



NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | August 2017

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2017

Reconciliation, 11 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel

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



During the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we lift up our hearts in a time of repose. We contemplate Mary's beauty and recognize a time of consolation where we reflect on the reward that Mary enjoys. In the Assumption we look forward to sharing what Mary already possesses, the final glory marked out for her by God.

Ask for the intercession of Our Mother Mary

Light a candle to light your way to compassion! [Visit www.NSGrotto.org](http://www.NSGrotto.org)

Vietnamese Pilgrimage

September 2, 2017

More than 3,000 Vietnamese Catholics celebrate Mass annually at the National Shrine Grotto.

The pilgrimage brings together worshippers from 19 Vietnamese communities in the mid-Atlantic states. Several priests celebrate the afternoon Mass in Vietnamese, and other church members perform traditional songs and dances.



Farewell, Tink!

40 Years of Grotto Service



The end of July marks the departure of Clifford "Tink" Swisher, the Grotto's prized groundskeeper of over forty years. Tink, may God bless your retirement. You will be greatly missed!

2018 France

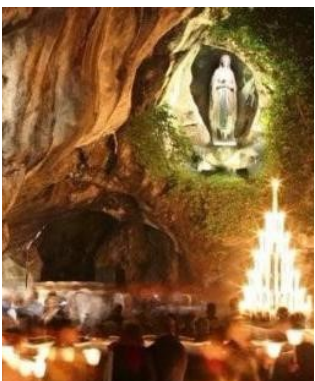
Europe Pilgrimage

~ 12 Days, March 5-16, 2018 ~

\$3699 PER PERSON

INCLUDES: Roundtrip Air from Washington, D.C.,
Visit Paris, Lisieux, Caen, Normandy, Mont St. Michel,
Tours, Nevers, Paray le Monial, Ars, and Lourdes!

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



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



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Ending and Beginning *Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.SS.CC.*

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven comes at a good time of the year. It reminds us that all things end, but only so that something else can begin. Our summer vacation season is about to end. Labor Day is just around the corner and is the official end of summer and vacation time. Some schools, however, jump the gun and are already unlocking their doors for students to return before Labor Day, another sign of changing times. Like vacation time, our lives will end, and something else will begin.

When Mary's life on earth ended, her life in heaven began. We can expect the same, if, like her we do our best to listen to the word of God and keep it. The feast of the Assumption reminds us that our lives on earth are going to end, and where we spend our eternity depends on whether we have been faithful to God's will or not. The feast reminds us to pray and meditate. We must take time out in private with God and talk things over with him. Who of us can know the will of our boss if we don't give quality time to talking to him?

Did Mary every moment, in her every little action, really and truly do every iota of God's will? Isn't that expecting too much of any human being? The important thing is that we try our best to find out God's will and then do our best to carry it out. With God it is intention and effort that counts. See what happens when we do God's will.

Upcoming Spiritual Activities

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



Statues by St. Josephs Studio

at St. Bernadette's Shoppe

These statues from St. Josephs Studio have a special heartwarming quality. Be sure to check them out in our glass display cases when you pass through the giftshop!

First Saturday Devotions	Aug 5
Grotto Cave Mass	Aug 6
Lourdes Rosary Crusade	Aug 12
Bilingual Mass	Aug 12

A Final Resting Place

Consider Mount St. Mary's Cemetery as a final resting place for yourself or someone close to you. Located on Saint Mary's Mountain and near the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery offers columbariums for cremation remains. Contact Jessica Root (301) 447-5484 or jroot@msmary.edu, or visit www.NSGrotto.com/cemetery.html



Schedule a Retreat

We offer areas throughout the holy grounds that you may reserve on an hourly basis for your group's pilgrimage. Lunch options available. Contact Jessica Root (301) 447-5484 or jroot@msmary.edu, or visit www.NSGrotto.com/plan-your-visit.html

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