



NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On the Campus of Mount St. Mary's University

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | February 2017



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass **~ Enroll Yourself and Family Members ~** **February 11, 2017, Mass, 12 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel**

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

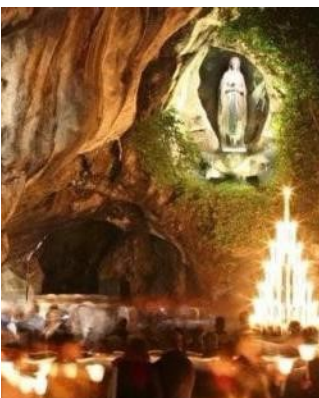
Enroll a loved one, to be remembered during this Mass celebration, asking Our Lady to cast a merciful glance upon your intention, one who may be suffering, struggling against difficulties. Ask for the intercession of the Immaculate Conception by enrolling your loved one online www.nsgrotto.org/mass-enrollment.html.



Lent is Rewarding **Reflection by Fr. Mike M.SS.CC**

What might seem, to many, like a most unpleasant, even dreaded time of the year, Lent can be our most rewarding season. If we allow ourselves into its spirit, Lent can be the time of the year that gets us back on the track that will lead us to the happiness we pursue throughout the rest of the year, often in many of the wrong ways and wrong places.

"Submit to God, resist the devil and he will take flight. Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Cleanse your hands, purify your hearts...Be humbled in the sight of the Lord and he will raise you on high." James 4:1-10 God gives special graces for making a good Lent. Let us do all we can to make good use of them. ~Read the rest of Fr. Mike's reflection online www.nsgrotto.org/fr-mikes-reflections.html



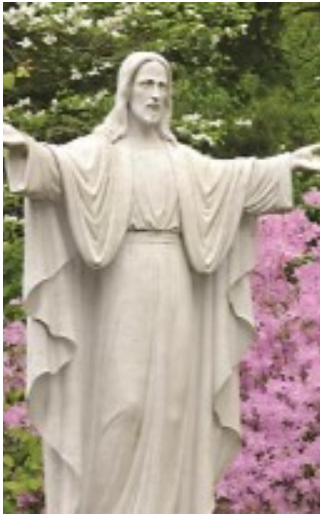
2017 Rome and Lourdes Pilgrimage **~ 12 Days in November ~**

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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.



Easter Sunday Celebration

~ Our Lord Has Risen! ~

April 16, 2017

Sunrise Ecumenical Service, 6:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

Mass, 8 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

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

Mass, 12 p.m. at the Grotto Cave

At Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and his victory over sin and death. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus gives us new life and new hope. **Give the Gift of Prayer in the name of our Risen Lord!** Your prayers will be remembered during this special Mass by enrolling online www.nsgrotto.org/mass-enrollment.html.



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This feast is the celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus and is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by an angel (Luke 1:26-38).

Upcoming Spiritual Activities

First Saturday Devotions	February 4
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary and Mass	February 11
Ash Wednesday Mass	March 1
First Saturday Devotions	March 4
Bilingual Spanish/English Mass	March 4
Coffee and Donuts after 12 p.m. Sunday Mass	March 5
Annunciation of the Lord Mass	March 25
Palm Sunday Mass	April 9



Request a Prayer



Mass Enrollment



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