



ST. JOHN'S WELL

One of the Mount's best kept secrets

Nestled between IC Chapel and the Seminary, St. John's Well is a prayerful space to rest in the sound of trickling water, and in the gaze of our Blessed Mother from her "little grotto."



FOUNDER'S PLAZA

Faith and Determination

After a narrow escape from the guillotine during the French revolution, a refugee priest found himself at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In 1808 Father John Dubois planted a cross as the foundation of Mount St. Mary's University and more than 200 years later, we commemorate his spirit with a statue and plaza. Whether taking a break for lunch, reviewing notes for class, or just relaxing, Founder's Plaza is an ideal, central location on campus.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES, KANE CHAPEL

Word and Sacrament

Four stained glass windows of the evangelist writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – represent the Word. Another stained glass window depicts the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary – the Word made flesh in the Sacrament. This chapel was built in 1824 and was rediscovered in 2009 during a dorm renovation project.



MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CHAPEL

Student Sanctuary

Imagine a life in which you can walk a few steps from your room and, without leaving the building, attend Mass everyday at a student-friendly time (such as 10 p.m.)... and you have envisioned the life of a Mount St. Mary's student. Colorful stained glass windows, created and designed by a member of the Mount faculty, Fr. Robert Joseph Terentieff, and some of his colleagues and students, create a joyful feel, while the gold on the candlesticks, tabernacle, and crucifix immediately direct hearts to the heavenly King. Do not miss the statues on the outside of the chapel – St. Joseph guarding the plaza and Mary, Queen of Peace, welcoming worshippers into her chapel.



PEACE PLAZA

Pacem in Terris – Peace on Earth

Find a state of harmony among the tall trees and blooming flowers in Peace Plaza. Complete with a walkway and intimate benches, this area between the Knott Academic Center and the Phillips Library is a surprising oasis. The word "peace" is written on the ground in the plaza in various languages including Czech, Vietnamese, Swedish, and Hebrew, beckoning for peace at the Mount and in the world.



VETERANS' WALKWAY

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me..." -Matthew 16:24

Take a stroll down the walkway, listen to the flags snap in the wind, feel a sense of American pride, and honor the Mount's military veterans. These men and women have displayed faithfulness and commitment. They have worked in pursuit of preserving and protecting the God-given rights of all citizens of the world – a very worthy goal. May all who visit the walkway be more sacrificial as the veterans so clearly have been.



YEAR FOR PRIESTS GARDEN

"The priest is not a priest for himself; he is a priest for you." -St. John Vianney

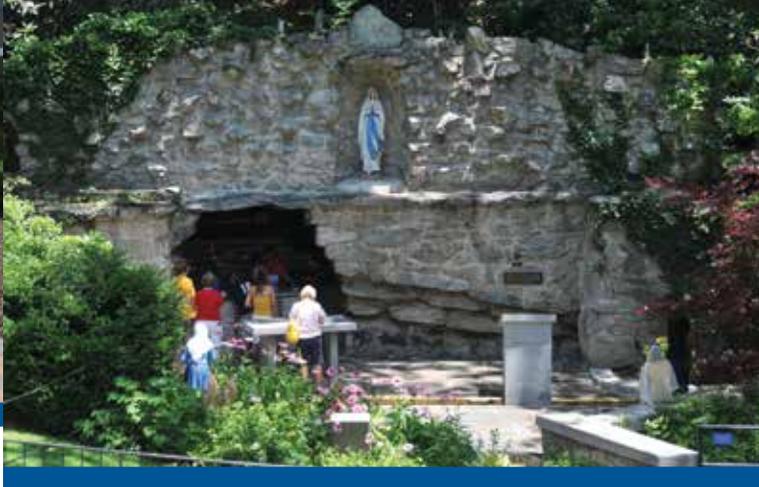
How true are the words of St. John Vianney! Thousands of young men have offered their lives in service on Mary's Mountain. Reflect on the priests who have guided you in your spiritual journey and pray for many more laborers to be sent to the vineyard.



CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Heart of Campus

Be filled with awe and wonder as you open the large, wooden doors and step into IC Chapel. The Holy Spirit appears as a dove in the upper dome and the stained glass portrays salvation history. Walk the Stations of the Cross or sit and listen to the triumphant sounds of the organ. Let the paintings and statues unite you with the communion of saints. Built more than 100 years ago, and renovated during the summer of 2011, the IC Chapel is the center of the spiritual life on campus – as the celebration of Mass sustains and enriches the faith of the University and Seminary.



NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." -Matt. 11:28

A statue of the Sacred Heart, with outstretched arms, and a long, curvy path hidden under the shade of tall trees, invites all pilgrims to make a journey into something extraordinary – the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Bishop John DuBois, Founder of Mount St. Mary's, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bishop Simon Brute, and Mother Teresa have trod on this holy ground – featuring one of the oldest American replicas of the Lourdes shrine in France. Delve into your own spiritual journey in the two chapels, or along the magnificent, stone-encased copper Stations of the Cross and mosaics of the Mysteries of the Rosary. Listen as the Bell Tower rings out forever the praises of Almighty God and His Blessed Mother at five minutes before every hour and for the Angelus.

These are just some of the Sacred Spaces on campus. We invite you to spend time exploring campus and finding more! May our Blessed Mother, who shines forth over campus, be a beacon of light, hope, and courage, for all those who visit her Sacred Spaces.



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SACRED SPACES

Mount St. Mary's University is home to many "Sacred Spaces." With a rich history defined by its Catholic heritage, the Mount continues to strive to "... cultivate a community of learners formed by faith, engaged in discovery, and empowered for leadership in the Church, professions, and the world."

These "Sacred Spaces" are living examples of the Mount's commitment to faith as places for the Mount community to reflect and pray.