

# MARY'S SHRINE

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*Our Lady of Hope*

# Mary's Shrine

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In the Bull of Indiction, “Hope does not disappoint,” for the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, states that “hope finds its supreme witness in the *Mother of God*. She is the sure hope that, amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust” (*Spes Non Confundit*, 24).

Pilgrimage is a fundamental aspect of any Jubilee Year. As the faithful make pilgrimages to Rome, the Holy Land, and the great sanctuaries of the world, pilgrims will also come to Mary's Shrine, seeking the grace of the Jubilee Year, as well as to receive the Jubilee Year Indulgence. We look forward to welcoming diocesan, religious and private pilgrimages throughout the Jubilee Year, confident that the Blessed Virgin Mary, “the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children” will be “a sign of certain hope and comfort” for them (*SNC*, 24).

As the Church Universal prepares to observe the Jubilee Year, here at Mary's Shrine we are amid our own Jubilee Year, the centennial of the First Mass being celebrated inside the Crypt Church. For one century now, the faithful who come to Mary's Shrine have known the reality of the words of Pope Francis, “the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust.” They have done so and continue to do so, through pilgrimages, private prayer, the celebration of Mass, and of course, through the Marian prayer *par excellence*, the Rosary. Just think of how many graces have been received from the more than 800,000 Masses that have been celebrated since 1924! Please God, and the intercession of Our Lady, abundant graces will continue to flow from Mary's Shrine for centuries to come!

I am so very thankful that the faithful devotees



of Mary's Shrine never abandon us! It is because of our dedicated supporters that we can serve those who come to us for Mass, prayer, pilgrimage or a simple, quiet visit.

It is becoming more and more difficult, however, to sustain our ministry at Mary's Shrine. Inflation, increasing production costs, an aging donor base, as well as the fact that we are not a parish church, contribute to our financial challenges.

In the past 100 years, we have had only three nationwide collections. The first in 1946 to revive construction of the Great Upper Church; the second in 1954, for the completion of the superstructure of the Great Upper Church; and the third in 2016 to complete the interior ornamentation of the National Shrine with the installation of the largest mosaic, “The Trinity,” in the main dome of the Great Upper Church, which was dedicated in 2017.

With a building that is nearly 100 years old, the major projects at Mary's Shrine are no longer the addition of chapels, devotional spaces or mosaics, but repairs, maintenance and the replacement of outdated equipment. As you know from your own household, these costs are not cheap, and with a building the size of the National Shrine, the expenses are quite substantial.

In order to preserve Mary's Shrine for generations to come, in November 2023, the National Shrine Board of Trustees approved the establishment of an Historic Preservation Trust which began its mission this past spring. Independently governed by its own Board of Directors, the Trust is responsible for the creation and growth of an investment portfolio for the care and preservation of the National Shrine in perpetuity.



At this point in our history, it has become necessary for the National Shrine to launch a Capital Campaign. This vital endeavor will assist in updating our antiquated infrastructure, as well as providing the essential and necessary upkeep of this magnificent church, including a new roof.

As one of our faithful supporters, during the next few months, you will receive materials regarding our Capital Campaign, and you may even receive a telephone call. I will be so very grateful if you are receptive to our communications and extremely thankful for whatever assistance you can provide. Following the example of our founder, Bishop

Shahan, I am turning to you for your financial assistance. Since 1914, the National Shrine has asked people like you for your help both in building and maintaining this magnificent sanctuary that overlooks the capital of our nation. It has been only with the assistance of people like you that we have been able to achieve one hundred years of worship. I thank you in advance for your understanding, consideration and prayers for the success of the Capital Campaign which will help ensure the ministry of Mary's Shrine for the next one hundred years.

May God bless you and Mary keep you! 🍀

## » ON THE COVER

# Our Lady of Hope

During the Franco-Prussian War, the Blessed Virgin Mary revealed herself to four children on January 17, 1871, as Prussian troops drew close to the small, peaceful village of Pontmain, France. The children received a message of hope on behalf of their townspeople, who were filled with despair at the prospect of the war.

Appearing to the children, Our Lady comforted them with the message: "Pray my children. God will soon grant your request." The townspeople joined the children in fervent prayer and devotion, renewing their hope for an end to the war. Within three days, enemy forces withdrew from the environs of Pontmain, and on January 28, 1871, the Franco-Prussian War ended.

The National Shrine celebrated the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady of Hope on May 29, 2024. Located in the Crypt Church of the Basilica, the chapel was a gift from Dolores and Bob Hope in



Photo by Robert Isaacson

The Chapel of Our Lady of Hope

memory of Avis Townes Hope, the mother of the late entertainer. The Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation continues to maintain the chapel which recalls the rich faith and devotion of French Catholics.

Our Lady of Hope, pray for us! 🍀

# MISSION STATEMENT

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a Catholic church dedicated to the patroness of our nation, is a place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation. It offers visitors the occasion for a deepening conversion, a step forward in the journey to God, with Mary as the model for that journey. This monumental church, raised by Catholics of the United States because of their devotion to Mary the Mother of God, gives visibility to their faith and Catholic heritage. Mary's Shrine invites people from across the country and beyond into the saving moment of faith, hope and charity, so that they may be reconciled and transformed into living symbols of Christ's presence in the world. It is here that the faithful gather to worship God, give honor to Mary, and are sent to spread God's word wherever they go. 🍀

# National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Beginning on Pentecost, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage brought Jesus in the Eucharist on a unique journey throughout the United States, making stops at holy sites and churches in cities and dioceses across the country, ultimately converging in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress that was held in July.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was honored to be the primary stop of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the nation’s capital and the Archdiocese of Washington during the weekend of June 8 & 9.

The Washington segment of the pilgrimage opened with Mass on Saturday, July 8, in the Great Upper Church, followed by a Eucharistic procession that made its way from Mary’s Shrine through the surrounding neighborhood of Brookland, often referred to as “Little Rome.”

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the Archbishop of Washington and the Chairman of the National Shrine Board of Trustees, was the principal celebrant of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Mass on Sunday, July 9.

In his homily, Cardinal Gregory explained, “We are engaged in a national spiritual journey to strengthen our belief that the Eucharist is truly the most perfect gesture of God’s intense



National Eucharistic Procession

Photo by Miroko Ovrada/Catholic Standard

desire to be with us under the forms of bread and wine.” He continued, “Christ is truly present in such a manner that defies our ability to fully grasp the wonder of this Gift,” saying, “He offers us not merely food but Eternal Life in this Sacrament.”

Following Communion, a Solemn Eucharistic Procession was led by Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, who imparted Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament upon the congregation.

At the close of Mass, as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage would leave Mary’s Shrine for its next destination, Monsignor Rossi prayed, “May Our Lady accompany our steps so that as we walk with Jesus, she will lead us to a more perfect union with her Divine Son.” 🙏

## UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES TO MARY’S SHRINE

September 7	Indian American Catholic Association	October 19	Diocese of Pittsburgh
September 8	Croatian Catholic Community	October 19	Conventual Franciscans
September 14	Dedication of Our Lady of Aparecida Oratory	October 26	Diocese of Camden
September 14	First Catholic Slovak Union	November 9	International Day of Prayer and Fasting
September 21	Diocese of Greensburg	November 16	Diocese of Harrisburg
September 28	Dominican National Rosary Pilgrimage	December 7	Haitian Catholic Community
October 5	Diocese of Arlington	December 14	Archdiocese of Washington – Walk with Mary
October 12	Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh 50th Anniversary of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Chapel	January 23 & 24	National Prayer Vigil for Life



# Jubilee Year 2025 — *Pilgrims of Hope*

On the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Pope Francis called for the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world to celebrate an Ordinary Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Jubilee Year will be inaugurated with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024.

During the Jubilee Year, in addition to performing a work of mercy and penance, a Jubilee Indulgence may be obtained by making a pious pilgrimage to a sacred Jubilee site, such as those designated in Rome and the Holy Land, as well as by making a pious visit to other sacred places around the world, including any minor basilica, Marian sanctuary, or national sanctuary. (*Decree on the Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year called by His Holiness Pope Francis, 13.05.2024*).

Mary's Shrine is among the sacred places where the faithful may make a pious visit to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence! Elevated to the rank of a minor basilica by Saint John Paul II in 1990, Mary's Shrine is designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a national sanctuary of prayer and pilgrimage. Often referred to as *America's Catholic Church*, it is also the nation's preeminent Marian shrine dedicated to the patroness of the United States, the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception.

*Pilgrims of Hope* are invited to visit Mary's Shrine to avail themselves of the graces offered during the Jubilee Year 2025 in which, "All the



Photo by L'Osservatore Romano

Pope Francis on his visit to Mary's Shrine in 2015

faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin..., who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied to the souls in Purgatory..." (*Decree on the Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year called by His Holiness Pope Francis, 13.05.2024*).

Mary's Shrine is open 365 days a year, with Masses and Confession offered daily and more than 80 chapels and oratories in which to pray. The priests, religious, and staff welcome your visit to Mary's Shrine any time, but especially during Jubilee Year 2025. 🍷

## UPCOMING BASILICA BROADCASTS ON EWTN (*all times Eastern*)

ALSO LIVESTREAMED AT NATIONALSHRINE.ORG/MASS

September 4	AMS Capodanno Memorial Mass	6:30pm
September 28	Dominican National Rosary Pilgrimage Mass	4:30pm
November 1	Solemn Mass of All Saints	12:10pm
November 2	Choral Concert for the Commemoration of All Souls	7pm
December 9	Immaculate Conception	12:10pm
December 24	Choral Meditations on the Nativity	10pm
December 24	Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve	10:30pm
December 25	Solemn Mass of Christmas	12 noon
December 25	Spanish Christmas Mass	2:30pm
January 1	Mary, Mother of God	12 noon
January 23	National Prayer Vigil for Life Opening Mass	5pm
January 24	National Prayer Vigil for Life Closing Mass	8am

# THE PRACTICE OF WORSHIP

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Archivist-Curator Emerita

Ever since the most ancient of days, humanity has sought to be in communion with its Creator. Even before the codification of religions or that of denominations, there existed within the human heart a desire for a relationship with the Divine. It is within the prose of the psalmist that the depth of this relationship finds its most eloquent expression: “As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God” (42: 2-3). This lancing thirst, a metaphor well understood by a desert people, can only be sated by “streams of water;” living, flowing water; that which gives life; thus, “the living God.” The psalmist, who was far from home at the time of this particular writing, went on to recall his experience of the Divine Presence in the Temple liturgy of Jerusalem and his longing to return to this house of worship; to experience anew the personal presence of God: “When can I enter and see the face of God?” (Ps. 42: 3).

In the days following the death and resurrection of Jesus, his followers also came to know this longing. It was both a sadness and a joy, as it summoned them to assemble in community to remember Jesus and his teachings, and to fulfill his command, “do this, in memory of me.”

In the east apse of the Crypt Church, atop the left column of the Chapel of Saint Lucy, there is a Pewabic ceramic depiction of the “longing deer” from Psalm 42.



Psalm 42: 2, East Apse

What is interesting about its placement is that it follows *Panis et Pisces* or “Bread and Fish,” the last frieze in the north or Incarnation Apse. *Panis et Pisces* represents the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, the foremost symbol of Eucharist in the early Christian community.



*Panis et Pisces*, North Apse

This sequencing, although subtle, is a liturgically strong relationship. The eye of the viewer moves from a wealth of incarnation and eucharistic themes and symbols, to those of an emerging Church whose fulfillment would be in the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised to send, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate” (John 14:16). Jesus was the first Advocate. The second, “the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name” would be with the Church always, and would “teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you” (John 14: 16, 26).



The Dove, East Apse

In the last frieze of the east apse (to the right of the Chapel of Saint Brigid of Ireland), the dove with an olive branch reminds us of the faithfulness of God both now and in the Old Testament promise given to Noah after the great



Noah, West Apse



flood (see west apse, ceiling panel: *Noë*). These are moments of great thanksgiving, of worship. Thus, it is the Spirit that calls us to remember; the Spirit of God calls us to the great thanksgiving, to holy worship.

### Characteristics of Worship

In the communal worship of the Divine, there are three general characteristics: 1) a designated place, 2) a calendar and designated hours; and 3) the persons involved in the act of worship itself: the community, the ministers, and the priests.

During this centennial year, the National Shrine celebrates not only one hundred years of worship but also one hundred years of ordination: those persons called from the community to serve the community and to help mediate the dialogue with the Divine. The following descriptions will provide some insight and history on these two topics.

### A Church for the Nation

In January of 1846, *The National Intelligencer*, the first newspaper of the District of Columbia and the paper of record for Congress, released a story from an unnamed but reliable source that was “entitled to respect,” that “the Catholics of Washington have it in contemplation to erect in this metropolis [of Washington, D.C.] a church edifice of magnificent dimensions ... to be, in the Catholic sense of the term, a national church.” In May of that same year, the bishops of the United States decreed that the “Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin” be chosen as the patron saint of this young republic.

In spite of this enthusiasm and seeming momentum, it was not until seventy-five years later that the Foundation Stone of the National Shrine was set in Northeast, Washington, D.C. (23 Sept 1920). The event program testified, “Ever since the Civil War many pious souls have expressed the hope that someday a splendid church would arise at the heart of the Nation” and that this church “would be our common monument of gratitude to Mary Immaculate.”

Just as the Holy Temple in Jerusalem was a defining locus and identity for the sons and daughters of Israel, in the mind of Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, the visionary of the National Shrine, this Marian church would be the defining locus of the Roman Catholic Church in the capital of the United States and the gathering place for the people of God. A place where the majesty of the Creator and the glory of the risen Redeemer would forever be present, “like a consecration

... with a mystic penetrating puissance [power] that ... betrays the near presence of God and His loving interest.” It would be the place where the soul would be in dialogue “with its Creator and Redeemer.” Where the Holy One would be worshiped and praised. It would be the vestibule of heaven (Shahan, 1904).

Indeed, for Shahan it was all about the sacramental life of the Church, particularly “the Eucharistic sacrifice,” which, decades before Vatican II, the good bishop understood to be the source of the Christian life; the source of life in Jesus (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 21 Nov 1964, II, §11). To that end, the focal point of this national Marian church was and remains the main altar, the point towards which everything converges: the *raison d’être* in both the Crypt Church and the Great Upper Church. In 1931, the first issue of *Liturgical Arts*, the publication of the emerging liturgical movement in the United States, listed the requirements of a “proper altar.” It was to be freestanding, made of fine materials, separated from its backdrop or reredos, and was not to be used as a stand for a statue, a monstrance, or a crucifix. It was to have 6 or 7 “well-designed” candlesticks, and a “baldachino” or canopy. Except for the baldachino, the Crypt Church of Thomas Shahan met all the requirements.

While there was discussion and even drawings for a baldachino over the main altar in the Crypt Church, it was determined to be impractical. Thus, standing free and central in the Crypt Church, with all ambulatories and all forms of ornamentation encircling the surrounding space is the main altar, dedicated to Our Lady of the Catacombs, also known as the “Mary Memorial Altar” in honor of all women with some form of the name Mary who donated towards its purchase and installation. In the Great Upper Church, it is the Altar of the Immaculate Conception, the altar situated beneath the baldachino. The baldachino was donated by *Our Sunday Visitor* and individual members of the hierarchy; the altar was also from members of the hierarchy along with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Menke, Washington, D.C.

### Persons

Among the persons essential to the efficacy of communal worship or liturgy is the mediator; the representative; the one who speaks on behalf of the community to the Divine. History reports a universal belief that the person designated for this task was to be set apart from the general

community. The manner in which one was “set apart” varied. In Judaism, for example, the Levites, descendants of Levi, received a “shearing” or cutting of the hair on the head as a sign of purification. The priests, descendants of Aaron, the brother of Moses, were to be ready to enter the Temple at a moment’s notice and thus refrained from strong drink and ritual impurity. The high priest, also an heir of Aaron, was also to be pure and holy, particularly to enter the Holy of Holies, the place where God was said to dwell, on one special day, the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*).

In the Roman Rite, we refer to this person as the “priest.” The manner in which he was set apart began with a first step: entrance into four years of theological studies and training. For diocesan or secular candidates, this was the seminary; for religious candidates it was the scholasticate. During the administration of Bishop Shahan, the number of religious houses and scholasticates in Northeast D.C. increased substantially, changing an “undeveloped” section of the city into a Catholic enclave and “one of the most desirable parts of our beautiful city.” At its peak, almost one hundred religious houses occupied Northeast Washington, particularly the area known as Brookland.

The first ordinations at the National Shrine were held in the Crypt Church during a three-day period, 12-14 June 1924. The ordaining prelate was Bishop Thomas J. Shahan. Of the

seventy-four ordained twenty-one received first minor orders (porter and lector); ten received second minor orders (exorcist and acolyte); twenty-four were ordained subdeacons, twelve to the diaconate, and seven to the priesthood. Those ordained to the priesthood were two from the dioceses of Providence (RI); one from Helena (MT), one from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and three from the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI). Two additional ordination classes in October and December brought the total of ordinations in this first year to 225, a respectable beginning but a number that would become dwarfed in the years that followed.

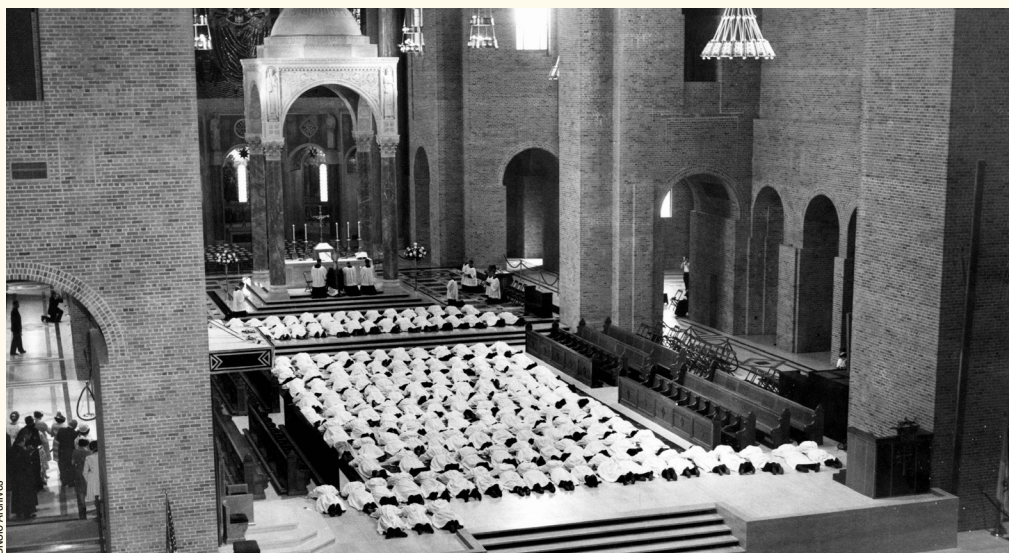
From 1924 to 1959 all ordinations were held in the Crypt Church, which was furnished in the true “basilica style,” which is to say there were no pews. These would be installed in 1960. Until then, folding chairs were used, placed when and where they were needed. The Rite of Tonsure was held in the evening and the remaining ceremonies began early in the morning as the twenty-four hour fast was still observed and Mass was part of each rite.

The National Shrine was finally completed and dedicated on 20 November 1959. The first ordinations in the Great Upper Church were held 31 May – 4 June 1960. Three years later, one of the largest classes of all time — 554 candidates — were ordained 4-8 June 1963: Tonsure to Priesthood.



24 Sept 1925, Rite of Tonsure





Diaconate, 8 June 1963

Until 1973, the Rite of First Tonsure or “shearing,” somewhat similar to that of the Levites, marked the entrance of a young man into the clerical state. This changed with the motu proprio of Pope Paul VI, *Ministeria quaedam* (1972): “First tonsure no longer is conferred; entrance into the clerical state is joined to the diaconate.” In addition to tonsure, the motu proprio directed a revision of the four minor orders (porter, lector, exorcist, acolyte), which were considered steps towards major orders because of their relationship to the liturgy, replaced them with two “special offices” or ministries: minister of the word (lector) and minister of the altar/server (acolyte). The conferring of these ministries was no longer called “ordination” but rather “installation” as members of the laity were/ are also allowed to serve in these roles. The three major orders (subdeacon, deacon, and priest) became two: deacon and priest. The role of the subdeacon, which never held scriptural or apostolic origins and included preparing the altar vessels for Eucharist, and reading the Epistle, was subsumed by the role of the acolyte. The rites of ordination were now that of deacon and priest.

Bishop Shahan, when addressing a group of seminarians, shared the following: “We are the last comers in a long line of priests that stretches back to the Apostles, and in them to the Cross and Cenacle. Our history is the history of the world since first we were sent out into it, the

agents and vicars of Jesus Christ. And when all is told, we may be proud of those who went before us.”



Geraldine M. Rohling

Christ in Glory, West Chancel Window

On Easter Sunday 1924, the liturgical life of the National Shrine began with the celebration of the first Mass in the Crypt Church. Three months later, the first ordinations were conferred. Since that date, more than 800,000 Masses have been celebrated in the National Shrine along with nearly 7000 ordinations. On Thursday, 22 August 2024, His Eminence, Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for the one hundred years of ordinations and all those men who have served and continue to serve the

church so faithfully. All priests, particularly those who were ordained at the Shrine, were invited to concelebrate. This celebration can be viewed on the National Shrine's YouTube channel @marysshine. 🙏

# GIFTS FROM MARY'S SHRINE

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## ROSARY & ROSARY BRACELET

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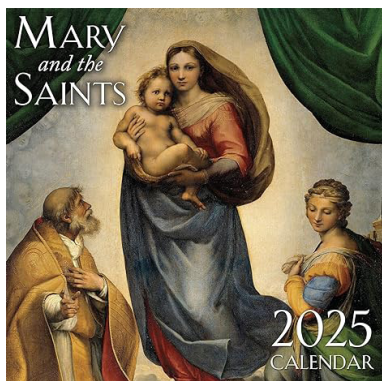


**509 6mm Rosary \$75.95**

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# GIFTS FROM MARY'S SHRINE



**2025 Mary and the Saints Calendar** contains special feasts, marked with days of Fasting, special Saints Days, and the Sundays of the Liturgical Year for both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Calendars. **511 \$14.95**

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with Relic that touched the  
Birthplace Of Jesus



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**BABY JESUS in**  
*Embroidered Pouch*



*A treasure for Christmas*

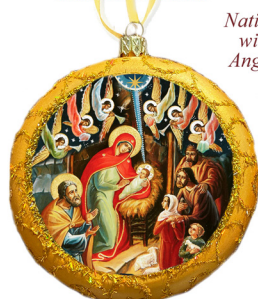
**514 2 1/2" \$9.95**

**the NATIVITY**  
Christmas Cards



**515 Verse Inside:** "Wishing you peace, joy and many blessings this Christmas and all through the New Year." Each Box has 18 cards and envelopes. **\$18.00**

**ICON CHRISTMAS**  
**ORNAMENT**  
*Made in Ukraine*



*Nativity  
with  
Angels*

**516 \$14.95**

**GROTTO NATIVITY**  
Olivewood Ornament *with Relic*



*handmade  
in the  
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*Relic that touched the birth place  
of Jesus*

**519 \$14.95**

**HOLY FAMILY**  
Glass Holy Water Bottle



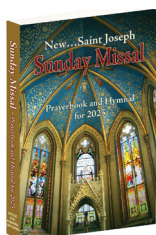
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**518** Set of 4 tapers in traditional colors, 3 purple and 1 pink. Boxed (not shown) **\$9.95**



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**MADONNA & CHILD**  
Christmas Cards



**522 Verse Inside:** "May you keep in your heart the miracle of Christmas today and forever." Each Box has 18 cards and envelopes. **\$18.00**

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*Hand Made in Bethlehem*

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**530 1/2 oz \$30.00**

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## OLIVEWOOD *Comforting* SACRED HEART of JESUS



*Hand Made in the Holy Land*

**534** Heart with Prayer Card 3" **\$14.95**



*Made in Italy*

*Vermeil  
Gold  
over  
Sterling*

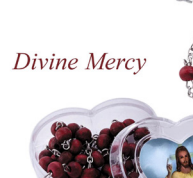
**MIRACULOUS MEDAL  
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## ROSE SCENTED ROSARIES *in a heart shape box*



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of Jesus*



*Our Lady  
of Grace*



*Divine Mercy*

*beautiful  
images of  
Our Savior  
and Our Lady*

**535** Sacred Heart **\$7.95**

**536** Our Lady of Grace **\$7.95**

**537** Divine Mercy **\$7.95**

## OUR LADY of MT. CARMEL SCAPULAR

*Mary  
appeared  
to St. Simon in  
a vision, held  
out a scapular and  
said to him,  
'he who dies in  
this will not  
suffer eternal  
fire'*



**539** **\$15.95**



**540** **\$14.95**

**OLIVE  
WOOD  
CROSS**  
*for comfort,  
with Relic that  
touched the  
tomb of  
Jesus*

*One decade*  
**OLIVE WOOD ROSARY**  
*with COMFORT CROSS*



*handmade  
in Bethlehem*

**541** **\$7.95**

## Scapular Necklace & Bracelet

*Mary appeared to St. Simon in a vision,  
held out a scapular and said to him,  
'he who dies in this will not suffer  
eternal fire'.*

**542** 14kt gold plated necklace 20" **\$29.95**

**543** 14kt gold plated Bracelet fits up to 7½" **\$21.95**

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**544** Verse Inside:  
"May this Christmas  
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The **KNEELING SANTA**  
Christmas Ornament



*That at the name of Jesus every knee  
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**Tiny Bell**  
NATIVITY



*a truly precious Christmas gift*

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KRYSTAL ORNAMENT

*hold on  
Christmas  
morning  
and..*



*remember  
those we love*

**547 3" \$19.95**



**548 15oz \$14.95**



**549 order SMLXL \$21.95**

**SACRED HEART**  
JEWELRY



**14kt gold plated**

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Christmas ORNAMENT

*save a  
space for  
your loved  
one; just  
one empty  
chair...*



*you may  
not see  
them, but  
know, they  
will be  
there*

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PLAQUE



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## REMEMBERING THE NATIONAL SHRINE

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*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a body corporate of the District of Columbia, and located in Washington, D.C., (the sum of \_\_\_\_\_) or (\_\_\_ % of rest residue, and remainder of my estate) or (\_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_) or all my right, title and interest in the following described property \_\_\_\_\_).*

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\*2:30 pm (Spanish)  
4:30 pm

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