

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On the Campus of Mount St. Mary's University



NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | April 2018



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 8, 2018

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

Reconciliation, 10:45 a.m.

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

Misa en español, 2 p.m. (en la gruta)

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



Annunciation of the Lord

April 9, 2018

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

Reconciliation, 10:45 a.m.

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



May Crowning

May 6, 2018

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

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

Mass, 12 p.m. at the Grotto Cave

Procession and Crowning, 1 p.m.

Misa en español, 2 p.m. (en la gruta)

Show Mary with Roses! Place a rose at her feet at www.NSGrotto.org/events.html



First Saturday Devotions

First Saturday of Every Month

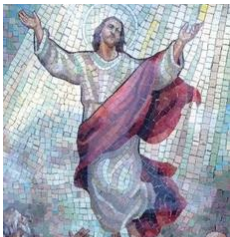
Mass, 12 p.m. , St. Mary's Chapel



Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade

Second Saturday of Every Month

10:30 a.m. at the Grotto Cave



Ascension of the Lord

Our Lady of Fatima

Mothers Day

May 13, 2018

Rosary, 10:30 a.m. , Grotto Cave (Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade)

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

Reconciliation, 10:45 a.m.

Procession, 11:30 a.m. , beginning at Grotto Cave

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

Help us shower Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven, with roses! www.NSGrotto.org/events.html



Spanish Mass

Sunday of Every Month

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



Outdoor Mass Grotto Cave

First Sunday of Every Month

(From May to October only)

Mass 12 p.m. , 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. | 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.



16330 Grotto Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-5318, www.NSGrotto.org





Dedication of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

May 20, 2018

Mass, 10 a.m. in the Grotto Cave

Dedication, 11 a.m.

Mass and dedication celebrated by

Fr. Thomas Mary Gilbert, OCD

Shooting for the Stars

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

Some people might have the idea that all they have to do is believe in Christ and they will be saved. After all, isn't it taught that we are saved by Faith? Yes, it is, and yes, we are. If we sincerely believe in Jesus Christ we will go to heaven. But maybe there is more to it.

Jesus seems to be telling us there is an added benefit for those who keep all the commandments of God. He seems to be indicating by what he says in the Gospel (Matthew 5:17-19) that there are levels of greatness in heaven, sort of like levels of greatness on earth. If we want to be counted among the greatest in God's kingdom for all eternity, we will have to find out what God's commandments to us are, and then do our best to live according to them.

"Whoever breaks the least significant of these commands," Jesus tells us, "and teaches others to do so shall be called least in the kingdom of God. Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

Anyone who has sincere faith in Jesus Christ will enter heaven. But as we all suspect, Mary his mother, the twelve apostles, angels, martyrs, and other great saints hold special places of honor in God's kingdom. And so also will anyone who keeps God's commandments very well and teaches other to do the same. How can we do that? By work and example.

Sincere faith in Christ will certainly get us to heaven, and we will be happy as can be. But maybe our works are what will make us shine like the stars – either like the dim ones or the bright ones. I'm only speculating. What do you think?



Guided Grotto Tour

June 1st **June 2nd**
3:30 p.m. 1 p.m.

Join us for a guided tour of the National Shrine Grotto. You will learn about the history of the Grotto and the many devotional areas there.



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 to see full agenda.

Registration deadline: June 20, 2018



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