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

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

“Dear children! I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, for Him to bless you and reveal to you His love, which comes from Heaven. Your heart yearns for peace, of which there is less and less on earth. That is why people are far from God and souls are sick and heading towards spiritual death. I am with you, little children, to lead you on this way of salvation to which God calls you. 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 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 twelve days of January fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning 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.

“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 1, 2020

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, 2020**

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 5, 2020**

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



they guide us, from the Cross to the Resurrection, to the hope and promise of Eternal Salvation!!!

Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

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



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

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.

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

Announcements

Miracles! Miracles!
Come pray with the Reliquaries we have on loan!



In addition to the reliquary of Saints Andrew Avellino, Anthony of Padua, Catherine of Siena, Vincent Ferrer, and Blessed Anna Maria Taigi, we have on loan to us a reliquary containing First, Second and Third class relics of almost 60 saints, including the apostles and St. Paul. Watch upcoming newsletters for information on the loaned relics. This reliquary accompanied the Pilgrim Rosary of Our Lady made

by Richard Bingold in the Diocese of Syracuse. You are welcome to come to the Marian Center to visit and pray in our Chapel with all the relics, which are mounted and visible in our Chapel. You can also submit prayer requests in person and through our website and email.



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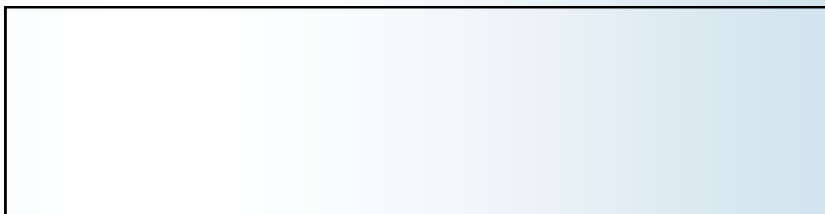
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Carol Holt presented a great lineup of movies on First Saturdays in 2019. Have suggestions for movies or times this year? Call 315-452-4698 and leave your thoughts. Due to uncertain weather, no movies for the first three months. They resume on the First Saturday in April.

Read inside an introduction to the relics on loan to us and those we own. Come in and pray before them.

Contact Dr. Pat Iannolo, 315-427-1597, Marian Center 315-452-4698 or Dr. Pat's office, 315-458-4622 to bring the powerful presentation, **The Medical Aspects of the Crucifixion** to your parish. It is a Lenten event you will not want to miss!

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