

# NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On the Campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | May 2017



## Our Lady's May Crowning May 7, 2017

Reconciliation, 11 a.m.  
Mass at the Grotto Cave, 12 p.m.  
Blessing and Crowning, 1 p.m.

**Help us shower  
Our Blessed Mother, Queen  
of Heaven, with roses**  
in the name of your loved one!  
[www.nsgrotto.org/spiritual-activities.html](http://www.nsgrotto.org/spiritual-activities.html)



## Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary May 13, 2017

Rosary, 10:30 a.m.  
Reconciliation, 11 a.m.  
Procession, 11:30 a.m.  
Mass, 12 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel  
**Ask for the intercession of  
Our Lady of Fatima**

In honor of the 100th anniversary  
this year, light a candle for you and  
your loved one!  
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## 2017 Rome and Lourdes Europe Pilgrimage

~ 12 Days, November 6-17, 2017~  
\$3599 PER PERSON

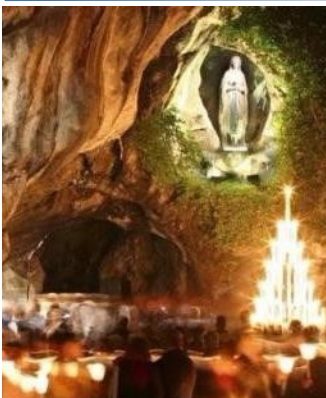
INCLUDES: Roundtrip Air from Washington, D.C.,  
Visit Rome, Assisi, Florence, Genoa, Nice, Avignon,  
Carcassonne and Lourdes!

To book your space, contact Ms. Jessica Root  
(301) 447-5484 OR go to <http://www.nsgrotto.org/romelourdes.html> to see full agenda.



## Father's Day June 18, 2017

Reconciliation, 11 a.m.  
Mass, 12 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel  
Be sure to wish your dad or grandfa-  
ther a happy Father's Day, or say a  
prayer for him if he has passed on.  
While you're at it, be sure to say happy  
Father's Day to your priest. Our spir-  
itual fathers reflect the love of God to  
us on a daily basis as well.  
Enroll your father! [www.nsgrotto.org/mass-enrollment.html](http://www.nsgrotto.org/mass-enrollment.html).



## 2018 France Europe Pilgrimage ~ 12 Days, March 5-16, 2018 ~

\$3699 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES: Roundtrip Air from Washington, D.C.,  
Visit Paris, Lisieux, Caen, Normandy, Mont St. Michel,  
Tours, Nevers, Paray le Monial, Ars, and Lourdes!

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(301) 447-5484 OR go to [www.nsgrotto.org/2017-pilgrimage.html](http://www.nsgrotto.org/2017-pilgrimage.html) to see full agenda.

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.



Request a Prayer



Mass Enrollment



Light a Candle



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**Request during your visit, online at [NSGrotto.org](http://NSGrotto.org) or call (301) 447-5318**

**Do You Love Me** *Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.SS.CC.*

What would we answer if Jesus asked us the same question he asked Peter? "Do you love me?" We would, no doubt, answer it like Peter did. "Yes Lord, you know I love you." Well, Jesus does ask us that question every day, in fact, many times every day. But not exactly directly, and not in those words. Jesus asks all of us many times a day in the things he lets happen in our lives.

When we wake up in the morning with a duty to face, it is Jesus asking us, "Do you love me?" We show our answer by getting up and doing that duty, or by rolling over and going back to sleep.

When someone tries our patience, they annoy us, we want to tell them off, it is Jesus asking, "Do you love me?" And then we show him our answer by either losing our patience or keeping it.

We are sick, our car broke down, we don't have enough money to last through the month, the mother-in-law is coming for a visit, we want to complain to the world bitterly when all of a sudden we realize it is just Jesus asking us, "Do you love me?"

We are asked the question many times every day. Do we love Jesus or do we not love him. All Jesus has to do is keep watching us, and he will soon get his answer.



## Upcoming Spiritual Activities

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

First Saturday Devotions	May 6
Mass and May Crowning	May 7
Our Lady of Fatima Mass	May 13
Mother's Day Mass	May 14
Ascension of the Lord Mass	May 25
Father's Day Mass	June 18

### Image of Jesus

~ Jesus mosaic replica plaque ~  
**Exclusively at St. Bernadette's Shoppe**  
**(301) 447-5444**

Now available, a 4.5 x 5" plaque of the unique, one-of-a-kind Jesus mosaic located in St. Mary's Chapel at the National Shrine Grotto. Call to reserve your statue today!



### 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).



### Schedule a Retreat

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).

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