

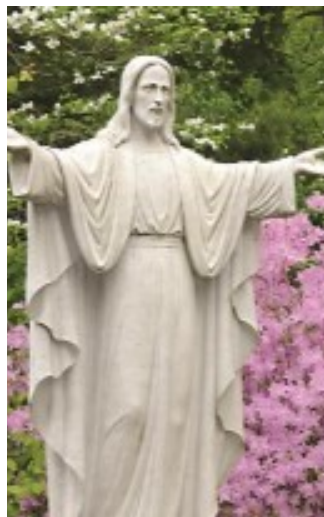


NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | March 2017



### Lent is Rewarding Reflection by Fr. Mike M.SS.CC

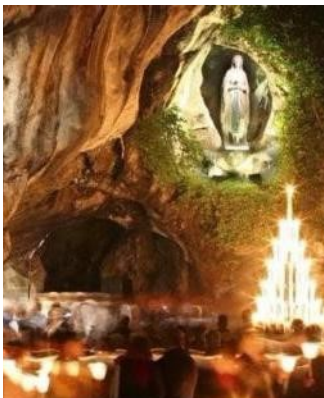
What might seem, to many, like a most unpleasant, even dreaded time of the year, Lent can be our most rewarding season. If we allow ourselves into its spirit, Lent can be the time of the year that gets us back on the track that will lead us to the happiness we pursue throughout the rest of the year, often in many of the wrong ways and wrong places. "Submit to God, resist the devil and he will take flight. Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Cleanse your hands, purify your hearts...Be humbled in the sight of the Lord and he will raise you on high." James 4:1-10 God gives special graces for making a good Lent. Let us do all we can to make good use of them. ~Read the rest of Fr. Mike's reflection online [www.nsgrotto.org/fr-mikes-reflections.html](http://www.nsgrotto.org/fr-mikes-reflections.html)



### Easter Sunday Celebration ~ Our Lord Has Risen! ~ April 16, 2017

**Sunrise Ecumenical Service**, 6:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel  
**Mass**, 8 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel  
**Reconciliation**, 11 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel  
**Mass**, 12 p.m. at the Grotto Cave

At Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and his victory over sin and death. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus gives us new life and new hope. **Give the Gift of Prayer in the name of our Risen Lord!** Your prayers will be remembered during this special Mass by enrolling online [www.nsgrotto.org/mass-enrollment.html](http://www.nsgrotto.org/mass-enrollment.html).



### 2017 Rome and Lourdes Pilgrimage ~ 12 Days in November ~

**Visit Rome, Assisi, Florence, Genoa, Nice, Avignon, Carcassone and Lourdes!**  
Go to [www.nsgrotto.org/2017-pilgrimage.html](http://www.nsgrotto.org/2017-pilgrimage.html) to see full agenda. \$3599 PER PERSON FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. (Air/land tour price is \$2899 plus \$700 government taxes/airline surcharges). TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: Roundtrip Air from Washington, D.C., First-Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive Sightseeing and much more!!

To book your space, contact Ms. Jessica Root:  
Tel: (301) 447-5484 OR Email: [jroot@msmary.edu](mailto:jroot@msmary.edu)

Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (gates close at 5 p.m.) | Mass: Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. | Reconciliation: Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.  
Shuttle: Transportation is available from the parking lot to the Miller Family Visitors Center. Call (301) 447-5318 for reservations.



### We Need Your Help!

To better assist us in serving the pilgrims that visit the Grotto, we are in need of two 2011 EZ Go Golf Cart 6 seaters to transport visitors, total \$14,800. If you are able to help, please send your donation to:  
National Shrine Grotto, 16330 Grotto Rd, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

### Schedule a Retreat Location

We offer areas throughout the holy grounds that you may reserve on an hourly basis for your group's pilgrimage. Lunch options available. Contact Jessica Root (301) 447-5484 or [jroot@msmary.edu](mailto:jroot@msmary.edu).

### A Final Resting Place

Consider Mount St. Mary's Cemetery as a final resting place for yourself or someone close to you. Located on Saint Mary's Mountain and near the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery offers columbariums for cremation remains. Contact Jessica Root (301) 447-5484 or [jroot@msmary.edu](mailto:jroot@msmary.edu).



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*She consents to God's invitation conveyed by an angel (Luke 1:26-38).*

## Upcoming Spiritual Activities

More activities listed on [nsgrotto.org/spiritual-activities.html](http://nsgrotto.org/spiritual-activities.html)

Ash Wednesday Mass	March 1
First Saturday Devotions	March 4
Coffee and Donuts after 12 p.m. Sunday Mass	March 5
Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade	March 11
Bilingual Spanish/English Mass	March 11
Annunciation of the Lord Mass	March 25
Palm Sunday Mass	April 9



Request a Prayer



Mass Enrollment



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