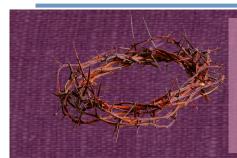
The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

MONTHLY BULLETIN APRIL 2019



APRIL 6 Friends of the Cross

A Special Lenten Retreat

9:30 a.m. Registration & Welcome at Visitors Center

10:00 a.m. Sermon, meditation and reflection #1

10:45 a.m. Adoration and Confessions

12:00 p.m. Holy Mass

12:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross

1:30 p.m. Lunch (provided)

2:15 p.m. Sermon, meditation and reflection #2

3:10 p.m. Final blessing and goodbye



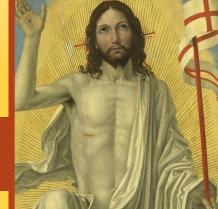
PALM SUNDAY April 14, 2019

Adoration, 10:45 am, St. Mary's Chapel

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

Mass in English, 12 pm, Grotto Cave

Misa en Español, 2 pm, St. Mary's Chapel



ENROLL A LOVED ONE IN THE EASTER SUNDAY MASS



EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

Sunrise Ecumenical Service, 6:30 am, St. Mary's Chapel

Mass, 8 am, St. Mary's Chapel

Adoration, 10:45 am, St. Mary's Chapel

Reconciliation, 10:45 am,

Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel

Mass in English, 12 pm, Grotto Cave

Misa en Español, 2 pm, St. Mary's Chapel



GOOD FRIDAY

April 19, 2019

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

Stations of the Cross, 12 pm, Corpus Christi Lane

Homily on the Last Seven Words, 1:30 pm,

St. Mary's Chapel

Liturgy of Good Friday, 3 pm,

St. Mary's Chapel

Enroll at www.NSGrotto.org/events.html



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 28, 2019

Adoration, 10:45 am, St. Mary's Chapel

Reconciliation, 10:45 am,

Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel

Mass in English, 12 pm, St. Mary's Chapel

Misa en Español, 2 pm, St. Mary's Chapel

Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 pm,

St. Mary's Chapel



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In the Same Boat

Spiritual Reflections from Father Michael Messaro

Sometimes we might think we are the only miserable people in the world. Well, maybe not the only ones, but one of the most miserable. Our lives are just not going according to our plans, our finances, our health, our relationships are in bad shape. And we look around at others who seem to have no money problems, good health, good looks, wonderful loves and friendships. Why is God letting me have a crummy life while so many others are happy and secure? Let us not kid ourselves. Everybody has problems.

There is no one in the world who thinks he or she has it all. Maybe there are smooth times, and I hope we all enjoy a portion of smoothness, but behind the mask, behind the scenes, everybody has things that make life bumpy. And those who look like they have it all are often among the most afflicted. Nobody on earth is in heaven yet. Let us listen to what Peter says in his letter:

"Bow humbly under God's mighty hand, so that in due time he may lift you high. Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you. Stay sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith, realizing that the brotherhood of believers is undergoing the same sufferings through the world." We are all in the same boat. Do not envy anybody else. Pray for them.



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!

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(to replace the over-20-years-old, dying rhododendrons throughout the grounds) \$5,000

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