

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | November 2017

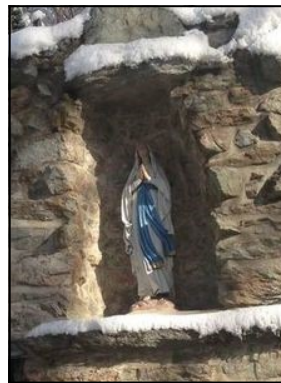


Thanksgiving Day Hours

November 23, 2017

Grounds ONLY will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (gates close at 5 p.m.).

The chapels, Miller Family Visitors Center and St. Bernadette's Gift Shoppe will be closed all day.



The Immaculate Conception Feast Day

December 8, 2017

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

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

Light a candle at www.nsgrotto.org/events



Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

December 12, 2017

Reconciliation, 11 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel
Mass, 12 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

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Christmas ~ Our Savior is Born!

December 24 and 25, 2017

Christmas Eve, December 24
Reconciliation, 11 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel
Mass, 12 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel
(The chapels, Miller Family Visitors Center and St. Bernadette's Gift Shoppe will close at 1:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day, December 25
Grounds ONLY will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (gates close at 5 p.m.).
Enroll a loved one in a mass enrollment at www.NSgrotto.org/events

Restore Mount St. Mary's Grotto

Help us to preserve the serenity of our beloved National Shrine Grotto so future generations can make the same inspiring pilgrimage that you've made!

We hope to begin Phase I this fall – in need of ~~\$850,000~~ **\$350,000** to begin.

Director, Lori Stewart, invites you to get involved!

(301) 447-6725, stewart@msmary.edu

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.



16330 Grotto Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-5318, www.NSgrotto.org





Request a Prayer



Mass Enrollment



Light a Candle



Donate Now

Request during your visit, online at NSGrotto.org or call (301) 447-5318

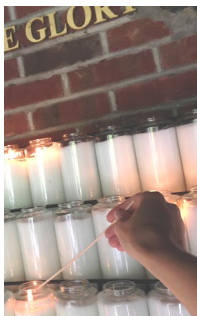
The Heavenly Waiting Room *Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.S.S.C.C.*

All of us believe in life after death. When those we love die, we do not believe that is the end for them, but the beginning of another life, a better life, a life with Jesus Christ and all his saints in heaven.

We also understand that the heights of perfection just might not be reached by all of us before we die. During our lifetime on earth the Holy Spirit does the best he can with the amount of cooperation we give him to form us into another Christ. But we still might have a ways to go before his job is complete. And so, we might have to spend a while in an anteroom, a waiting room, so to speak, where the Holy Spirit can complete us. The Catholic Church has a name for that room – we call it “PURGATORY!”

If you have ever waited in a doctor’s office you have already tasted purgatory. Magazines grow old real fast, and no matter how interesting the conversations of other patients may be, listening to them can also grow old soon. Ever been in a waiting room of a hospital Emergency Room on a Saturday night? If you weren’t sick before you got there you were by the time you left. Waiting can be a purgatory. God bless the person who can hurry us along and out of there!

During November the Church reminds us to help people who might find themselves in the waiting room of heaven. We can pray for them and speed them along in some mysterious way out of there and into heaven. By our prayers and good works done in their honor we can help get them through their process of purgatory quicker than if they are left on their own. We sure wouldn’t want them to have to read magazines till the end of time, would we? So let us pray today and every day for the souls in purgatory. Someday they might return the favor if we find ourselves sitting in that same waiting room.



Candles at Grotto Cave

The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes will be adding an additional devotional candle area near the cave. This devotional area will serve to meet the needs of our pilgrims as all of our candles are usually lit and unavailable on weekends by early afternoon. Upon completion of this project, we invite you to participate in our community of faith by lighting a candle in prayerful devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Upcoming Spiritual Activities

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



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.

Registration deadline: June 20, 2018

First Saturday Devotions	Nov 4
Lourdes Rosary Crusade	Nov 11
Bilingual Mass	Nov 11
Immaculate Conception	Dec 8
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Dec 12
Christmas Eve	Dec 24

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