

# NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On the Campus of Mount St. Mary's University



NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | March 2018



## Good Friday

March 30, 2018

Observe the Passion of Our Lord

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

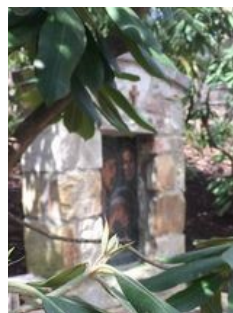
**Reconciliation**, 10:45 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel

**Stations of the Cross**, 12 p.m. along the bronze Stations of the Cross on Corpus Christi Lane

**Homily of the Last Seven Words**, 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

**Liturgy of Good Friday**, 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

*(All activities will be moved to St. Mary's Chapel during inclement weather)*



## Palm Sunday

March 25, 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

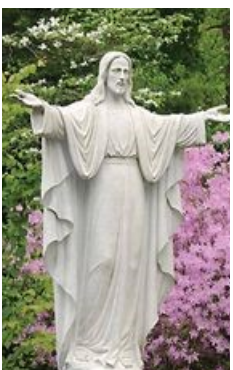
**Misa en español**, 2 p.m. (en la gruta)



## First Saturday Devotions

First Saturday of Every Month

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



## Easter Sunday ~ Our Lord has Risen!

April 1, 2018

**Sunrise Ecumenical Service**, 6:30 a.m.

**Mass**, 8 a.m.

**Adoration**, 10:45 a.m.

**Reconciliation**, 10:45 a.m.

**Mass**, 12 p.m. at the Grotto Cave

**Misa en español**, 2 p.m. (en la gruta)

Give the Gift of Prayer in the name of our Risen Lord!" at [www.NSGrotto.org/events.html](http://www.NSGrotto.org/events.html)



## Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade

Second Saturday of Every Month

10:30 a.m. at the Grotto Cave



## Spanish Mass

**Mass** 2 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel every Sunday



## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 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. in St. Mary's Chapel

**Misa en español**, 2 p.m. (en la gruta)

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**, 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel



## Outdoor Mass, Grotto Cave

First Sunday of Every Month *(From May to October only)*

**Mass** 12 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. | 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.



16330 Grotto Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-5318, [www.NSGrotto.org](http://www.NSGrotto.org)





**Annunciation of the Lord**

April 9, 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. in St. Mary's Chapel



**Solemnity of Saint Joseph**

March 19, 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



**May Crowning**

May 6, 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 *(we will be in direct sunlight - please bring your water and sun protection)*

**Procession and Crowning**, 1 p.m.

Between the May Crowning, May 7, and Mother's Day, May 14, the National Shrine Grotto will place a rose for each donation made online at the altar of the Grotto's Chapel.

Help us shower Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven, with roses! Place roses in front of our Blessed Mother in the name of your loved one at [www.NSGrotto.org/events.html](http://www.NSGrotto.org/events.html)

**Our Father is at Work** Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.SS.CC.

There are people who think God does nothing but watch the show. He created in six days and rested on the seventh, they say. And ever since then he has been sitting in his easy chair and leaving us to our own. Sort of like a man who flies his kite up in the sky and then lets the string go. You and I know God has not done that. Not for an instant has God forgotten us, neglected us, or left us unprotected. It just sometimes seems that way. Jesus tried to let us see the reality of the business of God on our behalf.

"My Father is at work until now, and I am at work as well," said Jesus to his listeners. For all who have false notions about God, Jesus came to enlighten them. If we look at Jesus, if we listen to what he says and observe what he does, if we study Jesus, if we get to know him, we will be learning about God. Jesus came to do the will of his Father, and that was to let us know how much God is concerned for us and involved in our lives.

There is not a nanosecond that God's arms are not around us – tightly.

Ever feel differently? Of course, you do. We all have those days, even weeks and months, when the presence of God seems far from us. Does he care about us, is he concerned, does he really love us? Of course, he does. That's what Jesus wants us to know. "My Father is at work until now, and I am at work as well."



**2018 Pilgrimage**

**To Ireland and Northern Ireland**

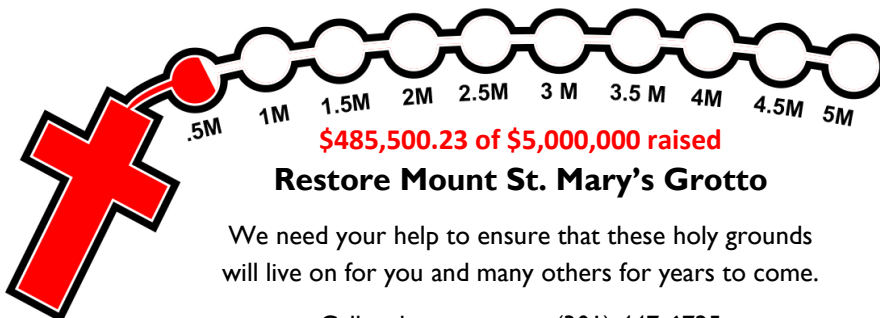
~ 12 Days, November 5-16, 2018 ~

Dublin, Downpatrick, Belfast, Sligo, Knock, Galway, Connemara, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Glendalough

\$3399 PER PERSON

To book your space, contact Ms. Jessica Root (301) 447-5484 OR go to [www.NSGrotto.org/europe-pilgrimages.html](http://www.NSGrotto.org/europe-pilgrimages.html) to see full agenda.

Registration deadline: June 20, 2018



We need your help to ensure that these holy grounds will live on for you and many others for years to come.

Call to learn more at (301) 447-6725

Mary led Bernadette to the Spring of merciful Love that washes, purifies, consoles and heals. By restoring and growing the National Shrine Grotto, you enable these holy grounds to welcome more pilgrimages, more sick people, more young people and families, so that the largest number may come to the National Shrine Grotto where Mary is waiting for them. To this end, we are appealing to your generosity. Without you, it will not be possible.