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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 28th year!

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

“Dear children! I am carrying to you little Jesus who brings you peace, Him who is the past, present and future of your existence. Little children, do not permit for your faith and hope in a better future to be extinguished, because you are chosen to be witnesses of hope in every situation. That is why I am here with Jesus that He may bless you with His peace. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

See a rose Pray a 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.

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?

The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on January 3. The first ten 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.

The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**. "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, 2021





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 synapsis 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 **"Newborn 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 Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

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 **Bethlehem**.



The gifts of the **Magi** we do not possess 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 they guide us, from the Cross to the Resurrection, to the hope and promise of Eternal Salvation!!!

Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021



Today we celebrate the **baptism of Christ** in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this **epiphany**.

The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The **Son of God** freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, **Christ** manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan. — *The Light of the World* by **Benedict Baur, O.S.B.**

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or **epiphany** which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus

descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire **Trinity** intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of **Christ** in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the **Baptism of Christ**. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. 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.

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 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 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.

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle January 25, 2021

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. As he was "a young man" at the stoning of Stephen and "an old man" when writing to Phile-

mon, about the year 63, he was probably born around the beginning of the Christian era.

Some time after the death of Our Lord, **St. Paul** returned to Palestine. His profound conviction made his zeal develop to a religious fanaticism against the infant Church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, **St. Stephen**, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was nearing Damascus, about noon, a light from heaven suddenly blazed round him. **Jesus** with His glorified body appeared to him and addressed him, turning him away from his apparently successful career.

An immediate transformation was wrought in the soul of **St. Paul**. He was suddenly converted to the Christian Faith. He was baptized, changed his name from Saul to Paul, and began travelling and preaching the Faith.

He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was martyred as an Apostle in Rome around 65 AD and his relics are in the Basilica of **St. Paul** Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way.



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There are no group meetings at the Marian Center currently because of the increase in Covid. *Individuals may come to pray but must follow posted CDC guidelines.*

Please join us in TelePrayer at 516-597-9459: 9:45AM Monday, Divine Mercy Cenacle; 7:30PM Intercessory Rosary; 3PM M-F Divine Mercy Chaplet; 4PM T, St. Michael Chaplet, 4PM W, St. Joseph Chaplet and 4PM F, Seven Sorrows Rosary; 10:10AM SAT Rosary for our Country.

Individuals may come to pray but must follow posted CDC guidelines. You are welcome to visit our Chapel and pray before the reliquaries. The larger reliquary contains a First Class Relic of St. Paul, who is featured inside this month's newsletter. Rosaries and free resources are also available at the Center. A key is available from the Doctor's office upstairs during their office hours.

On Sunday, **March 21st**, the 12:15PM Mass will be offered for our volunteers and supporters at St. Daniel's. We hope you can attend. We are planning on an informal summer picnic to thank you all in person, details will follow in 2021. [Many thanks for all you do for the Marian Center.](#)

We invite you to pray daily for the Marian Center with the following prayer

Holy Mary, "chosen to be the Mother of God and your mother"; * Jesus gave you to us at the Cross. We pray for your intercession that the mission given by God to the Central New York Marian Center will be fulfilled. May we, your children, give our Fiat for His Will to be done. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Queen of Peace, *Queen of Divine Mercy*,** pray for us. Amen.

*spoken by Our Lady in her February 2, 2020 message **From 12/31/19 homily of Archbishop Luigi Pezzuti

May this New Year, 2021, bring many blessings upon you and your families.

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