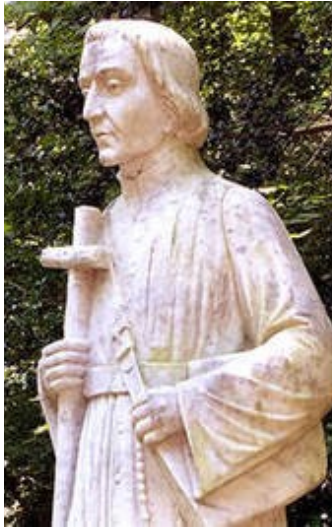


The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes



MONTHLY BULLETIN AUGUST 2018



Preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

Talk 1 - Sunday, July 15th after 12 p.m. Mass

Introduction

Talk 2 - Sunday, July 22nd after 12 p.m. Mass

Necessity of Devotion to Our Lady
In what does Devotion to Our Lady consist
The Perfect consecration to Jesus

Talk 3 - Sunday, July 29th after 12 p.m. Mass

Motives which recommend this devotion
The Biblical Figure of this Perfect Devotion
Wonderful Effects of this Devotion

Talk 4 - Sunday, August 5th after 12 p.m. Mass

Particular Practices of this Devotion
Preparation for the Consecration
Beginning of the 33 Days Preparation

4 optional talks - August 12th, 19th, 26th and September 2nd after 12 p.m. Mass

Review of the 33 Days Preparation

August 6th - The 33 days to Consecration Begin

September 8th - The Total Consecration will take place on the Nativity of Mary during the 12 p.m. Mass Presided by Archbishop William Lori during our 60th year celebration of becoming a National Shrine.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2018

Adoration, 10:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

Reconciliation, 10:45 a.m.

Mass, 12 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel



Vietnamese Pilgrimage

September 1, 2018

Procession, 1 p.m.

Mass, 2 p.m. at the Grotto Cave

Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (gates close at 5 p.m.) **Mass** Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. **Adoration and Confession** Saturday and Sunday 10:45 a.m.

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60th Anniversary

And the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8, 2018

This year, we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of when the Grotto became a national shrine. Please join us as we celebrate through liturgy, fellowship, and other festivities!

Adoration, 10:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

Reconciliation, 10:45 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel

Mass, 12 p.m. at the Grotto Cave celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
10 Days March 11-20, 2019

Haifa * Tiberias * Nazareth * Bethlehem * Jerusalem

HOSTED BY
Fr. Michael Barone - Archdiocese of Newark,
Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann - Salt + Light Media
Lori Stewart - Director of National Shrine Grotto

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 15, 2018

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The Spirit or the World

Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.S.S.C.C.

The main goal of life is not the material, but the spiritual. It is not money and what money can buy, it is integrity and holiness. That which we strive for is not to be how much we can accumulate, but how much we can become like Christ.

“Do not fear those who deprive the body of life but cannot destroy the soul,” Jesus told his disciples. “Rather, fear him who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna.” In other words, our souls are much more important than our bodies. But who or what is it that can destroy our souls? There may be many people and things that can influence us in the wrong direction, but the one who makes the final decision is none other than you know who: OURSELVES!

We are the ones who make the final decision as to what we will do in life, as to what will be our main goal and objective. Are our values in line with Christ or in line with the world? Neither Christ nor the world makes that decision. Only we have the last say in the matter. “Fear him who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna,” Jesus says. I suspect Jesus has more than the devil in mind. We might be the ones we should fear. For not even the devil can make us do anything without our agreeing. Let us continue with our efforts to make the right choices in life.

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