



# NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

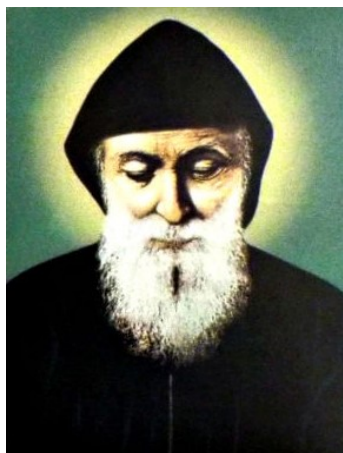
*On the Campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland*

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO MONTHLY BULLETIN | September 2017



## **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** September 8, 2017

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



## **Saint Sharbel Dedication** September 30, 2017

**Preparation**, 10:30 a.m.  
**Dedication**, 11 a.m.  
**Holy Mass**, 12 p.m.  
**Reception**, 1 p.m.



## **Respect for Life Sunday Mass** October 1, 2017

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



## **Our Lady of the Rosary** October 7, 2017

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



## **Our Lady of Fatima The Last Apparition Week- end** October 13-15, 2017

Please see  
[www.NSGrotto.org/events.html](http://www.NSGrotto.org/events.html)  
for a detailed  
schedule of events  
throughout the weekend



## **Beatification of Father Stanley Rother** September 23, 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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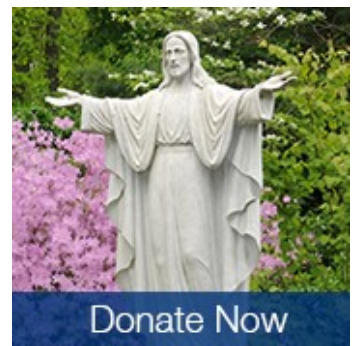
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Mass Enrollment



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**God Bless America** *Reflections by Fr. Mike Messaro, M.S.S.C.C.*

Many governments have come and gone. Powerful kingdoms and wealthy dynasties have become history. And if we don't get down on our knees and pray, the same will happen to our country.

This policy of total and complete separation of church and state is based on the assumption that mankind can get along just fine without God. It is very obvious we have not been doing so, and many solutions are proposed to remedy the situation. Without the basic solution being activated, however, no other will be worth the effort. **Americans must pray!** God must be reinstalled in our homes and in the workings of our government. We are reminded in Paul's letter to Timothy of the part we can play in this endeavor. "First of all, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered for all men, especially for kings and those in authority, that we may be able to lead undisturbed and tranquil lives in perfect piety and dignity." Prayer of this kind is good, and God our savior is pleased with it, for he wants all men to be saved and come to know the truth.

You and I know what the truth is. We don't stand a snail's chance of making it across the road unsquashed without a lot of help from God. America needs God, our government officials need heaven's guidance. Pray that those in charge open their hearts to God's will a little more often too. Paul concludes, "It is my wish that in every place, men and women shall offer prayers with blameless hands held aloft, and be free from anger and dissension." May God bless America and all the countries of the world.



**All Hallows' Eve**

**October 31, 2017**

**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

*Upcoming  
Spiritual Activities*

*More activities listed on  
[nsgrotto.org/spiritual-activities.html](http://nsgrotto.org/spiritual-activities.html)*

First Saturday Devotions	Sep 2
Grotto Cave Mass	Sep 3
Lourdes Rosary Crusade	Sep 9
Bilingual Mass	Sep 9

**Under Construction**

Changes are coming the week of September 18 to the Grotto parking lot. In order to make things run smoother, the lot's flow will become a one-way loop with one entrance/exit. A sidewalk will be painted on the road from the parking lot to the Miller Family Visitors Center, and a shuttle pick up/drop off area will become more developed, with signage and benches.



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