

The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes



MONTHLY BULLETIN JANUARY 2019

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2019

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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

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

Mass, 12 pm, St. Mary's Chapel



**"O MARY! TO YOU WE ENTRUST
THE DAYS OF THE NEW YEAR,
THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH,
THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY,
THE FUTURE OF THE ENTIRE
UNIVERSE."**

— ST. JOHN PAUL II



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

January 4, 2019

Mass, 12 pm, St. Mary's Chapel

Come celebrate the feast of
America's first native-born saint
here at the National Shrine
Grotto, where she herself would
frequent to pray and teach.



MARCH FOR LIFE

January 18, 2019

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

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

Mass, 12 pm, St. Mary's Chapel

Dignity of Human Life Sermon,

12:30 pm, St. Mary's Chapel

Sorrowful Mysteries Rosary,

12:45 pm, St. Mary's Chapel

ST. BLAISE OF SEBASTE

February 3, 2019

Blessing of Throats during Holy Mass,
12 pm, St. Mary's Chapel

St. Blaise is said to have healed a boy who was choking. He is the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We ask his intercession for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.



Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (gates close at 5 p.m.) **Mass** Every Day at 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.

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Share Your Blessings

Send blessing testimonies to NSGrotto@msmary.edu

Jesus is Hidden in Plain Sight

Spiritual Reflections from Father Michael Messaro

Jesus Christ has come and he is with **us**. Then why don't we see him? Maybe because we are not expecting him to look like he does.

When John the Baptist saw the Messiah, the Lamb of God, he said, "I did not recognize him." The odd part is that it turned out to be John's very own cousin. We assume John and Jesus had met at a family reunion or two when they were children. Is it possible Mary and Elizabeth never visited one another after the birth of the two boys? Is it possible they weren't anxious to show off their sons and see one another's son at least once during the early years? John probably recognized Jesus, unless the beard fooled him, but didn't know until then that he was the messiah, the Promised One. God has surprises in store for all of us.

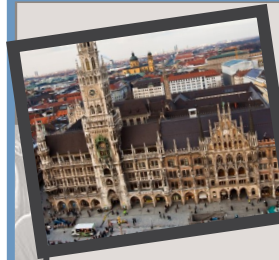
Jesus Christ has come and is still with us. Where? Take a good look at your cousin the next time you see him or her. Or your brother, or your father, how about your sister or your mother? Do you ever see Jesus in them? I'll bet he's there. How about in your friends? Take a good look at the person sitting next to you. "I did not recognize him," John said, "until I saw the Spirit descend upon him." I wonder if anybody sees Jesus when they see us.

New Year's Resolution



"During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year. But I abandon myself entirely to you, my God. And my aspirations and all my affections will be for You. I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to You."

— St. Gemma Galgani



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11 Days: September 3 – 14, 2020

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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!

Sacred Heart & St. Francis Statues **\$5,000**
(to be refurbished)

Rhododendron Plants **\$500**
(to replace the over-20-years-old, dying rhododendrons throughout the grounds)

Grotto Bridge Repair **\$7,000**
(to fix the bridge crossing the mountain stream which has become damaged due to years of heavy flooding)

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