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

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

“Dear children! This is a time of grace. I am with you and anew am calling you, little children: return to God and to prayer until prayer will be a joy for you. Little children, you do not have a future or peace until your life begins with a personal conversion and a change to the good. Evil will cease and peace will begin to reign in your hearts and in the world. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray. I am with you and intercede before my Son Jesus for each of you. 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.

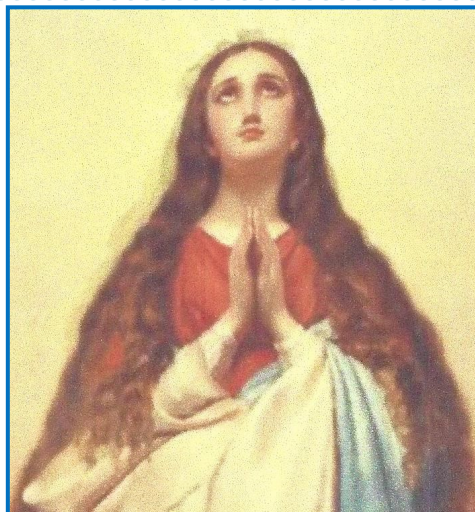
HEAVEN CALLS—IS YOUR RINGER ON ?

Blessing and prayers to all our friends, supporters and newsletter subscribers of the Central NY Marian Center.

The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September falls during the liturgical season known as **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 Most Holy Name of Mary September 12, 2020

In accordance with Jewish custom our Lady’s parents named her eight days after her birth, and were inspired to call her Mary. The feast of the Holy Name of Mary therefore follows that of her Birthday, as the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus follows Christmas. The feast originated in Spain and was approved by the Holy See in 1513; **Innocent XI** extended its observance to the whole Church in 1683 in



thanksgiving to our Lady for the victory on September 12, 1683 by John Sobieski, king of Poland, over the Turks, who were besieging Vienna and threatening the West. It was removed from the Church calendar in the liturgical reform following **Vatican II** but restored by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2002, along with the **Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus**.

In Hebrew, the name **Mary** is **Miryam**. In Our Lady’s time, Aramaic was the spoken language, and the form of the name then in

use was **Mariam**. Derived from the root, *merur*, the name signifies "bitterness." This most holy, sweet and worthy name was 'eminently fitted to so holy, sweet and worthy a virgin. For **Mary** means a bitter sea, star of the sea, the illuminated or illuminatrix. **Mary** is interpreted **Lady**. **Mary** is a bitter sea to the demons; to men She is the Star of the sea; to the Angels She is illuminatrix, and to all creatures She is Lady.

This devotion originated in the 12th century. Thanks to the influence of **Saint Anselm** and **Saint Bernard**, it spread from monastic circles to the universal Church.

On this day dedicated to the **Holy Name of Mary** let us repeat that wonderful prayer of **Saint Bernard**, responding to Pope Benedict XVI’s invitation to “invite everyone to become a trusting child before Mary, even as the Son of God did. Saint Bernard says, and we say with him: 'Look to the star of the sea, call upon Mary ... in danger, in distress, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. May her name never be far from your lips, or far from your heart ... If you follow her, you will not stray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; if you turn your thoughts to her, you will not err. If she holds you, you will not fall; if she pro-

fects you, you need not fear; if she is your guide, you will not tire; if she is gracious to you, you will surely reach your destination" (Benedict XVI, address at Heiligenkreuz Abbey, September 9, 2007). —

Luciano Alimandi

The Exaltation of the Cross September 14, 2020



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on September 14, recalls three historical events: the finding of the **True Cross by Saint Helena**, the mother of the emperor **Constantine**; the dedication of churches built by **Constantine** on the site of the

Holy Sepulcher and Mount Calvary. The restoration of the True Cross to **Jerusalem** by the emperor **Heraclius II**. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the **Holy Cross** as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the **Garden of Eden**.

Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

We made the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God — mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows September 15, 2020

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows celebrated on September 15, 2017. Our Lady of Sorrows (Latin: **Beata Maria Virgo Perdolens**), the Sorrowful Mother or Mother of Sorrows (Latin: **Mater Dolorosa**), and Our Lady of Piety, Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows or Our Lady of the Seven Dolours are names by which the **Blessed Virgin Mary** is referred to in relation to sorrows in her life. As **Mater Dolorosa**, it is also a key subject for Marian art in the Catholic Church.

The purpose of the **Devotion of the Seven Sorrows** is to promote union with the sufferings of **Christ** through union with the special suffering that Our Lady endured because she was the **Mother of God**. **By uniting ourselves with both the Passion of Christ and His Holy Mother, we enter into Jesus' Heart and honor Him greatly; He is more honored because we have so honored His Mother.**

From the Roman Missal: The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows falls on September 15. This feast commemorates the sorrowful Mother and the sufferings She experienced in union with Her Son and dates back to the 12th century. **Pius XII** extended the feast into the Roman Catholic calendar of saints to the Latin Church (18 Sept., 1814), major double. It was as-



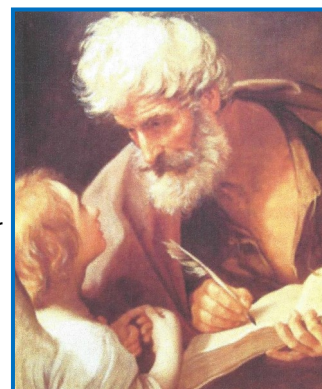
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signed to the third Sunday in September. It was raised to the rank of a double of the second class, 13 May, 1908. In 1913, **Pope Pius X** moved the feast to September 15, the day after the **Feast of the Cross**. It is still observed on that date.

Our Lady of Sorrows has promised us, "all those who offer up their tears of sorrow to Me, I shall repay them a thousand times over"!!!!

Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist September 21, 2020

At the time that Jesus summoned him to follow Him, **Matthew** was a publican, that is, a tax-collector for the Romans. His profession was hateful to the Jews because it reminded them



of their subjection; the publican, also, was regarded by the pharisees as the typical sinner. **St. Matthew** is known to us principally as an Evangelist. He was the first to put down in writing our Lord's teaching and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke.

No one was more shunned by the Jews than a publican, who was a Jew working for the Roman enemy by robbing his own people and making a large personal profit. Publicans were not allowed to trade, eat, or even pray with others Jews.

One day, while seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at **Matthew** and said two words: "Follow me." This was all that was needed to make **Matthew** rise, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. His original name, "Levi," in Hebrew signifies "Adhesion" while his new name in Christ, **Matthew**, means "Gift of God." The only other outstanding mention of Matthew in the Gospels is the dinner party for Christ and His companions to which he invited his fellow tax-collectors. The Jews were sur-

prised to see Jesus with a publican, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners."

St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist, with his Gospel being the first in the New Testament. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke and was written to convince the Jews that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus.

Not much else is known about **Matthew**. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt and Ethiopia and further places East. Some legends say he lived until his nineties, dying a peaceful death, others say he died a martyr's death.

In the traditional symbolization of the evangelists, based on Ezech. 1:5-10 and Rev. 4:6-7, the image of the winged man is accorded to **Matthew** because his Gospel begins with the human genealogy of Christ.

St. Padre Pio
September 23, 2020

Born to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars in Morcone, and joined the order at age 19. He suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. He was ordained at age 22 on 10 August 1910.

While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, **Padre Pio** received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of **Padre Pio** following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious.

In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. **Padre Pio** died on September 23, 1968 at age 81.

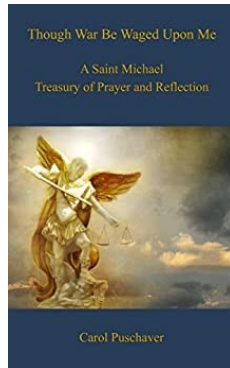
Today there are over 400,000 members worldwide in prayer groups begun by **Padre Pio** in the 1920s.

His canonization miracle involved the cure of Matteo Pio Colella, age 7, the son of a

doctor who works in the House for Relief of Suffering, the hospital in San Giovanni Rondondo. On the night of June 20, 2000, Matteo was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital with meningitis. That night, during a prayer vigil attended by Matteo's mother and some Capuchin friars of Padre Pio's monastery, the child's condition improved suddenly. When he awoke from the coma, Matteo said that he had seen an elderly man with a white beard and a long, brown habit, who said to him: "Don't worry, you will soon be cured." The miracle was approved by the Congregation and **Pope John Paul II** on 20 December 2001.

Announcements

September 29th, Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, Oct. 2 Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels and Oct. 3, First Saturday



September 29, 7PM, The Marian Center is pleased to welcome author and speaker, Carol Puschaver. Carol will offer a presentation on St. Michael the Archangel at 7PM. Her book, **Though War Be Waged Upon Me: A St. Michael Treasury of Prayer and Reflection**,

offers hope and grace to those appealing to the Archangel, especially with the St. Michael Prayer composed by Pope Leo XIII. The book will be available for sale and book signing from 6-6:45PM and 7:30-8PM. The 7PM presentation will be livestreamed or register by phone or email to be present. Limited seating is available. On Oct. 2nd, 5:30-7PM and Oct. 3rd, 11AM-3PM, Carol will join us again for a sale and book signing. She will lead us in the St. Michael Chaplet at the end of all three sessions.

In addition, we will have Marian Center donation and sale items available, "Holy" masks, raffle baskets, raffle wreath, Pilgrim Rosary pictures and books. Winning raffle basket tickets will be drawn on October 7, Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, and winners will be posted in the November newsletter and on our website. Masks and social distancing are required for all events.



Pictured are the lovely raffle baskets and wreath. From now until the drawing, any donation of \$5.00 or more

will automatically earn the giver six tickets in the raffle. You can order "Holy" masks by email or phone.



Family Rosary League

Bud O'Brien and the CNY Marian Center are preparing a Family Rosary League. We will provide rosaries, pamphlets and monthly TelePrayer to help families pray this beautiful devotion together. The Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil and is recommended by the likes of Pope Francis, St. Padre Pio, St. Pope John Paul II, St. Dominic, Blessed Alan de la Roche to name a few. More details to come; contact us to stay in the loop. Check out our website Podcast on The Secret of the Rosary written by St. Louis de Montfort to learn more about the Rosary.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the Parish of St. Joseph & St. Patrick in Utica over the loss of your beloved pastor, Father Richard Dellos and to his siblings and family. In August 2015, the Marian Center visited with the Pilgrim Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (bluearmy.com) for reflection on the Rosary and First Saturdays. Ellen Benton, Parish Director of Evangelization, says, "He was all about saving souls." Dr. Pat Iannolo described him as a nice person and a great priest! May Father Dellos rest in peace with the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board



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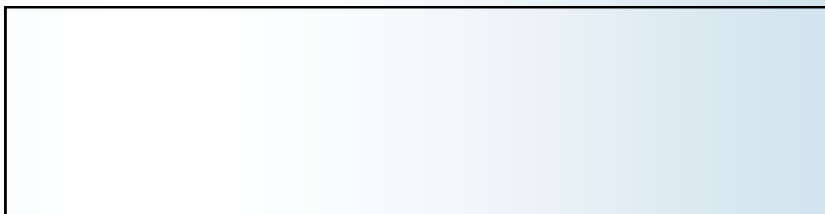
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CNY Marian Center is Pleased to Present

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

September 29, 6-8PM: *St. Michael the Archangel Livestream Presentation (7PM) and Book Sale and Signing (6-6:45 & 7:45-8PM) by Author, Carol Puschaver.* Call or email for limited livestream seating.

Oct. 2, 5:30-7PM & Oct. 3, 11AM-3PM: *St. Michael book signing, Homemade Holy masks, Raffle baskets, Sale and donation items available plus freebies. See more details inside.*

Mondays: 9:45AM-11:45: *Divine Mercy Cenacle: 7:30PM: Intercessory Rosary*

TelePrayers (free with unlimited calls feature on your phone) **Easy Dial in - 516-597-9459 to join the TelePrayers.**

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, Weekly Rosary

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.

For more information: www.cnymariancenter.com; Call 315-452-4698; Email: mariancenter.cny@gmail.com

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