

# 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



### 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 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



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### 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

**Hours** 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (gates close at 5 p.m.) **Holy Mass** Every Day at 12 p.m. **Adoration and Confession** Saturday and Sunday 10:45 a.m.  
**Misa en Español** Domingos 2 p.m. **Shuttle** Transportation is available from the parking lot to the Miller Family Visitors Center. Call (301) 447-5318.

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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.

# May Crowning

## May 5



**PLACE ROSES IN  
FRONT OF OUR  
BLESSED MOTHER**

[www.NSGrotto.org/roses](http://www.NSGrotto.org/roses)

- 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  
*(Please bring water and sun protection)*
- Procession and Crowning, 1 pm
- Misa en Español, 2 pm, St. Mary’s Chapel



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DEADLINE

April 30



The Passion Play of Oberammergau

### 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](mailto:Grotto@MSMary.edu) or call (301) 447-5318 if you would like to help donate. Thank you!

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| <b>Sacred Heart &amp; St. Francis Statues</b><br>(to be refurbished)   | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Rhododendron Plants</b><br>(to replace the over-20-years-old, dying rhododendrons throughout the grounds) | <b>\$500</b>   |

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