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

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

“Dear children! I am listening to your cries and prayers, and am interceding for you before my Son Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Return, little children, to prayer and open your hearts in this time of grace and set out on the way of conversion. Your life is passing and, without God, does not have meaning. This is why I am with you to lead you towards holiness of life, so that each of you may discover the joy of living. I love you all, little children, and am blessing you with my motherly blessing. 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](http://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.

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.

#### St. Thomas, Apostle July 3, 2020

**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 inci-

dent, had as today's Gospel, must be numbered among the most touching in Sacred Scripture.

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel July 16, 2020

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 examined 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 whoso-**

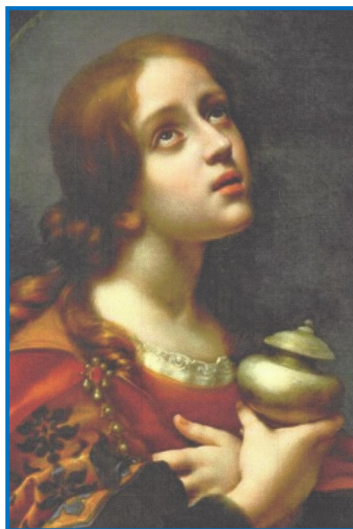


ever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire.” This was truly a great gift and a great promise from the **Mother of God**.

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 apparition. 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 Sacramentals 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**.

**Feast of St. Mary Magdalene  
July 22, 2020  
In the Reliquary at the CNY Marian Center**



"Precisely since she was an eye-witness to the Risen Christ, she was also the first to testify before the apostles. She fulfils the mandate the Risen Christ gives her: 'go to my brothers and say to them ...

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her". In this way she becomes, as is already known, an evangelist, or rather a messenger who announces the good news of the resurrection of the Lord; or, as Rabano Mauro and St. Thomas Aquinas said, 'apostolorum aposto-

la', as she announces to the apostles what they in turn will announce to all the world. The Angelic Doctor is right to apply this term to Mary Magdalene: she is the witness to the Risen Christ and announces the message of the resurrection of the Lord, like the other apostles. Therefore it is right that the liturgical celebration of this woman should have the same level of festivity given to the apostles in the General Roman Calendar, and that the special mission of this woman be highlighted, as an example and model to every woman in the Church." — Archbishop Roche.

The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of Mary Magdalene is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. That love was praised by Jesus Himself who said that because much was forgiven her, she loved much. Where she is buried, no one knows. Legend has her dying in Provence, France, in a cavern where she spent her last days, and her body resting in the chapel of St. Maximin in the Maritime Alps. Another has her buried in Ephesus where she went with St. John after the Resurrection. This latter view is more likely, and St. Willibald, the English pilgrim to the Holy Land in the eighth century, was shown her tomb there.

She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. She was known to be a "great sinner," a woman of the streets who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her matter-of-fact witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: "I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me." Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened.

She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love.

**Feast of St. James, Apostle  
July 25, 2020  
In the Reliquary at the CNY Marian Center**  
In Spain, he is called *El Senor Santiago*, the patron saint of horsemen and soldiers, and his great shrine at Santiago de Compostela

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in that country has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries. He is one of those that Jesus called *Boanerges*, "son of thunder," the brother of John the Evangelist and the son of Zebedee the fisherman from Galilee.

St. James the Greater and his brother John were apparently partners with those other two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and lived in Bethsaida, on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. How and where James first met Jesus, we do not know; but there is an old legend that makes Salome, his mother, a sister of Mary, and if this were the case, he would have known Jesus from childhood. Along with Peter and his brother John, James was part of the inner circle of Jesus, who witnessed the Transfiguration, were witnesses to certain of His miracles, like the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and accompanied Him to the Garden of Gethsemani. Like his brother, he was active in the work of evangelization after the death of Jesus, and one legend, very unlikely, even has him going to Spain after Jesus' resurrection.

His prominence and his presence in Jerusalem must have been well known, for scarcely a dozen years after the Resurrection, he became involved in the political maneuverings of the day and was arrested and executed by King Herod Agrippa. This was followed by the arrest of Peter also, so his death must have been part of a purge of Christian leaders by Agrippa, who saw the new Christian movement as a threat to Judaism.

Jesus had foretold this kind of fate when He prophesied that James and his brother John would "drink of the same chalice" of suffering as Himself. The two brothers had asked to be seated at the right of Jesus and at His left in His kingdom, and Jesus told them that they would be with Him in a far different way than they expected.

James's death is the only biblical record we have of the death of one of the Apostles, and he was the first of that chosen band to give his life for his Master.

**Thanking our Volunteers at the CNY Marian Center**

We want to give our volunteers a hearty **THANK YOU** in this issue of the newsletter. One of the feasts that occurs this month is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16<sup>th</sup> and she is who the Garden Shrine

is dedicated to. Bette Allman has enlisted a large group of family and friends to beautify the Shrine and make a Rosary and Heart pattern in the garden from mini roses. It is eye catching and breathtaking. Thank you to Theresa Koch, Anna and George Hobor, Marishka, Sharon Bubniak, Stan Selwach, Kathleen Klier, Sophie Harris, Sal Candela for your hard work, planting, monetary and material donations, time and effort to make the Garden Shrine so lovely and inviting.

*And Dr. Pat had us put a container with free rosaries and materials in the Shrine. **Thank you, Gardeners!***

Mary Putney and Carol Holt have taken on the responsibility of maintaining our financial information and banking from Stan Selwach. This is one of the more important volunteer duties although often overlooked for its value. It can be tedious but is very necessary. **Thank you for bankers!**

Carol and Mary have an artistic side also and their border wallpapering has added a lovely dimension to Our Lady of Fatima's statue in the main gathering room. The colors that surround Our Lady of Fatima are soft hues of blue, green and light rose. To show the Blessed Mother's hand in everything we do, Sharon Bubniak offered some material she had purchased a year or two before but never used. Ann Marie Fleet has been reupholstering seat cushions with the material and it is a perfect match to the wallpaper. Lynn Hollowell added new curtains and the meeting room is awesome!

**Thank you, Interior Decorators!**

Ann Marie has also provided us with spare masks for the current Covid situation. She and her husband, Dan, have worked to redo our front sign so people know who we are, where we are, and what's going on. Carol, Regina, Sophie, Sharon and Annie Hart help out to keep the Center cleaned up and neat.

**Thank you Homemakers!**

One of the most regular informational publications from the CNY Marian Center is the monthly newsletter. Bud O'Brien and daughter, Bridget Marion, work diligently to keep our readers informed of liturgical feasts with all the canonical rules and procedures. The great pictures and information keep our readers looking for the next month's issue. And it wouldn't get out without the help of our volunteers who show up monthly to attach the postal buttons to keep it from separating and the labelers who put on the over 1700 labels monthly. Jose Vergara, Chuck Harty, Jerry Potts, Rich Adams, Linda, Carol Holt, Ann Marie Fleet, Sharon

Bubniak, Pauline Tucci, Dave Paver, Barb Colling, Anita Colangelo, Brenda Falter, Donna Mula, Marge Groginski, Mary Barton, Sophie Harris, Regina Harty. It has become a social event once a month and we always welcome new helpers to this task (and any others). Margaret Martin, former treasurer, also helps with the labeling and takes the newsletters monthly to the Post Office for our bulk rate mailing. **Thank you, Newsletter volunteers!**

Prayer is by far one of the most necessary volunteer activities that keeps the Marian Center running. We have two groups that are homegrown from the Marian Center. These two groups are both on Monday: 9:30AM, a Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy Cenacle and 7:30PM, the Intercessory Rosary group. Carol Holt, Ann Marie Fleet, Antoinette Perotta, Mary Putney, Lynn Hollowell, Janice Bader, Dawn O'Hara, Regina Harty, Esther Adam, Sharon Bubniak, and newest pray-er, Pauline Tucci meet weekly to learn about, share and spread the devotion of Divine Mercy. The Cenacle is under the patronage of the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. Past Board chairman and member, Hank Donahue is continuing to lead the intercessory Rosary for over 20 years at the Marian Center. Intercessory prayer is offered after the Rosary for people's intentions. Members of his group are the Salvettis, Sheila Burdick, Eileen and Mike Ayers, Carol and Bob Leeder, Sal Candela, Bill Huntley, Stan Selwach, Sharon Bubniak. Both prayer groups are open to anyone else who would like to come and pray with them. They all stoutheartedly braved the Coronavirus and continued their weekly prayer groups by telephone. Dr. Pat Iannolo, Founder, dubbed this activity TelePrayer and it kept both groups going for 3+ months while practicing CDC guidelines.

**TelePrayer** is now a weekly offering with the St. Michael's Chaplet led by Carol Puschaver (T 4:00), Seven Sorrows and Joys led by Janice Bader and Regina (W 4:00), Seven Sorrows Rosary of Our Lady – Janice (F 4:00), and the First Saturday Rosary with the Catholic Shop, owned by Pam Speech 315-475-9332, plus a weekly Saturday Rosary for Our Country with Sean Mulvaney, Janice, Regina, Ellen Hobbs, Kathleen Klier and Sharon Bubniak (10:10AM). Dial in 516-597-9459 to pray in any of these four prayertimes.

The other two prayer groups are lay associates of religious orders, the Dominicans

and Franciscans. If anyone is interested in bringing a group to the Marian Center, please contact us. **Thank you Prayers!**

And what do we think of when we pray to Mary? The Rosary. Since Nelson and Alice Kirkpatrick first began teaching volunteers to make rosaries, the group has grown. Our volunteers are making rosaries at home now. Normally meeting at the Franciscan Villa, which is under lockdown, Sisters Irene, Sam, Joan Clare and Celestine are using available supplies to make rosaries. The Woyciesjes Sisters continue making rosaries like the 300 for a parish in the Binghamton area. Other lay volunteers, Carol Holt, Irene Williamson, Barb Colling, Marguerite Walter, Stan Selwach, Hank Donahue, Ann Marie Fleet, Sharon Bubniak, Sophie Harris, Nelson and Alice continue their rosary making at home and hope to get together again soon. Rosaries from all of these makers go to Africa, Colombia SA, Vietnam, local and nationwide parishes, hospitals, groups and individuals. And remember this great phrase coined by Nelson, "See a Rose...Say the Rosary." **Thank you, Rosary makers!**

We thank the past board members for their continuing help and advice, Hank Donahue, Margaret Martin and Nancy Graziano; Bud O'Brien for his leadership and vision as Chairman of the Board. Our Spiritual Advisor at 95 years young deserves the greatest thanks, Monsignor Eugene Yennock, Pastor of St. Daniel's Parish who has been instrumental in helping Dr. Pat and Nancy found the Center and continuing to support us with prayer and advice. **Thank you all** for overseeing the development and growth of the CNY Marian Center.

We lost several volunteers this past year and we would like to acknowledge their many works – Loise Donahue, Nora Whaley, Peg Sopchak, Richard Bingold, John Brusa, and Jane Pigott. Each made important contributions of time and effort to the development and programs at the Center and we thank them. We are sure they are now praying from above. **Thank you prayer warriors!**

**To anyone we missed, we say THANK YOU and apologize for the omission, please contact us so that we can add you to the next newsletter.** To all potential volunteers out there, give us a call. We would love to help you use your gifts and talents to "Promote the Gospel through the Marian Messages" with the CNY Marian Center.

**Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board**



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## **CNY Marian Center is Pleased to Present**

**We have reopened according to NYS/CDC guidelines with social distancing, maximum 12 people 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 of these 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 Current 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. Thursday, July 16, 12:15PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Garden Shrine -Pray the Rosary in person or by TelePrayer**

**On our website -Dr. Pat and Nancy Iannolo's 15 Prayers of St. Bridget and Novena to OLOMC**

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