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

The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: April 25, 2022

“Dear children! I am looking at you and I see that you are lost. That is why I am calling all of you: return to God, return to prayer and the Holy Spirit will fill you with His love which gives joy to the heart. Hope will grow in you, also for a better future, and you will become joyful witnesses of God’s mercy in you and around you. 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.

As we enter the new liturgical season of Ordinary Time, do our hearts ring out with great love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus as we celebrate the feast days?

The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. This 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.

Pentecost Sunday June 5, 2022

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek and refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the "Feast of Weeks."

The earliest possible date is 10 May (as in 1818 and 2285). The latest possible date is 13 June (as in 1943 and 2038). The day of Pentecost is seven weeks after Easter Sunday: that is to say, the fiftieth day after Easter inclusive of Easter Sunday. Pentecost may also refer to the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost Sunday inclusive of both, because Easter itself has no fixed date, this makes Pentecost a moveable feast.

In Christian tradition, Pentecost is an important event that marks the shifting of God's



redemptive purpose from the "descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" to all peoples. It does signify an important event in the history of the early Church that enabled the rapid spread of Christianity. Within a few decades important congregations had been established in all major cities of the Roman Empire.

The biblical narrative of Pentecost is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. Peter's sermon in Acts 2:14-36 stresses the resurrection and exaltation. In his sermon he quotes Joel 2:28-32 and Psalm 16 to indicate that first Pentecost marks the start of the Messianic Age. About one hundred and twenty followers of Christ (Acts 1:15) were present, including the Twelve Apostles (Matthias was Judas' replacement) (Acts 1:13, 26), Jesus' mother Mary, oth-

er female disciples and his brothers (Acts 1:14). Traditional interpretation holds that the Descent of the Holy Spirit took place in the Upper Room, or Cenacle, while celebrating the day of Pentecost. The Upper Room was mentioned in Luke 22:11-12 where Jesus says: ...say to the owner of the house 'The Teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where may I eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.

The feast itself lasts three days. The first day is known as "Trinity Sunday"; the second day is known as "Spirit Monday" (or "Monday of the Holy Spirit"); and the third day, Tuesday, is called the "Third Day of the Trinity." After-feast of Pentecost lasts for one week, during which fasting is not permitted, even on Wednesday and Friday. In the Orthodox Tradition, the liturgical color used at Pentecost is green, and the clergy and faithful carry flowers and green branches in their hands during the services.

The Most Holy Trinity June 12, 2022

The feast of the Blessed Trinity was introduced in the ninth century and was only inserted in the general calendar of the Church in the fourteenth century by Pope John XXII. But the cultus of the Trinity is, of course, to be found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has so shown His mercy towards us and has given us to share in His life.

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this

one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: **Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.**

The Father sent His Son to earth, for "**God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son.**" The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist *par excellence* to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, and our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving *Te Deum* rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

The feast of the **Most Holy Trinity** may well be regarded as the Church's *Te Deum* of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "**Day of the Lord,**" the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the* day of the Most Holy Trinity.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) June 19, 2022

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.'"

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by institut-

ing the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by **St. Thomas Aquinas** upon the request of **Pope Urban IV** in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist (6/24) Celebrated June 23, 2022

Zachary, the father of **John the Baptist**, was a **priest** of the course of Abia, the eighth of the twenty-four courses into which the **priests** were divided (**1 Chronicles 24:7-19**); Elizabeth, John the Baptist's mother.

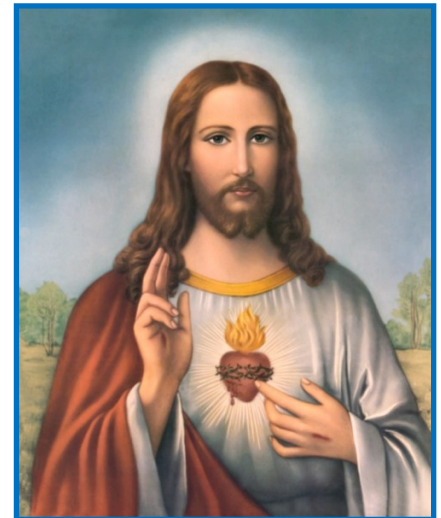
John the Baptist was born through the intercession of **God to Zachariah and Elizabeth**, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the **Angel Gabriel** visited **Elizabeth and Zachariah** to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him **John**; and thou shalt have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice in his nativity. For he shall be great before the **Lord**; and he shall be filled with the **Holy Ghost**, even from his mother's womb. And he shall **convert** many of the **children of Israel** to the **Lord their God**. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of **Elias**; that he may prepare unto the **Lord a perfect people**" (**1:8-17**). Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

Now during the sixth month, the **Annunciation** had taken place, and, as **Mary** had heard from the **angel** the fact of her cousin's conceiving, she went "with haste" to congratulate her. "And it came to pass, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of **Mary**, the **infant**" filled, like the mother, with the **Holy Ghost** "leaped for **joy** in her womb", as if to be in the presence of his **Lord**. Then was accomplished the prophetic utterance of the **angel** that the child should "be filled with the **Holy Ghost** even from his mother's womb". Now as the presence of any **sin** whatever is incompatible with the indwelling of the **Holy Ghost** in the **soul**, that at this moment John was cleansed from the stain of **original sin**. When "**Elizabeth's** full time of being delivered was come, she brought forth a son" (**1:57**) and "on the eighth day they came to **circumcise** the child, and they made sign to his father, how he would have him called. And demanding a writing table, he wrote, saying: **John is his name**. They were not aware that no better name could be applied (**John**, Hebrew; **Jehohanan**, i.e. "**Jahweh hath mercy**") to him who, as his father **prophesied**, was to "go before the face of the **Lord** to prepare his ways."

The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus June 24, 2022

(Properly the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) is a solemnity in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. It falls 19 days after the Pentecost, on a Friday.

Devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** came



into the Catholic faith through a Catholic sister known as **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** (1647-1690). At the age of 24, Margaret Mary entered the Visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial in France. She began to have visions of Our Lord and on December 27, 1673, on the Feast of **St. John**. Jesus told her that she was to become his instrument in spreading devotion to **His Sacred Heart**. While kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, **Our Lord appeared to her and invited her to "rest a long time on His Divine Breast."** Jesus revealed to her the marvels of the love that **His Sacred Heart** had for mankind.

The fourth apparition, which probably took place on 16 June 1675, was the most important. Again it happened as Margaret Mary was praying before the Blessed Sacrament, when He again showed her a representation of His heart, further complaining of the ingratitude and coldness of mankind towards Him, and particularly when this was the case with those specially consecrated to Him.

To make up for this He asked that the first Friday after the **feast of Corpus Christi** (Latin for the "**Body of Christ**"), should be dedicated as a feast in honor of **His Sacred Heart**, when people should receive Holy Communion in reparation.

The "**Great promise**" associated with this devotion applied to those who went to Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays: "**I promise you, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that it's all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments, My Divine Heart becoming their assured refuge at that last hour.**"

Only the **Heart of Christ** who knows the depths of His **Father's** love could reveal to us the abyss of his mercy in so simple and beautiful a way. (CC P:1439)

Memorial of The Immaculate Heart of The Blessed Virgin Mary June 25, 2022

In the midst of the second world war Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of our Savior's Mother by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart, and in 1944 he



decreed that in the future the whole Church should celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is not a new devotion. In the seventeenth century, St. John Eudes preached it together with that of the Sacred Heart; in the nineteenth century, Pius VII and Pius IX allowed several churches to celebrate a feast of the Pure Heart of Mary. Pius XII instituted today's feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the whole Church, so as to obtain by her intercession "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue" (Decree of May 4, 1944).

The attention of Christians was early attracted by the love and virtues of the Heart of Mary. The Gospel itself invited this attention with exquisite discretion and delicacy. What was first excited was compassion for the Virgin Mother. It was, so to speak, at the foot of the Cross that the Christian heart first made the acquaintance of the Heart of Mary. Simeon's prophecy paved the way and furnished the devotion with one of its favorite formulae and most popular representations: the heart pierced with a sword. But Mary was not merely passive at the foot of the Cross; "she cooperated through charity", as St. Augustine says, "in the work of our redemption".

In 1799 Pius VI, then in captivity at Florence, granted the Bishop of Palermo the feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary for some of the churches in his diocese. In 1805 Pius VII made a new concession, thanks to which the feast was soon widely observed. Such was the existing condition when a twofold movement, started in Paris, gave fresh impetus to the devotion. The two factors of this movement were first of all the revelation of the "miraculous medal" in 1830 and all the prodigies that followed, and then the establishment at Notre-Dame-des-Victoires of the Archconfraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of Sinners, which spread rapidly throughout the world and was the source of numberless graces. On 21 July 1855, the Congregation of Rites finally approved the Office and Mass of the Most Pure Heart of Mary without, however, imposing them upon the Universal Church.

Check out our emails, website and Facebook for events related to the Immaculate Heart and the 41st Anniversary of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, in Medjugorje.

St. Peter and St. Paul June 29, 2022

Veneration of the two great Apostles, **Peter and Paul**, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built. They are at the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under **God's** providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the center of the Christian world whence should radiate the preaching of the Gospel.

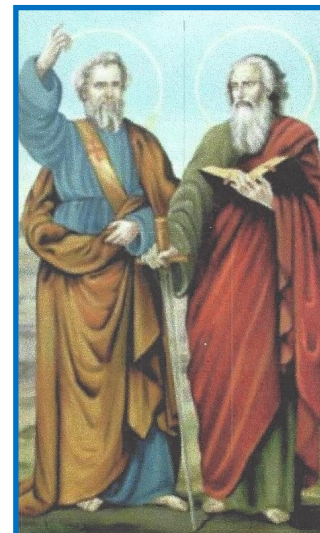
St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in A.D. 66 or 67. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the **Basilica of St. Peter's**. **St. Paul** was beheaded in the Via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name.

Peter's original name was **Simon**. **Christ** Himself gave him the name **Cephas** or **Peter** when they first met and later confirmed it. This name change was meant to show both Peter's rank as leader of the apostles and the outstanding trait of his character **Peter** (in Hebrew **Kephas**) the Rock. Peter was born in **Bethsaida** on the Sea of Galilee. Like his younger brother **Andrew**, he was a fisherman and dwelt at Capernaum.

He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church (**Cornelius; Acts 10:1**). Paul went to Jerusalem "to see Peter." After his miraculous deliverance from prison (**Easter, 42 A.D.**)

Paul, known as **Saul** (his Roman name) before his conversion, was born at **Tarsus** in the Roman province of **Silicia** about two or three years after the advent of the Redeemer. He was the son of Jewish parents who belonged to the tribe of Benjamin, was reared according to the strict religious nationalistic party of the Pharisees, and enjoyed the high distinction of Roman citizenship.

At the time of **Jesus'** ministry he no longer was at Jerusalem; neither did he see the **Lord** during his earthly-life. When Stephen impugned Law and temple, Paul was one of the first at



his stoning; thereafter his fiery personality would lead the persecution. Breathing threats of slaughter against the disciples of Jesus, he was hurrying to Damascus when the grace of **God** effected his conversion (about the year 34 A.D.)

During this retreat Paul was favored with Christ appearing to him personally.

Upon his return to Damascus he began to preach but was forced to leave when the Jews sought to kill him. He went to Jerusalem "to see Peter." **Barnabas** introduced him to the Christian community, but the hatred of the Jews again obliged him to take secret flight. The years (38-42 A.D.) he spent at **Tarsus** until **Barnabas** brought him to **Antioch**, where both worked a year for the cause of **Christ**.

In 66 he returned to Rome, was taken prisoner, and beheaded a year later. His fourteen letters are a precious legacy; they afford a deep insight into a great soul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CNY Marian Center would like to recognize three Rosary makers who passed on recently. On December 30, Helen Buonocore, went home to the Lord. Helen, with her sisters, Stephanie and Patty, were a great team of rosary makers. They made rosaries together at home and at camp. They made special rosaries at times including the World Mission Rosary and rosaries for their own church, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church on the west side. The sisters shared a deep faith and love of Our Lady and put it into good works spreading the Rosary.

Another family rosary group lost one of its members on February 5th. Therese (named for the Little Flower) Sotherden, daughter of Irene Williamson passed away. Irene is a startup member of the rosary makers and she recruited Therese and her husband to help also. Every few weeks or month, Irene would stop by with several hundred rosaries that the three of them made both together and separately. St. Therese promised to shower down roses from heaven and Therese Sotherden helped distribute those roses in the form of the hundreds (or thousands) of rosaries she made.

One of our later recruits was Sr. Mary Celestine who passed away April 12. Sr. Celestine was well known for her many years at Stella Maris Retreat House. After some time at St. Mary's of the Assumption Convent in Baldwinsville, Sr. Celestine moved into the Franciscan Villa on Buckley Road. At that time, the Marian Center Rosary Makers were meeting at the Villa. It only took one phone call to invite Sr. Celestine to rosary making and she was there every week with that big, beautiful smile. She never quite mastered knot making but everyone was happy to finish off her rosaries. We knew we would be met with a big smile and "Thank you Dear."

We thank God for these rosary makers, Helen, Therese and Sr. Celestine. They are now resting from their earthly labors and enjoying the thanks of our heavenly Mother who they honored through their rosary making. May they rest in peace.

Pilgrimages with Mary Scarsciotti
Divine Mercy Shrine, Stockbridge MA - July 31, \$65.00
Our Lady of Fatima, Lewiston NY - August 28, \$55.00
Payment required 35 days before the pilgrimage. Bring your own lunch.
Call Mary at 315-437-2360 to register or with questions.



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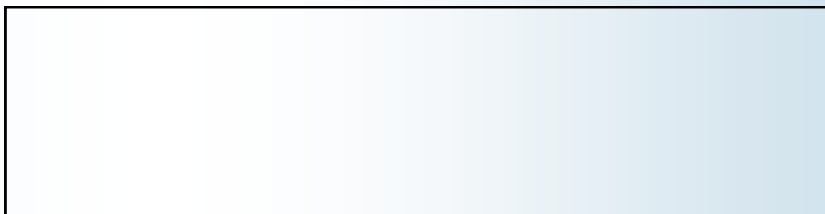
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Please enjoy our June newsletter which includes the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady's April message is included and May's message can be found on our website and Facebook. We are staffed Monday and Friday 10am-noon. Stop in then or during the doctor's office hours to pray in the chapel. Several tables in the meeting room contain free religious articles you are welcome to take home.

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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