

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | April 2017



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

Sunrise Ecumenical Service, 6:30 a.m.

Mass, 8 a.m.

Reconciliation, 11 a.m.

Mass, 12 p.m. at the Grotto Cave

Give the Gift of Prayer in the name of our Risen Lord! Your prayers will be remembered by enrolling online www.nsgrotto.org/mass-enrollment.html.



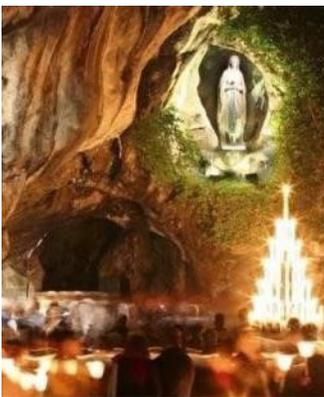
Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 2017

Reconciliation, 10 a.m.

Mass, 12 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel
Blessing and Dedication of the Divine Mercy mosaic, 1 p.m.

Holy Hour and Confessions, 1:30
Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 p.m.

For Jesus is our hope: through His merciful heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. Amen. (diary of St. Faustina, 1570)



2017 Rome and Lourdes Europe Pilgrimage

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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



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!

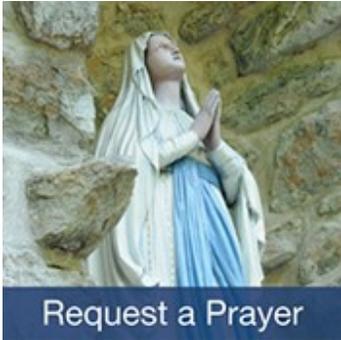
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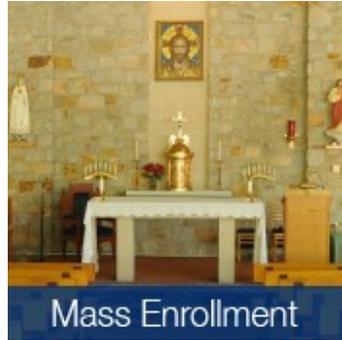


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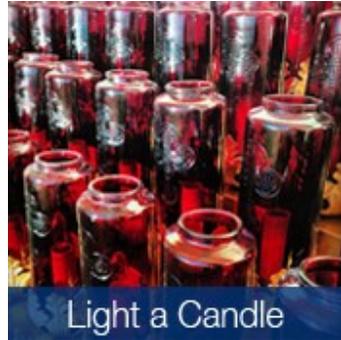




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Mass Enrollment



Light a Candle



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Fear Can Be Your Friend *Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.SS.CC.*

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who had gone to the tomb together, were just told by an angel that Jesus had been raised from the dead. And we are told "they hurried away from the tomb half-overjoyed, half-fearful, and ran to carry the good news to his disciples." Do you suppose they were fearful because they didn't know whether the resurrection was true or not? And even after the appearance of Jesus put that fear to rest, it is possible they were still afraid because the others might not believe them and say they were crazy? Always something to be afraid of, isn't there?

Our lives are full of fears. Not so much about whether Jesus rose from the grave or not, we believe firmly that he did. Our fears have more to do with what other people think of us - our looks, our abilities, how well we do our jobs. We

also fear sickness, natural disasters, and getting old. Through Jesus told the women, "Do not be afraid," and though he told us that God is concerned with every strand of hair on our heads, we still fear, don't we? It is normal. Let us not be afraid to admit we have fears. Actually, fear is good for us.

Fear is not an enemy, it is a friend, it is a gift from God to warn us of danger and help us grow in both our natural lives

and in our spiritual. We all would like to be courageous all the time. But we must realize there is not courage without fear. Courage is not the absence of fear, it is working through it. We can do that by relying on the help of the Holy Spirit in us, and the help of Jesus who is always standing by us. The woman were afraid, their fears helped make the saints. Yours can too. Take your fears firmly by the hand and make them work for you.



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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.

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