



NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | October 2017

Our Lady of Fatima

The Last Apparition Weekend

Friday, October 13, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Rosary and procession with Fr. Patrick Russell, MFVA

5:30 p.m. - Mass with Fr. Patrick Russell, MFVA

Saturday, October 14, 2017

9:30 a.m. - Holy Hour at the Cave

10:30 a.m. - Rosary Crusade Devotional

11:00 a.m. - Confessions

12:00 p.m. - Mass

12:30 p.m. - Refreshments

1:00 p.m. - Lecture with Prof. John-Mark Miravalle



New stairs at Corpus Christi

Due to the generosity of donors to the Restore campaign, a new set of stairs and sidewalk has been installed leading up to and surrounding Corpus Christi chapel. From foot traffic and weather over the years, the flagstone walkway has crumbled to the point of being closed off. The new stairs are made of a dark textured concrete that blends in beautifully with the chapel and its surroundings. We are glad to announce the new stairs are open for use.

Welcome to Father Daniel and Father Ted

The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is happy to announce the welcoming of two full time chaplains, Reverend Daniel Mentasana and Reverend Theodore Trinko from The Institute of the Incarnate Word! Since they will be available throughout the week days, as well as on the weekends, we encourage you to pilgrimage up to the Grotto to introduce yourself and explore the new opportunities for confession and spiritual guidance.



All Hallows' Eve

October 31, 2017

Catholic Celebration of Church Triumphant

3:30 p.m. Gathering of the Saints

4 p.m. Rosary Procession to the Grotto

4:30 p.m. Litany of the "Little Saints" at the Grotto

5 p.m. Prayerful Treats along the lanes at the Grotto (kids will need to recite a short prayer at each station to get their candy)

Please see www.nsgrotto.org/events.html for full details

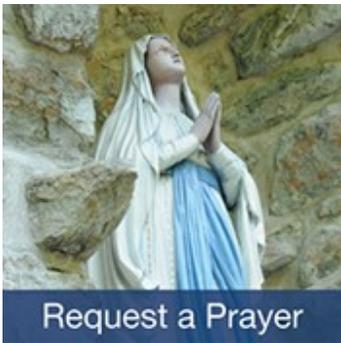
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (gates close at 5 p.m.) | Mass: Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. | Reconciliation: Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.

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

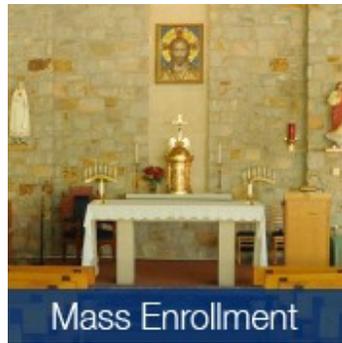


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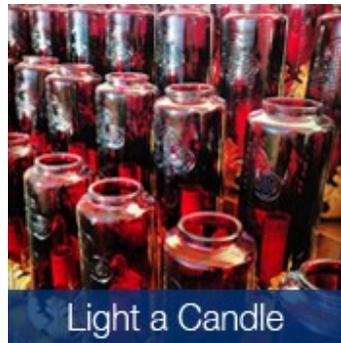




Request a Prayer



Mass Enrollment



Light a Candle



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Request during your visit, online at NSGrotto.org or call (301) 447-5318

Love is Patient *Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.SS.CC.*

"Love is patient," says St. Paul. That is something we might find hard to practice. In this hurry-up world, patience can easily become an endangered virtue. We want our food fast, our computers to operate at lightning speed, and our phone calls answered right after the first ring. We expect speed both from our technological devices and from human beings, and when we don't get that, our patience can be greatly tested.

Baby birds grow up fast. A few weeks and they can fly off on their own. Baby humans take years. First they must go through infancy, then discovery, elementary school, puberty the teens and finally graduation. Are they even then ready for reality? Parents who don't have lots of patience and a good sense of humor during those eighteen and more years may find themselves on the funny farm or their homes turned into one. "Love is patient," says St. Paul. Does that mean we who aren't patient don't love?

It is not only things and other people who test our patience; it can be ourselves. We can be our greatest trial. Not only what we expect of others but what we expect of ourselves can be beyond anyone's ability. We set schedules for ourselves, we make goals, we create our own pressures and stress. If anyone or anything interferes with our schedules and goals, WATCH OUT! The wrath of God can pale to insignificance when compared with ours. "Love is patient." Let us remember that when we get behind a slow driver.

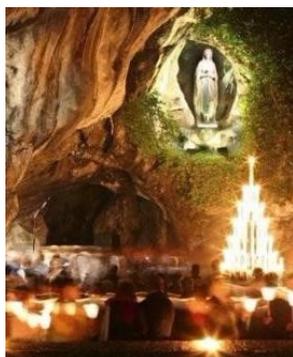
Candles at Grotto Cave



The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes will be adding an additional devotional candle area near the cave. This devotional area will serve to meet the needs of our pilgrims as all of our candles are usually lit and unavailable on weekends by early afternoon. Upon completion of this project, we invite you to participate in our community of faith by lighting a candle in prayerful devotion to our Blessed Mother.

*Upcoming
Spiritual Activities*

*More activities listed on
nsgrotto.org/spiritual-activities.html*



**2018 France
Europe Pilgrimage**

~ 12 Days, March 5-16, 2018 ~

\$3699 PER PERSON

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15th

To book your space, contact Ms. Jessica Root
(301) 447-5484 OR go to www.NSGrotto.org/2017-pilgrimage.html to see full agenda.

First Saturday Devotions	Oct 7
Lourdes Rosary Crusade	Oct 14
Bilingual Mass	Oct 14

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