### Celebration of Independence
July 1, 2018
- **Adoration**, 10:45 a.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel
- **Reconciliation**, 10:45 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary’s Chapel
- **Mass**, 12 p.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2018
- **Adoration**, 10:45 a.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel
- **Reconciliation**, 10:45 a.m.
- **Mass**, 12 p.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8, 2018
- **Adoration**, 10:45 a.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel
- **Reconciliation**, 10:45 a.m.
- **Mass**, 12 p.m. at Grotto Cave by celebrated by Archbishop Lori

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy
First Sunday of every month following 12:00 p.m. mass

### Feast of St. Sharbel
July 21, 2018
- **Adoration**, 10:45 a.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel
- **Reconciliation**, 10:45 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary’s Chapel
- **Prayer and Reflection**, 1:30 p.m. at St. Sharbel Shrine
- **Maronite Divine Liturgy**, 2 p.m. mass in St. Mary’s Chapel

### Vietnamese Pilgrimage
September 1, 2018
- **Procession**, 1 p.m.
- **Mass**, 2 p.m. at the Grotto Cave

### Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade
Second Saturday of every month.
- **Mass**, 10:30 a.m. at the Grotto Cave
- **Spanish Mass**, 2 p.m. every Sunday
- **Misa en Espanol**, 2 p.m. todos los domingos

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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.
**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 for reservations.

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60th Anniversary
September 8, 2018

This year, we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of when the Grotto became a national shrine. Please join us as we celebrate through liturgy, fellowship, and other festivities!

**Adoration**, 10:45 a.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel  
**Reconciliation**, 10:45 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary’s Chapel  
**Mass**, 12 p.m. at the Grotto Cave celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori

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Eternal Life, What is It?
*Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.SS.CC.*

“Eternal life is this,” Jesus tells us: “To know God, the only true God, and Him whom God has sent, Jesus Christ.”

Hits “Knowing” that Jesus is talking about is not merely to know about Him, or of Him, it is intimate knowledge Jesus is talking about. It is knowledge that is secret, confidential, private. It is knowledge we are not only to be informed of, but which will draw us into a very close, affectionate, and familiar relationship with God and Christ. It can lead us into an intimacy that makes us one with them in heart and mind and soul – like we not only tapped into the eternal, we have entered into heaven to live for the rest of eternity with Christ and in the arms of our heavenly Father.

How do we arrive at such intimacy? Through prayer, through meditation, through contemplation, through just plain putting ourselves in the presence of God and Christ often and thinking about them. Spending thoughtful and conscious time with God opens the eyes of our souls and the doors of our hearts. Prayer is not primarily to get things for this life, it is to lead us to eternal life. “Eternal life it this,” Jesus tells us: “To know God, the only true God, and Him whom God has sent, Jesus Christ.”