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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 29th year!

The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: September 25, 2021

“Dear children! Pray, witness and rejoice with me because the Most High continues to send me to lead you on the way of holiness. Be aware, little children, that life is short and eternity is waiting for you to give glory to God with your being, with all the saints. Little children, do not worry about earthly things, but long for Heaven. Heaven will be your goal and joy will begin to reign in your heart. I am with you and bless all of you with my motherly blessing. 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 ?

Tribute to a Rosary Warrior

It seems appropriate that we honor Nelson Kirkpatrick in our October, Month of the Most Holy Rosary, newsletter. Nelson was a true Prayer Warrior and used “THE Weapon” (Padre Pio) to save souls. Through his love of the Blessed Virgin Mary and devotion to the Rosary, thousands pray the Rosary daily. Nelson and his wife, Alice made and sent rosaries all over the world and even as his health and vision deteriorated, he continued to make as many as he could. Nelson passed away on September 29, Feast of the Archangels. What an Honor Guard to escort him home! With our faith, we believe that he was welcomed by his wife, Alice, and his spiritual Mother, **Our Lady of the Rosary**. Whenever you “See a rose,” remember the rest of Nelson’s quote, “Pray a Rosary!” Read the 2017 Catholic Sun article about Nelson and Alice through the link on our website.

Two Great Dates in the History of the Rosary, October 7 and 13

What a month for the Rosary! One of the greatest naval battles and a miracle that was seen by tens of thousands in the sky.

October 7, 1571

A strong Muslim naval force led by Ali Pasha and a smaller Christian fleet called the Holy League, led by Don Juan of Austria and Admiral Marcantonio Colonna met in battle at Lepanto, just off the coast of Greece. The battle was bloody and had a major impact on the face of Europe.

The Christian fleet, the Holy League, consisted primarily of 208 ships and 68,000 sailors, soldiers and crewmen from Spain, the Papal States, Venice and a few smaller states. The Muslim force had 282 ships and 87,000 men including oarsmen; the majority of their oarsmen were Christian slaves.

Intercession of Our Lady

Pope St. Pius V was elected the leader of the Church of Rome in 1566. Despite the regret he expressed at his election, he was a very effective Pope and was canonized in 1712 by Pope Clement XI.

In 1569, Pius V had issued a papal bull, *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices*, which set the universal standard for praying the Rosary. As the sea battle between the Christians and Turks loomed, *Pope Pius asked Christians throughout Europe to pray the Ro-*

sary, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother with her Son for a Christian victory. The pope also ordered churches to conduct continuous periods of Eucharistic adoration. He prompted the Rosary Confraternities in Rome to hold processions during which the Rosary was prayed. The faithful of Europe were all fervently praying at the same time for the same purpose: to save Christianity. Every Christian soldier and sailor aboard the Christian vessels prayed the Rosary on the eve of the battle and had received the Eucharist before sailing.



The Battle

The Oct. 7 battle lasted some five hours with the ships fighting in close proximity. The Turks had the edge in numbers, but the tactics, total guns, leadership and **Divine Providence** won the day for the Christians. When the battle was over, the Turks had lost 20,000 men and 200 ships. The Christian losses were less than 8,000 men and only a few vessels. By the grace of God, Christianity was saved.

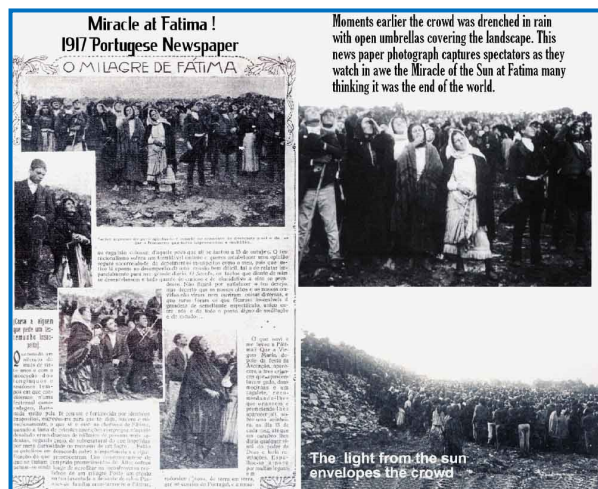
Pius V was in the Vatican and stopped his day's business to declare the victory. Confirmation of the battle results was not confirmed until three days later but the victory was celebrated with great enthusiasm. People were jubilant, Church bells rang and joyful praise was given to the

Blessed Mother for her intercession with Our Lord Jesus. **Soon the pope added a feast day, Our Lady of Victory, as an obligatory memorial to the Church calendar, celebrated every Oct. 7.** The victory at Lepanto and the intercession of the Blessed Mother garnered from the faithful praying the rosary, would thus be perpetuated in Catholic memory. The name of the feast changed over the centuries and became **known by the current title, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.**

The story of the battle is the historical context but the faithful and fervent praying of the Rosary and Eucharistic adoration requested by Pope Pius V are the true story, **God's faithfulness.**

D.D. Emmons (edited from Our Sunday Visitor), 10/7/2018

Fatima, October 13, 1917



This dramatic conclusion to the monthly appearances of **Our Lady of Fatima**, Portugal to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, is celebrated on the 13th of October every year. Our Lady came with a request, **"Pray the Rosary every day."** This beautiful lady did not identify herself but she promised to provide a miracle in October for all to see. On October 13th, approximately 70,000 people stood in the pouring rain waiting for this as yet, unknown miracle. When Our Lady arrived, the rain stopped and as she held her hand up toward the sun, it began to spin. The Miracle of the Sun was seen miles away and as it spun and changed colors, it also appeared to drop toward earth. The frightened spectators thought this was the end, but as the sun returned to its normal position and static state, the people, their clothes and the previously rain-soaked ground had all dried. During this, the three children received visions in the sky of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Sorrows, and St. Joseph holding the Child Jesus. What was the name of this beautiful lady who appeared over six months? **"I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes."**

The History of the Rosary (excerpted from a homily by Deacon Dare Dutter, Holy Cross Church, August 15, 2021, *The Feast of the Assumption*) Perhaps the most significant part of Mary's legacy after her assumption into heaven is that **she continues to be active in the world.** There are a large number of places where people have encountered her. She has been seen in Mexico, France, Portugal, Ireland, Czechoslovakia, and many more. These appearances have been accompanied by miracles, healings and visions of heaven that have changed the lives of millions of people. One of the most important of her appearances was to a poor Spanish priest named **Dominic Guzman to whom she presented the Rosary.** Dominic traveled into France preaching the Word of God but his efforts gained few conversions and even fewer followers. He had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, but he also had a big problem. He was dead set against something called Albigensianism- a belief that Jesus was not both human and divine. The Albigensians taught that all matter, including the human body is evil while only God's spirit is good. Thus, they were saying that Jesus could not be fully human and fully divine as we Catholics believe. He was really struggling when, in 1208, he went into a forest near Toulouse, France to pray, asking God to provide what he needed in order to overcome the Albigensians. Ancient ac-

counts tell us that after three days of prayer and fasting, three angels appeared in the sky along with a ball of fire. When they disappeared, the Virgin Mary spoke, telling the priest that **he must preach her Psalter** in order to succeed in his efforts to overcome the Albigensians.

The Marian Psalter was a prayer developed by Cistercian monks, which involved **praying 150 Hail Mary's divided into groups of 10 by Our Fathers**. Prayer beads were used to keep track of the Hail Mary's. Mary revealed to St. Dominic the mysteries which were preached to correspond to the Psalter prayers. **The mysteries were stories of Christ's life** which directly contradicted the heresy of the Albigensians by **focusing on the incarnation, death, and triumphant resurrection of Jesus Christ**. The Albigensian heretics were defeated within a few years after Mary introduced her prayer to St. Dominic, and order was restored to the church. That prayer-the Rosary- continues to be a source of grace and peace to all people.

The Rosary is a powerful prayer. Those who pray it have received miracle cures, been saved from wars and been enlightened with flashes of spiritual insight that have led them to change their lives for the better. A partial listing of the miracles that have been attributed to praying the Rosary is interesting and enlightening. For example, in 1945, **during WWII, eight Jesuit priests** were praying the Rosary in a parish house less than one mile from where the atomic bomb was dropped on the town of Hiroshima in Japan. While the church next to the parish house was destroyed and thousands of people were killed, the house remained standing, and the eight missionary priests miraculously survived. It was also miraculous and inexplicable that none of the eight Jesuits suffered from radiation exposure. In another miraculous event, praying the Rosary led to **healing for Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton, who became known as the Rosary Priest**. In 1938, after he had emigrated to the United States from Ireland but before he was ordained, he became very ill and was diagnosed with advanced Tuberculosis, which was incurable at the time. After his sister suggested that he pray to the Blessed Mother for her intercession, he consecrated himself to Mary and began devoutly praying the Rosary. To the astonishment of his doctors, he was completely and miraculously cured. He promised the Blessed Mother that he would spend his life promoting the Rosary. *(Access the full homily through our website or request a copy).*

The CNY Marian Center's Spiritual Works

Our Lady has asked us to pray the Rosary daily at Fatima and Medjugorje among other famous apparition sites. Why? Padre Pio has said **"The Rosary is THE weapon."** We need the Rosary to remind us of God's almighty power and to give us strength and hope. It is our peace during difficult times. It is a way to send our prayers to Jesus through Mary.

Where can you get rosaries for yourself, your prayer group, your parish and learn how to pray and/or make them? Through our Spiritual Work of Mercy, the CNY Marian center makes rosaries and distributes them as requested. We can always use more rosary makers and are happy to teach new helpers. We meet Fridays from 10-Noon or at a more convenient time upon request. Once you learn, you can join us at the Center and /or make rosaries at home. We can make wire and bead rosaries also, but not in the larger quantities at this time. If you would like help starting the rosary in your home, group or parish, please contact us. We are happy to help.



Our Chapel is home to almost sixty relics for prayer. **The Pilgrim Rosary** made by our longtime friend, Richard Bingold, is also available for viewing and prayer in the Chapel. Richard passed away June 24, 2019 and his wife, Monique has blessed us with temporary guardianship.

Besides our handmade cord and bead rosaries, what else do we offer people to better understand the power of the Rosary? Great videos like ***The Power in My Hands*** about the power in praying the Rosary, ***Pray*** about Father Patrick Peyton, and many more.

The Rosary Confraternity was first founded by St. Dominic to join rosary prayers all over the world. As the Confraternity devotion decreased, Our Lady re-established it through Blessed Alan de la Roche. St. Louis de Montfort shared all this in **"The Secret of the Rosary"**, his popular spiritual book encouraging praying the Rosary and joining the Confraternity. You can join the Confraternity through several Syracuse parishes and this website, www.confraternitycommunity.com, which lists approved shrines for enrollment. The Blue Army Shrine and Our Lady of Good Help will be eligible soon to enroll through. Multiply your prayers with the world Rosary Confraternity members. Sign up! We have recorded **The Secret of the Rosary** into a podcast available from our website and we have copies of the book available for free if you prefer to read or read along!

The pandemic prevented us from praying together at the Center but we have kept the faith and the rosary going through **Zoom presentations** and Free Conference Call **TelePrayers**. We offer prayer Monday through Saturday over the telephone including the **3PM M-F-Divine Mercy Chaplet, 4PM T-St. Michael Chaplet, 4PM W-St. Joseph Seven Sorrows and Joys, 4PM F-Seven Sorrows Rosary of Our Lady** and a weekly **10:10AM SA-Rosary**. Just dial 516-597-9459 to join us. Our Monday Divine Mercy Cenacle, **10:00AM** and Intercessory Rosary, **7:00PM** meet at the Center.

Please continue to pray for the CNY Marian Center and join us whenever you can in prayer.



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**WATCH September recorded presentations on Padre Pio and the Archangels on our website.
More events coming.**

We ask for your prayers for the Marian Center: *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.*

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