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

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

“Dear children! I am calling all of you to be carriers of the peace and joy of the risen Jesus for all those who are far from prayer; that the love of Jesus, through your lives, may transform them to a new life of conversion and holiness 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 and Corpus Christi** as we celebrate their feast days?

The rhythm of the liturgical seasons reflects His rhythm of life, with its celebrations of anniversaries and its seasons of quiet growth and maturing.

The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncre-

ated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Savior, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.

The Most Holy Trinity June 4, 2023

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 litur-

gist *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 11, 2023

"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 instituting 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.

Feast Day Anthony of Padua
June 13, 2023



St. Anthony was born at Lisbon, Portugal. He became a Franciscan preaching the Gospel everywhere in Portugal and Italy. Both as a theologian and as a preacher he fought vigorously against heresy. His preaching was inspired by the love of **God** and of souls and had an extraordinary power of conviction; it was filled with the penetrating power of the Bible. Pope Gregory IX, who heard him preach, called him during his lifetime the **Arca Testamenti**, meaning "**the living repository of the Holy Scriptures**". **St. Anthony** lived for a time in France, but chiefly in Italy, and died at Padua in 1231 at age 36, with the reputation of great sanctity. From the day of his death innumerable miracles caused the faithful to invoke him as a wonderworker of untiring benevolence.

We pray to St. Anthony for lost items because he was the greatest preacher of the gospels. As he had all the gospels memorized, he restores our memories so that we may find our lost items.

The CNY Marian Center, has four first class relics, including **St. Anthony of Padua**. We encourage visitors to come in and kiss these first class relics as the miracle occurs at the actual kissing of a first class relic.

The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 16, 2023

(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.

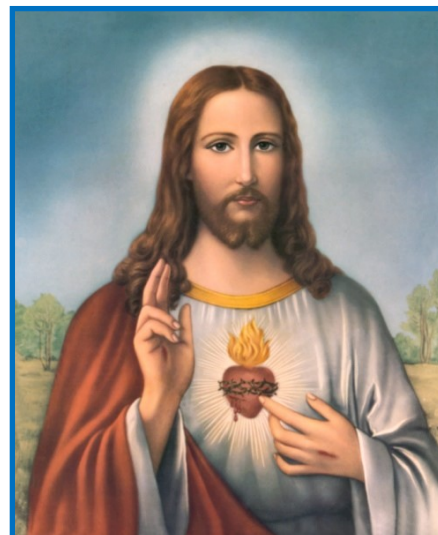
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Devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** came into the Catholic faith through a Catholic sister known as **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** (1647-1690). At the age of 24, Margaret Mary entered the Visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial in France. She 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 June 16, 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 consecu-**



tive 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)

Nativity of St. John the Baptist June 24, 2023



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, the 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

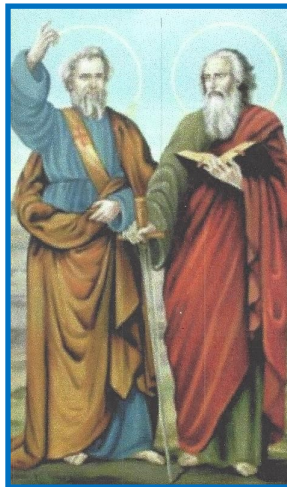
was cleansed from the stain of original sin. When "Elizabeth's full time of being delivered was come, she brought forth a son" (**1:57**) and "on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they made sign to his father, how he would have him called. And demanding a writing table, he wrote, 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."

St. Peter and St. Paul June 29, 2023

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 excavation has 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 Kephias**) 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.**)

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

Watch our garden grow! Our Lady of Mount Carmel Garden Shrine has a new look. Bet-te Allman, George and Anna Hobor, Teresa Koch, Ann Marie Fleet have been working on a stone rosary and maintaining benches. More work is coming. If you would like to support the Garden Shrine work physically or financially, we appreciate your help. Call us if you can help with some painting, maintenance, watering or layout and/or mail a check in support (memo Garden Shrine) of the work being done. As always, *Thank You* for your help. You're welcome to stop and pray anytime!





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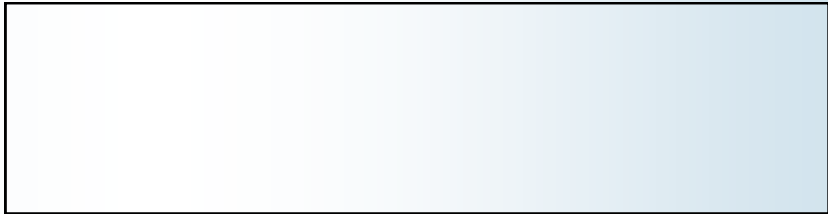
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Please join us in praying for the Marian Center: *Holy Mary, "chosen to be the Mother of God and your mother";* Jesus gave you to us at the Cross. We pray for your intercession that the mission given by God to the Central New York Marian Center will 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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