



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF **Mary**  
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On the First Friday of March 1984, Father Barnett announced to the people of St. Patrick's that a grotto would be built in honor of Mary, to help serve the summer visitors.

August 15, 1988, the close of the Marian Year, on the Feast of the Assumption, Most Rev. Michael F. McAuliffe, STD, Bishop of the Diocese of Jefferson City along with Bishop Anthony O'Connell of the diocese in Knoxville, Tennessee, dedicated and blessed the grotto as "Mary, Mother of the Church Shrine."

On September 13, 1992, the sculpture of Mary was set.

The first engraving on The Mothers' Wall of Life was April 1, 1999. The Mothers' Wall is a tribute to motherhood and family life, for all mothers, living or deceased, regardless of race, creed or color.

We now have over 4,600 names engraved on the Mothers' Wall of Life.

The formal dedication was October 22, 2000 by Bishop John R. Gaydos.



If you are wanting a year-end (2020) statement please give Kim a call at (573) 374-6279 or email her at [shrinemothers@gmail.com](mailto:shrinemothers@gmail.com)

The statement can be emailed to you if you give your email address, or it can be mailed, please be sure to give your address if leaving a message.

Thank you for your support of The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of The Church.

**THE SHRINE IS THE PLACE TO BE!!**

There are several events planned for this year and we are in need of volunteers. If you would like to help at one of these please give Kim a call at the office, or send her an email.

**The Shrine is blessed to have so many volunteers from St. Patrick's Catholic Church! THANK YOU!!**

We are hoping that with your help, the message spreads throughout the lake area and beyond that we are in need of more volunteers.

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