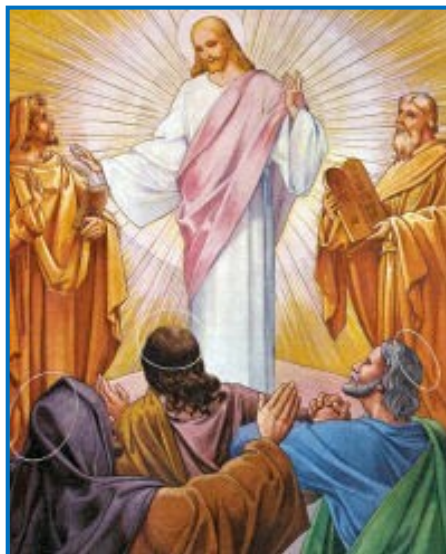
O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son’s throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.



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. Pe-**

ter, 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. Lawrence, Martyr and Deacon 8/10/20

Lawrence was chief among the seven deacons who served the Roman Church during the mid-third century. The young cleric held a position of great trust, caring for the goods of the Church and distributing its alms among the poor. He was arrested under the Emperor Valerian in 258, laid upon a gridiron and slowly roasted to death. Lawrence rejoiced in his awful martyrdom and died praying for the conversion of the city of Rome, in the hope that from it the faith of Christ might spread throughout the world. From that time idolatry began to decline in Rome.

The Feast of the Transfiguration 8/6/20

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



This young deacon and heroic martyr is numbered among those saints who were most highly venerated by the ancient Roman Church. Next to the

feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, that of St. Lawrence ranked highest in the Roman sanctoral cycle. "From the rising of the sun unto its setting," says St. Leo, "whenever the glory of Levites beams forth in splendor, Rome is deemed no less illustrious because of Lawrence than Jerusalem because of Stephen."

During the persecution of Emperor Valerian (253-260), Sixtus II and his four deacons were martyred. Very ardently Lawrence desired to die with his spiritual father and therefore said to him: "Father, where are you going without your son? Where are you hastening, O priest, without your deacon? Never before did you offer the holy Sacrifice without assistants. In what way have I displeased you? In what way have you found me unfaithful in my office? Oh, try me again and prove to yourself whether you have chosen an unworthy minister for the service of the Church. So far you have been trusting me with distributing the Blood of the Lord."

Lawrence was tortured, scourged, and scorched with glowing plates. In the midst of excruciating pain he prayed: "Lord Jesus Christ, God from God, have mercy on Your servant!" And he besought the grace of faith for the bystanders. At a certain point the soldier Romanus exclaimed: "I see before you an incomparably beautiful youth. Hasten and baptize me." He had observed how an angel dried the wounds of Lawrence with a linen cloth during his passion. Turning to God in prayer: "I thank You, O Lord, that I am permitted to enter Your portals." To comfort him during his torments God said to

him: "My servant, do not be afraid. I am with you." He was put to death upon the Viminal Hill and buried on the Tiburtinian Way.

St. Maximilian Kolbe 8/14/20

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 expanded 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.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/15/20

The Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of

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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 normally a Holy Day of Obligation, but because it falls on a Saturday, the obligation is celebrated with Sunday mass.

"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 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 Mediations 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 8/22/20

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**.

Passion of Saint John the Baptist 8/29/20

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.

THE RELIQUARY

Saint George stands out among other saints and legends because he is known and revered by both Muslims and Christians. In older works, Saint George is depicted wearing armor and holding a lance or fighting a dragon, which represents Christ's enemies. **Feastday:** April 23, patron of England & Catalonia Death: 303

Cecilia - **Feastday:** November 22, patron of musicians, 3rd century martyr – Cecilia married Valerian, who was baptized and honored her virginity. He and his brother buried the Christian martyrs until they, themselves were executed. Cecilia was martyred and in 1599 was found incorrupt when her body was exhumed. She heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married and thus became the patron of musicians and is often pictured at an organ.

Lucy - **Feastday:** December 13, martyr, patron of the blind -Saint Lucy was an early Christian who was martyred during the Diocletianic Persecution in the Roman Empire. She is one of the most highly venerated saints in Christianity and one of only eight women mentioned by name in the Roman Catholic Mass. Most religious scholars agree that she was martyred after a disappointed suitor reported her as a Christian to Roman authorities.

Maria Goretti – martyr -**Feastday:** July 6, patron of chastity, young girls – Maria lived with her mother and siblings in Italy after the death of her father, helping around the house and caring for the youngest child. Her neighbor, Alessandro, 18, attempted to rape her and in his anger, stabbed her fourteen times. Maria died at the age of 12, from the stabbing and forgave Alessandro. He received 14 flowers from her in a dream and changed his life so dramatically that he was at her canonization after his release from prison.

Bottom Row: Sts. George, Cecilia, Lucy, Maria Goretti



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We have reopened according to NYS/CDC guidelines with social distancing, and masks required.

Outside, enjoy Our Lady of Mount Carmel Garden Shrine or stop inside to pray in our Chapel with the Relics. The Pilgrim Rosary will be at the Center Monday and Wednesday 10am to 2pm.

Stay in touch. Join us through TelePrayer, 516-597-9459, for any meetings and prayers (free with unlimited calls feature on your phone).

Two groups are meeting on Mondays: **9:30AM-11:00:** *Divine Mercy Cenacle*; **7:30PM:** *Intercessory Rosary*

TelePrayer schedule: Tuesday 4PM, *St. Michael Chaplet*; Wednesday 4PM, *Seven Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph*; Friday 4PM, *Seven Sorrows Rosary of Our Lady*; Saturday 10:10AM, *Rosary with Fatima Meditations or Rosary for our Country*.

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