

The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes



MONTHLY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 2018



Vietnamese Pilgrimage

September 1, 2018

Adoration, 10:45 a.m. in

St. Mary's Chapel

Confessions, 11 a.m.,

St. Mary's Chapel

Procession, 1 p.m., begins in front
of St. Mary's Chapel

Mass, 2 p.m. at the Grotto Cave



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8, 2018

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



Our Lady of the Rosary

October 7, 2018

Rosary Crusade and

Procession, 10 a.m. at the
Grotto Cave

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. in St. Mary's Chapel

Spanish Mass, 2 p.m. in
St. Mary's Chapel



NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO
MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
1958-2018

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

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.

Shuttle: Transportation is available from the parking lot to the Miller Family Visitors Center. Call (301) 447-5318 for reservations.

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**Shrine of St. Sharbel
1st Anniversary of
Shrine Installation**

October 13, 2018

Reconciliation, 11-11:45 a.m.

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

Raymond Nader Talk, 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.

Prayer, 2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Refreshments and Book Sale, 3 -5 p.m.

Why Were You Born?

Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.SS.CC.

How happy your parents were! Or at least I hope they were happy the day you were born. How about you? Are you happy every year when the time comes to celebrate the day of your birth? Some people are and some are not.

Few of us, or course, like growing older. Only children seem to like to. For some reason or other, children are in a hurry to grow up, to become older. It is only after we have reached into our twenties that we begin having second thoughts. And when we reach thirty, we are sure we do not want those birthdays rolling around too fast. Forty, of course, is a shocker, fifty even worse. Why is that? Because sixty follows soon after with seventy arriving what seems like the next day. No more birthdays please. Once up the hill and over, the descent seems to take a lot less time.

Why all this talk about birthdays? Because on September 8th, we celebrate a very important one. It is Mary's birthday. The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus was born on this day. What would happen to us if Mary had not been born? St. Paul tells us in his letter, "It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah (and our Savior), was born."

Why were you born? Ever wonder about that? I imagine Mary wondered why she was born. To love God, of course. But how? By living our lives like we think God wants us to no matter what age we find ourselves. Mary did that, now it's our turn. Thank you for inviting us to celebrate your birthday Mary. Praise be to God that you were born!

Grotto Wish List

Dear Grotto family,

We are excited to share with you our hopes for improvements in our Blessed Shrine. Below is a list of our needs, please prayerfully consider how you may help. Please contact Grotto@MSMary.edu or call (301) 447-5318 if you would like to help donate. Thank you!

- Projector Screen** \$1,500
(for Marian presentations in St. Mary's Chapel)
- Seton Rock Landscaping** \$1,000
(to honor Mother Seton's place where she like to sit on Sunday afternoons)
- Rhododendron Plants** \$500
(to replace the over 20 year old, dying rhododendrons throughout the grounds)

Desperately Need Volunteers!

Please help us keep the holy grounds beautiful, by helping with light caretaking of the landscaping (pulling weeds, watering flowers, etc.). Contact us today!!!

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