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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 30th year!

## The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: June 25, 2023

**“Dear children! The Most High permits me to be among you — to pray for you, to be a Mother to you and to be your refuge. Little children, I am calling you: return to God and to prayer and God will bless you abundantly. 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](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.

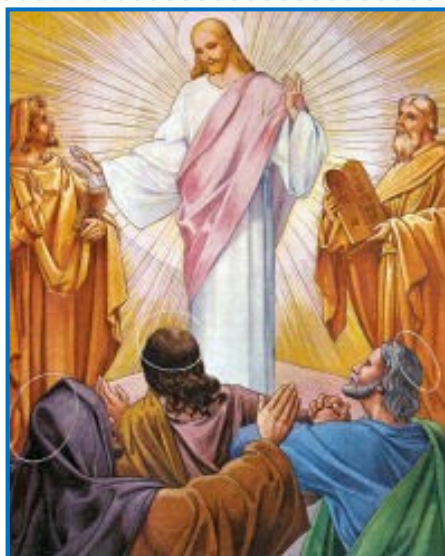
Eternal life is where we’ll contemplate, as the Apostles did, the Glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Beatific Vision (cc 1028, 1720) and indeed we shall proclaim, “Lord it is good to be with you!!!!”.

The month of August is dedicated to [The Immaculate Heart of Mary](#). The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color [green](#).

#### The Feast of the Transfiguration 8/6/23

The Feast of the Transfiguration was started in the fourth or fifth century and spread throughout the Christian East in the centuries following. The Transfiguration prefigures the glory of the Lord as God, foretells His ascension into heaven, and anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in divine promise of eternal life. The feast of the Transfiguration of Christ celebrates the revelation of Christ’s divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee (Matthew 17:1-6; Mark 9:1-8; Luke 9:28-36).

After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem



(Matthew 16:21), Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and John, went up the mountain. “He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow.”

As Christ was transfigured, two others appeared with Him: Moses, representing the Old Testament Law, and Elijah, representing the prophets. Thus Christ, who stood between the two and spoke with them, appeared to the disciples as the fulfillment of both the Law and the prophets.

#### St. Lawrence, Martyr and Deacon 8/10/23

Lawrence was chief among the seven deacons who served the Roman Church during the mid-third century. The young cleric held a position of great trust, caring for the goods of the Church and distributing its alms among the poor. He was arrested under the Emperor Valerian in 258, laid upon a gridiron and slowly roasted to death. Lawrence rejoiced in his awful martyrdom and died praying for the conversion of the city of Rome, in the hope that from it the faith of Christ might spread throughout the world. From that time idolatry began to decline in Rome. This young deacon and heroic martyr is numbered among those saints who were most highly venerated by the ancient Roman Church. Next to the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, that of St. Lawrence ranked highest in the Roman sanctoral cycle. “From the rising of the sun unto its setting,” says St. Leo, “whenever the glory of Levites beams forth in splendor, Rome is deemed no less illustrious because of Lawrence than Jerusalem because of Stephen.”

During the persecution of Emperor Valerian (253-260), Sixtus II and his four deacons were martyred. Very ardently Lawrence desired to die with his spiritual father and therefore said to him: “Father, where are you going without your son? Where are you hastening, O priest, without your deacon? Never before did you offer the holy Sacrifice without assistants.



In what way have I displeased you? In what way have you found me unfaithful in my office? Oh, try me again and prove to yourself whether you have chosen an unworthy minister for the service of the Church. So far you have been

trusting me with distributing the Blood of the Lord."

Lawrence was tortured, scourged, and scorched with glowing plates. In the midst of excruciating pain he prayed: "Lord Jesus Christ, God from God, have mercy on Your servant!" And he besought the grace of faith for the bystanders. At a certain point the soldier Romanus exclaimed: "I see before you an incomparably beautiful youth. Hasten and baptize me." He had observed how an angel dried the wounds of Lawrence with a linen cloth during his passion. Turning to God in prayer: "I thank You, O Lord, that I am permitted to enter Your portals." To comfort him during his torments God said to him: "My servant, do not be afraid. I am with you." He was put to death upon the Viminal Hill and buried on the Tiburtinian Way.

## The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/15/23

This Feast Day is a Day of Holy Obligation

The Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of Lords and conqueror of sin and death." (cc 966) [Vatican II LG 59; cf. Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus* (1950); DS

3903; cf. Rev 19:16] The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared "Munificentissimus Deus" that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

The Rosary in Image and Text Mediations Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church includes the Glorious Mysteries and therefore the Assumption.

The holy death of Our Blessed Mother should teach us to prepare for our own death, and to say fervently every day those words of the Hail Mary, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."



## Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/22/23

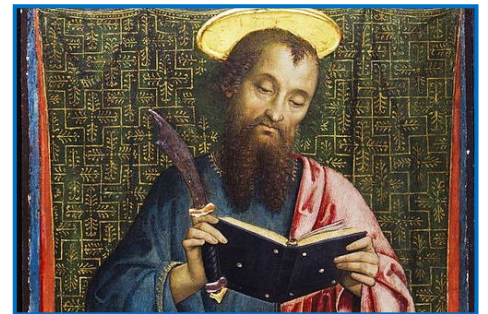
The Feast of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Traditional Calendar and the Queenship of Mary, the New Calendar. Pope Pius XII, by his encyclical letter on October 11, 1954, granted unanimous desire of the faithful and their pastors, and instituted the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. With the certainty of faith we know that Jesus Christ is King in the full, literal, and absolute sense of the word, He is true God and true Man. Mary, in a limited way, shared in His royal works. She was the Mother of Christ, and Christ is God. She shared in the work of the Divine Redeemer, in His struggles against enemies and in the triumph, He won over them all.

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Mary was assumed into Heaven by Jesus and the angels. That means she was carried. Jesus ascended into Heaven, which is a different word, He went up to Heaven by His own power. Mary doesn't have that kind of power, so Jesus carried Her.

After She was assumed into Heaven, Jesus took His Mother to a throne next to His own. Since He is King and Lord of all, then as His Mother, She was to become Queen. Jesus, God our Father and the Holy Spirit placed a beautiful crown of twelve stars on Her head. All the angels and saints sang wonderful songs praising Her as their Queen.

## St. Bartholomew, Apostle 8/24/23



St. Bartholomew, a doctor in Jewish law, was a dear friend of St. Philip the Apostle. Because Bartholomew was a man "in whom there was no guile," his mind was open to the truth. He went willingly with Philip to see Christ and recognized the Savior immediately as the Son of God. After having received the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost, Bartholomew evangelized Asia Minor, northwestern India, and Greater Armenia. In the latter country, while preaching to idolaters, he was arrested and condemned to death.

In St. John's Gospel, Bartholomew is known by the name Nathaniel (the liturgy does not always seem aware of this identity). He hailed from Cana in Galilee, was one of the first disciples called by the Lord. On that initial meeting Jesus uttered the glorious compliment: "Behold, an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile!" After the Resurrection he was favored by becoming one of the few apostles who witnessed the appearance of the risen Savior on the sea of Galilee (John 21:2). Following the Ascension he is said to have preached in Greater Armenia and to have been martyred there. While still alive, his skin was torn from his body. The Armenians honor him as the apostle of their nation. Concerning the fate of his relics, The Martyrology says: "His holy body was first taken to the island of Lipari (north of Sicily), then to Benevento, and finally to Rome on an island in the Tiber where it is honored by the faithful with pious devotion."

The Church of Armenia has a national tradition that St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew visited the Armenians early in the first



century and introduced Christianity among the worshippers of the god Ahura Mazda. The new faith spread throughout the land, and in 302 A.D., St. Gregory the Illuminator baptized the king of Armenia, Dertad the Great, along with many of his followers. Since Dertad was probably the first ruler to embrace Christianity for his nation, the Armenians proudly claim they were the first Christian State. Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

**Passion of Saint John the Baptist 8/29/23**

The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honors the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated. He had the courage to blame Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison him and beheaded the saint.

**Martyrdom of John the Baptist**

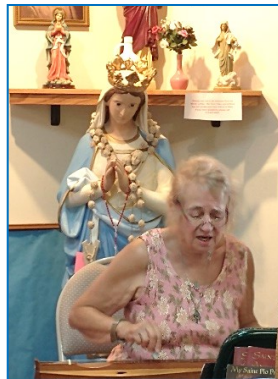
Only a small portion of his relics were able to be saved by monks and sent to St. Athanasius at Alexandria. The head of the saint is venerated at various places. That in the Church of St. Sylvester in Rome belongs to a martyr-priest John. Also in the Dominican church at Breslau the Baptist's head is honored.

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He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men. He was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

[The CNY Marian Center is thrilled to announce that on August 19, 1:00PM – Eileen Rose](#), local musician and songwriter, will perform at the Center.



Eileen will play the Appalachian Dulcimer and sing old beloved Gospel Hymns for an afternoon of music and conversation as she shares stories about the hymns. A free will offering will be taken benefiting the CNY Marian Center. Please

come and join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> for music and fellowship. It promises to be a spiritual, blessed afternoon. You'll love Eileen's repertoire of hymns plus a few of her own inspired compositions. Check out a brief video on our website and Facebook page.

**In Memoriam – Monsignor Eugene Yennock**

In the month of June, the Central New York Marian Center lost two of its staunchest supporters, Monsignor Eugene Yennock and Henry "Hank" Donahue. They died on June 6<sup>th</sup> within hours of each other.

Monsignor Yennock was a part of the initial founding of the CNY Marian Center. His love for Jesus and Mary was deep and the Center was a perfect place to share that love. Dr. Pat Iannolo, founder of the CNY Marian Center received an inspiration while in Medjugorje to build it. He met with Monsignor Yennock to explain the concept for the center. Monsignor Yennock gave his approval and became the Spiritual Director of this little Marian oasis for prayer. Monsignor represented the Marian Center to the Diocese of Syracuse and became the Spiritual Advisor for past Chairman of the Board, the late Bud O'Brien.

During his tenure as Spiritual Director for the Marian Center, Monsignor always drew a crowd whether celebrating Mass for us or doing a presentation. We still have many of his recorded cassettes and CDs of his homilies and talks. On June 24, 2019, Monsignor Yennock celebrated the blessing and rededication of the Garden Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel that greets visitors as they enter the driveway. The beautiful statue had been donated by Tom and Nadine Bohanske and required some refurbishing after a number of years in the garden. That day was the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Medjugorje. The statue and renovated garden were blessed by Monsignor Yennock and followed by a celebration inside the Center and praying the Rosary.

Monsignor retired recently and moved to the Nottingham. He became a resident of Francis House for a short time, then returned to his apartment. Nancy Iannolo arranged for people to pray the Rosary with Monsignor nightly at both places. About a week and a half before his death, one of Monsignor's rosary prayer partners was then, Rev. Mr. James Buttner, who was ordained to the priesthood a week later. We know the prayer time was a blessing for both men as they each prepared to enter a new stage of their life with Jesus Christ.

We thank God for the blessings and privilege of knowing this good, holy man who served God and all of us throughout his many years of priesthood.

One of Monsignor's strongest convictions

was the Right to Life and Jeannie Owens and Shannon Guy can attest to his numerous visits to 40 Days for Life praying for an end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood. Despite inclement weather, he made the local March for Life regularly.

**In Memoriam - Hank Donahue**

This conviction was shared by Hank Donahue, a mainstay in the Pro-Life movement with his late wife, Louise.

Hank and Louise were prayer warriors and longtime members of the Charismatic Renewal. They participated in Life in the Spirit Seminars as prayer leaders and brought many to a deeper faith in the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. They participated in a Charismatic prayer group through Christ the King Church and became close friends with the group who not only were his prayer partners but Tom and Lynn became caregivers who accompanied him to Church, breakfast, dinner and his final journey home.

Hank and Louise began a Rosary group at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Liverpool. The Rosary moved to the Marian Center and the group still meets Mondays at 7pm. Hank led this group for over 30 years. Every week he prayed fervently for those requesting intercessory prayer. His humor and wit and devotion to Our Lady and Jesus was a bright light for all to see. This light was part of his whole being and every minute of his life. Hank ensured the Monday Night Rosary would continue. Carol Leeder shared this: "(2010) My husband, Robert and I realized that we had missed the May Crowning at our Church. We decided to go to the Marian Center on Taft Road. On that evening in 2010, we met Hank and Louise Donahue. They were very dedicated to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary. Hank and I would chat every Monday morning and Hank asked me to lead the Rosary. I agreed and it was a gift of the Blessed Mother." A gift for the Marian Center also for Carol to continue this beautiful devotion.

Hank had a servant's heart and served the Marian Center for years as Chairman of the Board and worked with Louise on maintaining and offering their halfway House, Circle of Hope, to those recently released from prison. Their prison ministry included many visits to Auburn State Prison.

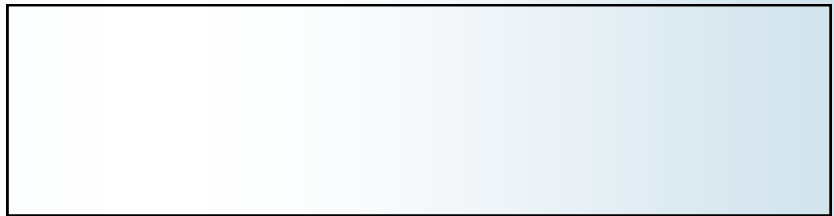
Hank's great devotion to the Pro-Life movement was a firm commitment. He would pray at Planned Parenthood Saturday mornings with a group of prayer warriors and always came for Forty Days for Life. It is God's amazing Grace and Mercy that one of the many friends he made in the Pro-Life Movement would become his nurse during his last days as he was forever united with Jesus, Mary and his beloved wife, Louise.



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**CNY Marian Center is Pleased to Present**

**Check out Page 3: An inspirational event coming up in August. Saturday, August 19th at 1:00PM, enjoy Gospel Hymns sung by Eileen Rose. Read our memorials to Monsignor Eugene Yennock and Hank Donahue, two courageous prayer warriors who will be greatly missed.**

**We continue to make and provide rosaries to parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, small groups and individuals. Please keep our ministry in prayer.**

**Please join us in praying 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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