

The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes



MONTHLY BULLETIN **OCTOBER 2018**

Our Lady of the Rosary

October 7, 2018

Rosary Crusade and Procession, 10 a.m. at the Grotto Cave

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 Grotto Cave

Spanish Mass, 2 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel



All Hallows' Eve

October 31, 2018

Catholic Celebration of Church Triumphant

3:30 p.m. Gathering of the Saints

4 p.m. Rosary Procession to the Grotto

4:30 p.m. Litany of the "Little Saints" at the Grotto

5 p.m. Prayerful Treats along the lanes at the Grotto



Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

October 10 through December 8

A series of talks to prepare for total consecration to Jesus Through Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8

Talks, After 12 pm mass on Saturdays: Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, and Dec 1



All Saints Day and All Souls Day

November 1 and 2, 2018

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

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

Enroll a loved one in our All Souls Day mass. See www.nsgrotto.org/events.html for details



Shrine of St. Sharbel

1st Anniversary of Shrine Installation

October 13, 2018

Reconciliation, 11-11:45 a.m.

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

Raymond Nader Talk, 1 - 1:50 p.m.

Prayer, 2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Refreshments and Book Sale,

3 -5 p.m.

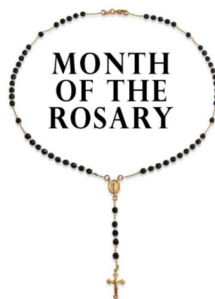


Month of the Rosary

October 2018

Join us in honoring Our Lady by coming together and praying the Rosary for the **Month of October.**

Before and After 12 p.m. Sunday Mass in St. Mary's Chapel



★ **Happy 25th Anniversary since Ordination** ★
Father Daniel!

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.

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



Share Your Blessings

If you or a loved one have a blessing you have experienced from visiting the National Shrine Grotto, and would like to share it through our monthly bulletin, please send us an email at grotto@msmary.edu or visit www.NSGrotto.org/share-your-blessings.html

Discovering the Rosary

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

Let's think for a moment about Jonah. After spending three days in the belly of a large fish, he thought things over. He saw that he was going to have to do God's will by choice or by force, so he decided to go along with it. A little thinking and meditation given practical application will more often than not lead to doing what God wants us to do. But we are often so busy, and the world around us so noisy, that we might find time scarce for thinking and meditating.

Mary, the sister of Martha, as we see in scripture, took time. We find her sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to him. Now the Church gives us a way that we can do that very same thing every day, and it only takes about fifteen minutes.

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We all know what the rosary is and how to pray it. If not, it is easy to find out. Just ask somebody who prays it. The rosary is not just a bunch of Our Fathers and Hail Mary's, the multiplication of words that Jesus warned us against. It is a means of thinking and meditation, of listening and learning.

While we pray the prayers of the rosary, we are to meditate on different episodes in the life and story of Christ. We are to think of them, meditate on them, we are to look at them closely, put ourselves into the pictures and experience life with Christ in the early part of the first century. We are to learn the meaning of what are called the "Mysteries" of the rosary, then we ask Christ to help us apply it in practical ways to our everyday life. Those who pray the rosary often and well, will never be far from Jesus and Mary. Yes, we have many other things to be busy about, but try to choose the better part, like Mary, at least fifteen minutes a day. Happy will those be who get into the habit of praying the rosary.

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!

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| Entrance gate Guardian Angels restoration | \$5,000 |
| Projector Screen
(for Marian presentations in St. Mary's Chapel) | \$1,500 |
| Seton Rock Landscaping
(to honor Mother Seton's place where she liked to sit on Sunday afternoons) | \$1,000 |
| Rhododendron Plants
(to replace the over 20 year old, dying rhododendrons throughout the grounds) | \$500 |
- Thank you to Deborah Malinak for her recent Rhododendron plant donation!** ★

Desperately Need Volunteers!

Please help us keep the holy grounds beautiful, by helping with light caretaking of the landscaping (pulling weeds, watering flowers, etc.). Contact us today!!!

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