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THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE



*The Very Reverend
Father Paul Henry,*

3RD RECTOR, BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

*D*EAR FRIEND,

Greetings and blessings to you all!

I have some personal news for you. For nine years now, I have been blessed to come to work in this beautiful place. On a lovely morning, I park my car and walk across the plaza, thinking "What did I do to deserve such a blessing, to come to work at the Basilica?" I am acutely aware that I am walking on holy ground, and that this is the place that is so significant to so many people.

During my time here, I have worked with very special people on the staff, including good priests and a lot of wonderful people in the area, who have participated in the ministry and have made things happen, in special and vibrant ways.

The Basilica is 30 years old. In my time, I have felt blessed and grateful for the signs of continued growth. So many joyous pilgrims and travelers pass through the great doors of this church. I'm so grateful that such a holy place exists for them. Miracles happen here, people find themselves because they find God – through the Eucharist, through Reconciliation, by just being able to sit quietly and pray, without interruption.

I am so aware that I will miss you and this place, although my brother and I, who live together now, and are responsible for each other, will be not very far away so, please God, our paths will cross. You will have the privilege of meeting Fr. Richard Trout, who will serve as Administrator Pro Tem, until Bishop Noonan appoints a new Rector on a permanent basis.

This ministry exists because of the pioneering work of Monsignor Joseph Harte and his devoted collaborators who, together with Bishop Grady, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, began the work with Mass at nearby hotels. This Shrine is blessed by God, anointed by His Spirit and animated by the love and protection of our blessed mother, Mary. This is your spiritual oasis, a lovely, peaceful place, where you can expect a special encounter with our Lord, Jesus, Christ, who journeys with you and who also awaits your arrival here.

God is on every road, and He is your constant companion. We are bonded together by His gift of Holy Communion and, I think, by a shared love for this place of pilgrimage.

May God keep you, always, in His love. Let us continue to pray for each other.

With Love,

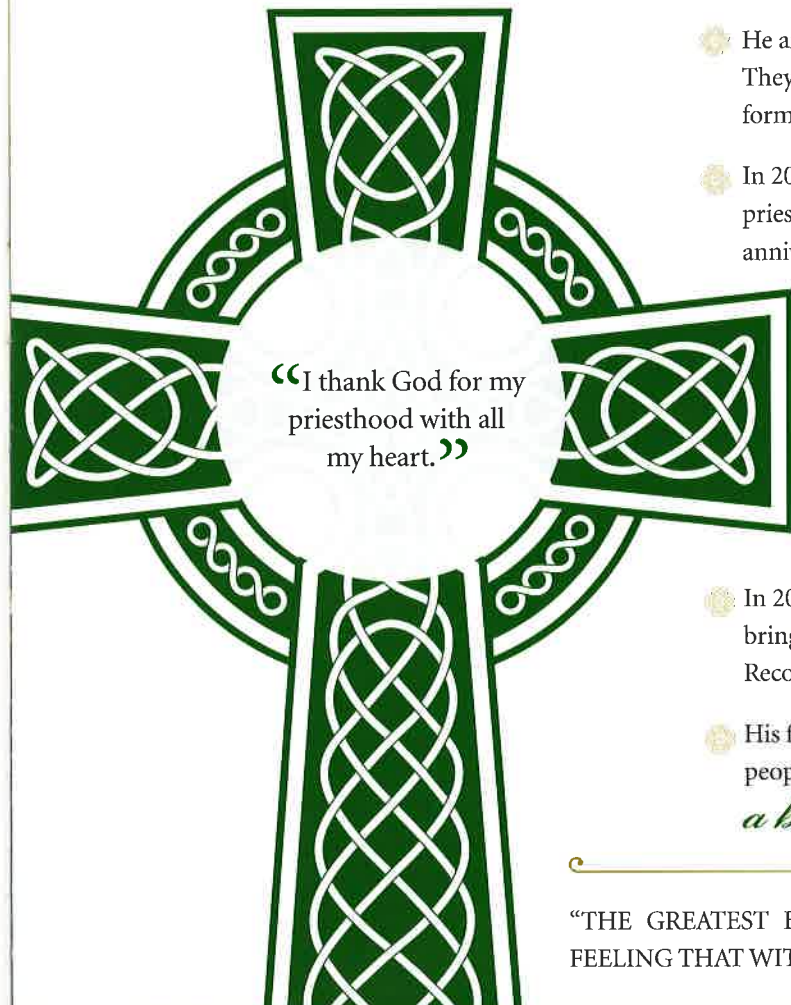
Paul Henry

The Very Reverend Paul J. Henry | Basilica Rector

*"I have loved every single day that I have come to work in
this beautiful place."*

*"Arriving in Florida
was like landing on the
moon as far as we were
concerned"*

Thank you, FATHER PAUL



"I thank God for my
priesthood with all
my heart."

FATHER PAUL HENRY is from a family of eleven children in North Ireland.

He and his twin brother, Peter were ordained in 1968. They were among the first priests to join the newly formed Diocese of Orlando.

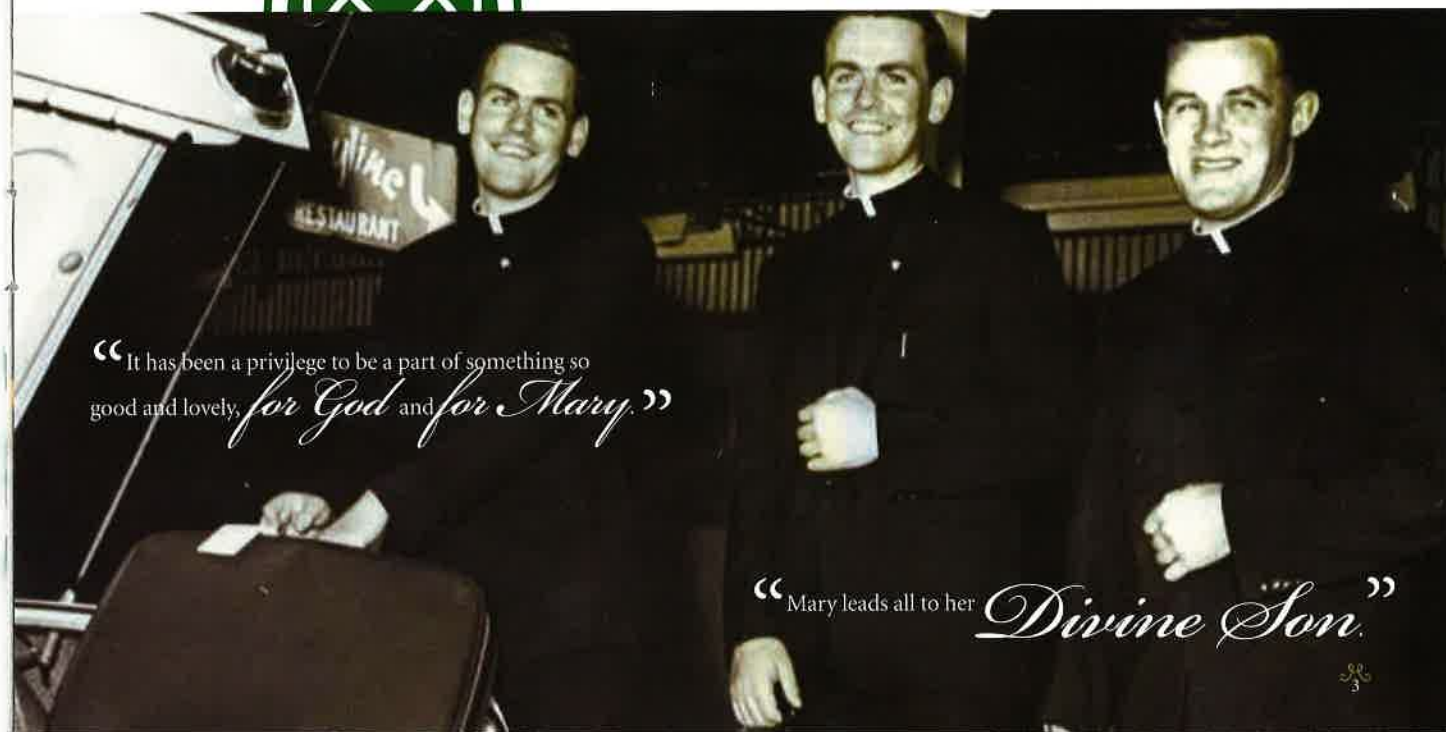
In 2018, Father Paul Henry celebrated his 50th year of priesthood as the Diocese of Orlando celebrated its 50th anniversary.

He was honored with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, a Papal honor approved by Pope Francis, for his outstanding service to the church. It is one of the highest honors the Holy Father can confer on any member of the Church, and a wonderful recognition of sustained and excellent service to the Catholic faith.

In 2011, Fr. Paul joined Mary's Shrine as its 3rd rector, bringing a renewed awareness for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

His first Mass at the Shrine was Easter Sunday with 3,000 people in the church! *"My Lord, that was a bit terrifying!"*

"THE GREATEST BLESSING OF MY PRIESTHOOD HAS BEEN THE FEELING THAT WITH ALL MY SHORTCOMINGS GOD COULD USE ME."



"It has been a privilege to be a part of something so good and lovely. *for God and for Mary.*"

"Mary leads all to her *Divine Son.*"



IT'S HERE AT *long last!*

by Dr. William Picher, AAGO
Basilica Director of Music and Organist



For more information about supporting
Sacred Music at the Basilica, please contact
music@mqus.org

We encourage all of you to come see and hear the new pipe organ! We promise a thrilling experience. This instrument of over 5,200 pipes has a tonal range from a whisper to an absolute symphonic roar, with an unsurpassed beauty of tone.

Built by the prestigious San Francisco firm Schoenstein and Co., the Basilica organ is a marvel of 21st century organ building science. Air is supplied by five blowers which feed temperature-controlled air until the organist (that's me!) chooses which pipes will sound by pulling a stop and pressing a note on the keyboard. Pipes that produce the sound range from the stunning 32' gold colored pipes behind the altar to pencil size pipes in the chambers.

Feel free to take a close look at the massive console while you're at the Shrine. Take pictures! It's quite a sight. From this "flight deck" the organist (me again!) can conjure up any musical mood that's needed for liturgy or concert.

And speaking of concerts, be sure not to miss the dedicatory recital which will be on Friday, October 16th at 7:30pm! The console will be moved to its concert position front and center.

Our artist for this concert will be Peter Richard Conte, organist at the famed Wanamaker Store in Philadelphia where he presides over the largest fully functional pipe organ in the world.

Maestro Conte performs exciting and entertaining concerts throughout the world, and we are lucky to have him for this special event.

Mark your calendars now!

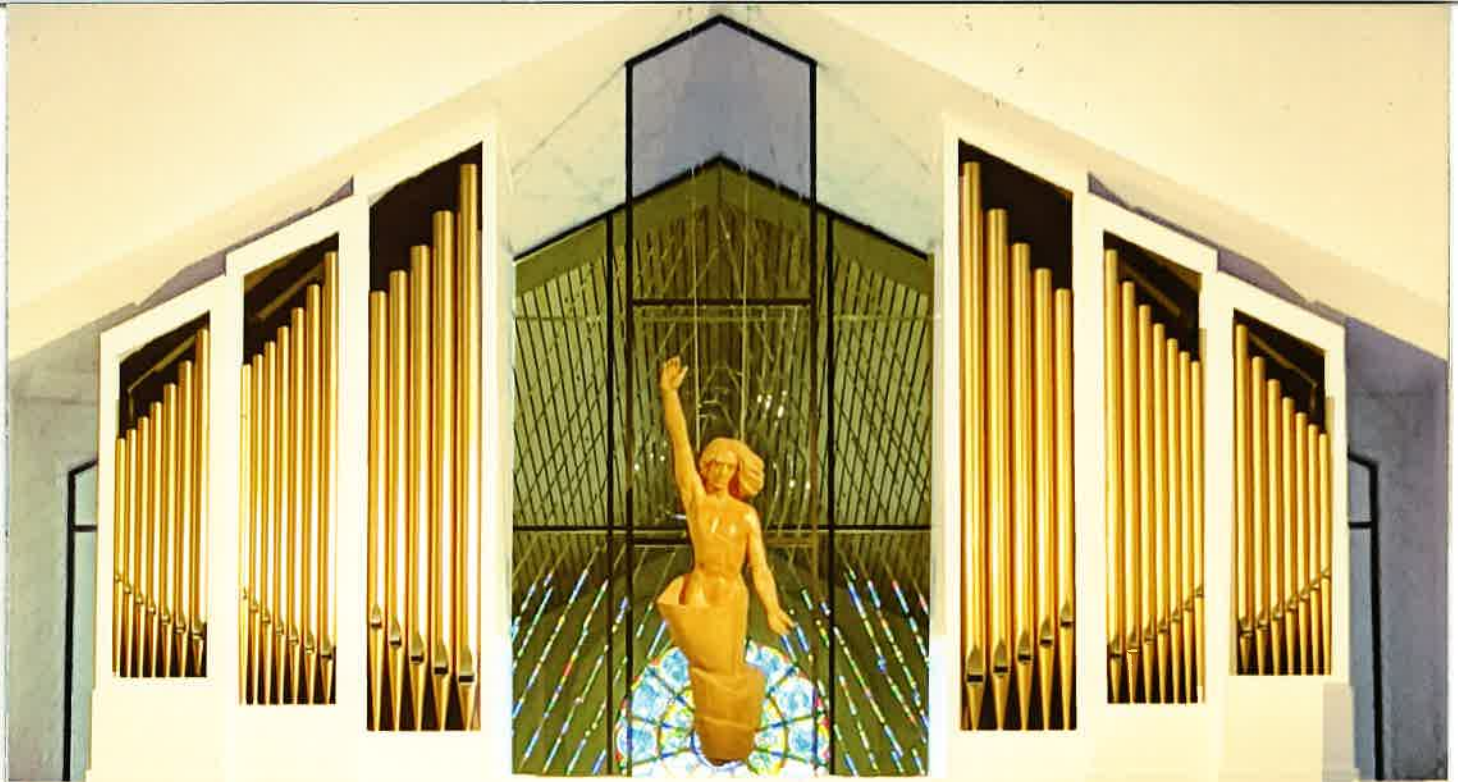
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

AT 7:30PM

ORGAN DEDICATORY RECITAL

The dedicatory recital of the Basilica's new Schoenstein pipe organ will take place on October 16, 2020 in the Basilica. We are pleased to announce that the performer will be Peter Richard Conte, Wanamaker Court Organist in Philadelphia.





THE BASILICA'S MAGNIFICENT

Pipe Organ



Basilica Christmas Concert



*Pipe organ dedication
priests with Bishop Noonan*



*Mary with Christmas
poinsettias*



*Pipe organ
dedication*

Photos by Henry Baron & Staci Rogers

PORTALS OF

Faith

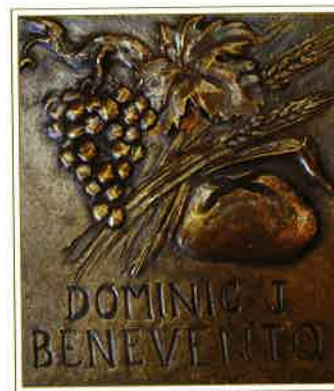
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FR BARRY DOWD & FR JOHN BARRY & FR JOHN
MARY GALLAGHER & GEORGE & MARGARET GAS
OLD & JOHN FITZG
CLAIRE HOWARD
LEN JR & LEONARD
MENSE FAMILY & REYNALDO & ZORAYDA LEE-L
STEVEN & ELIZABETH ATTIAS FAMILY & GABE
VIRGINIA & HENRY FRICK & PETER & LUCY DEM
NESTEL FAMILY & EILEEN EDINGER & EDINGER

The Portals of Faith are an evolving work of art with a tapestry of names, pictorial symbols of the Catholic faith, and Marian images. Renowned artists Jill Burkee and Giancarlo Biagi were chosen from artists around the world to design, sculpt, and cast this devotional art piece for Mary's Shrine. It is their belief that the outcome of this creation will reflect the **love and faith** of each soul that passes through this **house of pilgrimage**.

FR BARRY DOWD

TAPESTRY OF NAMES

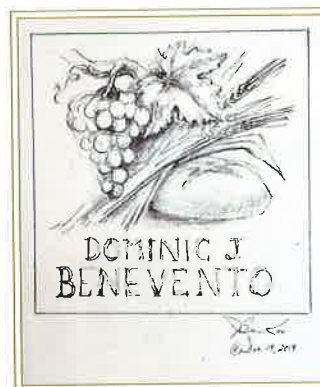
Accomplished artist Jill Burkee, hand sculpts each letter of your family name and hand casts the inscription in bronze.



SYMBOLS OF FAITH

Narrative imagery created from your inspiration, to be interwoven into the tapestry of names.

These original panels range in size from 6 x 6 to 10 x 8.



*Drawing before
final casting*



Sketch of an available Marian panel

Original artwork by sculptors Jill Burkee and Giancarlo Biagi

PORTRAITS OF MARY

Original works of art celebrating the many faces of Mary as she appears to the faithful in distant villages and great cities.

The artists begin the creative process with a detailed sketch of your Marian vision, and then cast the plaque upon your approval of the final image.

Donors may also elect to have a second casting of the plaque signed by the artist to display in their own home.

For additional information on how you can become a part of the Shrine's legacy through the Portals of Faith project or other personal tributes, contact Gessie, Donor Relations Coordinator at 407.239.6600 or memorials@mqus.org



THE MOTHER & CHILD CHAPEL IS *finished!*

We have completed the name plaques in the mother child chapel. Our final donor is Jerusalem, who has been visiting the Shrine for seven years. Jerusalem recently celebrated her 89th birthday, and she wanted to have a place to pray for her husband, who loved children. When she saw the Mother and Child chapel, she knew this was a sign for her.

We are blessed to have Jerusalem finish this sacred art piece at Mary's Shrine.



THANK YOU TO ALL THE VISITORS, WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR PRAYER SPACE.





Ministry at MARY'S SHRINE

SACRAMENTS

The Basilica is open *365 days* a year fulfilling the mission of serving travelers in search of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

Mary's Shrine offers daily Masses, Confessions *7 days* a week, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pilgrims and visitors may encounter Christ through the Word, the Eucharist, and His Blessed Mother.

VISITING

Mary's Shrine offers scheduled group tours, pilgrimages, and retreats.

Tours are offered to all visitors free of charge, however, donations are welcome to support the ministry of Mary's Shrine.

Vow renewals & family blessings are offered after regularly scheduled Masses.



BASILICA GIFT SHOP, MUSEUM, & PILGRIMAGE CENTER

The Shrine Gift Shop is a premiere Catholic shop with 10,000 sq. ft. of inspirational sacred art, books, and unique gifts to uplift minds and spirits.

The Basilica Museum is the jewel of the Shrine with a beautiful selection of Catholic fine art.

The Pilgrimage Center at Mary's Shrine educates visitors with an historical interactive museum.

These ministries are a lovely way for visitors to learn, connect and pray through Christian art and culture.

2020 LIMITED EDITION COMMEMORATIVE MARY

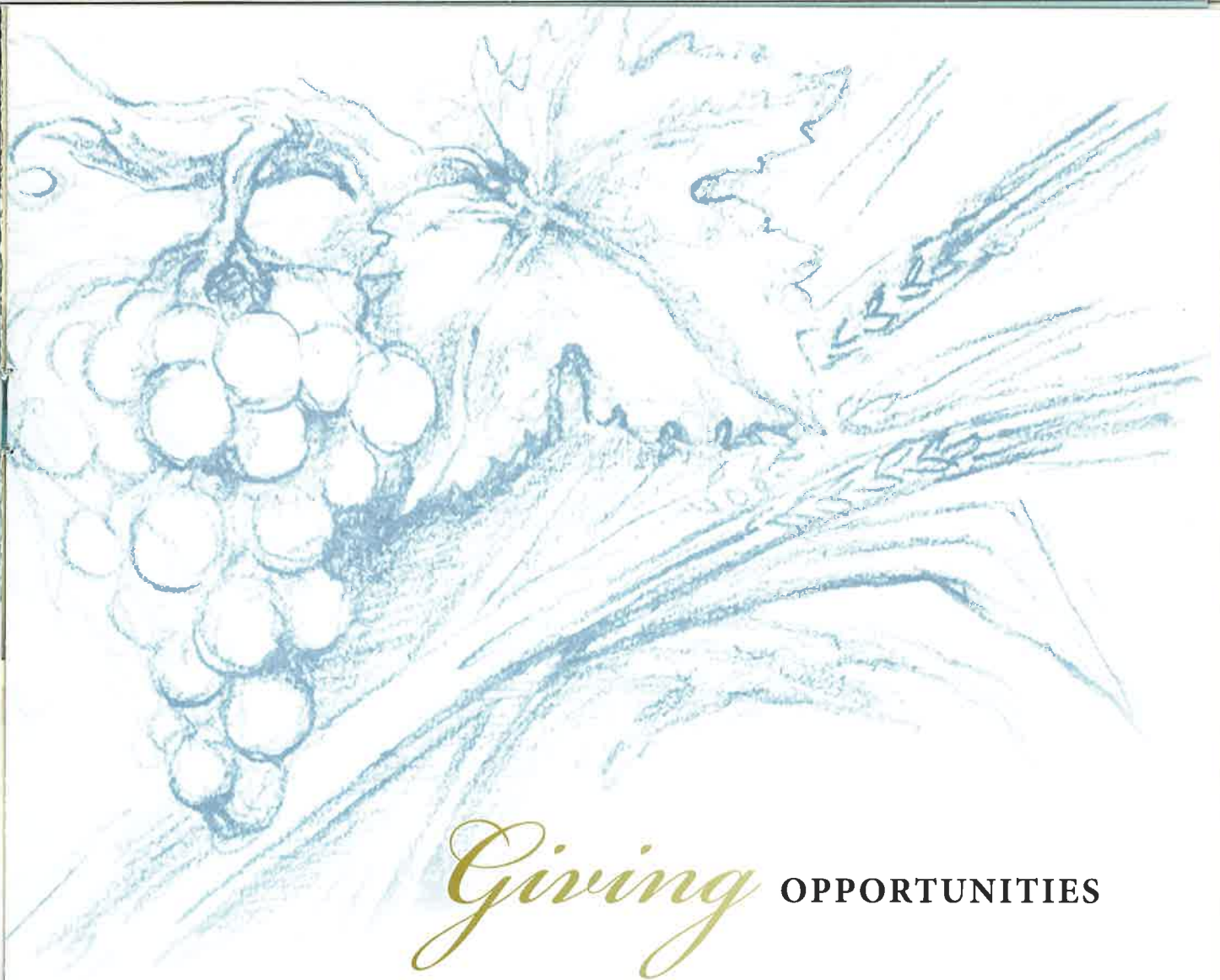
The Basilica Gift Shop is featuring the Shrine's Commemorative Mary statue, created by Jill Burkee, the artist who created the Shrine's signature Mary sculpture. Each 8 inch statue is hand finished in Italy and includes marble from the original Mary sculpture at the Shrine.



The 2020 series is individually numbered and signed by Jill Burkee.



For information about tours, pilgrimages, and special blessings, please call:
407.239.6600, or email: Rectorsassist@mqus.org



Giving OPPORTUNITIES

YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL TOURIST MINISTRY.

Each year, thousands of visitors come to the Basilica to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Mary's Shrine is open every day for daily Mass and daily Confession, and with your support, pilgrims will continue to have the opportunity to discover forgiveness & grace.

It is a tradition of Mary's Shrine to send Novenas of prayers celebrating the great feasts of Christ and Mary, and a letter written from the Shrine's Rector.

For honoring your loved ones, we will send a Ressurecturis petition of prayerful remembrance for the repose of souls who have died.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GIFT OF ANY SIZE
TO SUPPORT MARY'S SHRINE.

DONATE NOW

To donate to Mary's Shrine, scan
the QR code or visit our mobile
webpage: MQUS.MOBI



Contact us to receive monthly prayers or inquire about giving opportunities at
407.239.6600 or Inquire@mqus.org



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Spring-Summer 2020



APRIL 3 — TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday | 7:30 pm

A dramatic service in darkness featuring a series of readings and a cappella music by the Basilica Choir.



HOLY WEEK

APRIL 4 — Palm Sunday Vigil Mass | *6:00 pm

APRIL 5 — PALM SUNDAY

7:30 am | *9:30 am | *11:30 am | 6:00 pm

APRIL 9 — HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper | *6:00pm

• A commemoration of Jesus' last supper (Basilica Choir)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament open until midnight

APRIL 10 — GOOD FRIDAY

Mary's Way of the Cross | *12:15 pm

• Stations of the Cross through the eyes of Mary, mother of Jesus.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy | 3:00 pm

Shroud of Turin Presentation | 3:30 pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion | *6:00 pm

APRIL 11 — HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Candlelight Vigil Mass beginning with Paschal fire in Shrine courtyard | *8:00 pm

No 6:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday

*(Basilica Choir)



APRIL 12 — EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 am | *9:30 am | *11:30 am | 1:30 pm | 6:00 pm

*(Basilica Choir)

No Confessions on Easter Sunday



MAY 10 — MOTHER'S DAY AT MARY'S SHRINE

Join us for a special day at the Basilica decorated in colorful roses in honor of the Blessed mother and mothers around the world.

Mass Times | 7:30 am | 9:30 am | 11:30 am | 6:00pm

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 16th

(honored on Sunday in Florida)

*Sunday schedule

Assumption of Mary

Sunday, August 15th

*Sunday schedule

