## May Crowning
**May 6, 2018**
- **Adoration**, 10:45 a.m., St. Mary's Chapel
- **Reconciliation**, 10:45 a.m., Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel
- **Mass**, 12 p.m. at the Grotto Cave
- **Procession and Crowning**, 1 p.m.
- **Misa en español**, 2 p.m. (en la gruta)

Shower Mary with Roses! Place a rose at her feet at [www.NSGrotto.org/events.html](http://www.NSGrotto.org/events.html)

## Mary, Mother of the Church
**May 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
- **Mass**, 12 p.m. at the Grotto Cave

## Ascension of the Lord
**Our Lady of Fatima**
**Mothers Day**
**May 13, 2018**
- **Rosary**, 10:30 a.m., Grotto Cave (Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade)
- **Adoration**, 10:45 a.m., St. Mary's Chapel
- **Reconciliation**, 10:45 a.m.
- **Procession**, 11:30 a.m., beginning at Grotto Cave
- **Mass**, 12 p.m., St. Mary's Chapel

Help us shower Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven, with roses! [www.NSGrotto.org/events.html](http://www.NSGrotto.org/events.html)

## Corpus Christi
**June 3, 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. at the Grotto Cave
- **Eucharistic Procession**, 1 p.m. beginning at Grotto Cave
- **Misa en español**, 2 p.m. en la Gruta

## The Sacred Heart
**June 8, 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
- **Exposition with Novena & other prayers to the Sacred Heart**, 12:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

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An Intimate Oneness

Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.S.S.C.C.

It is possible to know all the teachings of the Church, all the doctrines, without really knowing Christ. Take the Pharisees and Mary Magdalene for instance: The Pharisees and the scribes could have run rings around Mary with all their Scriptural knowledge about God. But it was Mary who really knew God, the Son of God. After the resurrection, when Jesus called her name, “Mary,” she recognized Jesus immediately. No one had to convince her who he was. No expert in theology or anyone with a golden tongue was going to draw her away from Christ. She knew him personally.

Thomas wasn’t about to believe Jesus rose from the dead until he personally touched him. After he did so no threat of torture or death could sway him from his faith. Peter denied knowing Jesus forgave him and made him head of the Church, Peter would never again even slightly consider denying he knew Christ.

“I am the good shepherd,” Jesus said. “I call my sheep by name and lead them out and walk in front of them. They follow me because they recognize my voice. They will not follow a stranger, such a one they will flee, because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Let us all know the teachings of the Church, but more importantly let us acquire a personal friendship and intimacy with Jesus Christ. Live every moment of your every day in his presence.

Guided Grotto Tour

June 1
3:30 p.m.

June 2
1 p.m.

Join us for a guided tour of the National Shrine Grotto. You will learn about the history of the Grotto and the many devotional areas there.

2018 Pilgrimage
To Ireland and Northern Ireland
~ 12 Days, November 5-16, 2018 ~
Dublin, Downpatrick, Belfast, Sligo, Knock, Galway, Connemara, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Glendalough
$3399 PER PERSON
To book your space, contact Ms. Jessica Root (301) 447-5484 OR go to www.NSGrotto.org/europe-pilgrimages.html to see full agenda.
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