The statue pictured above is based upon the seal of the medieval Priory of Walsingham dated 1275, an image of which is reproduced at right.

PRIORY SEAL

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

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Our Lady of Walsingham emphasizes the Motherhood of Mary. Her perfect discipleship is represented by the manner in which she presents her Son to the world.

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The Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham

Sunday:
11:00 a.m. Mass
*5:00 p.m. Mass

Monday:
7:00 a.m. Angelus, Mass & Rosary
7:30 a.m. - Midnight Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
Noon Legion of Mary Holy Hour with Our Lady of Walsingham Prayers
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday:
7:00 a.m. Angelus, Mass & Rosary
7:30 a.m. - Midnight Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:15 p.m. Mass

Wednesday:
7:00 a.m. Angelus, Mass & Rosary
7:30 a.m. - Midnight Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday:
7:00 a.m. Angelus, Mass & Rosary
7:30 a.m. - Midnight Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:15 p.m. Mass

Friday:
7:00 a.m. Angelus, Mass & Rosary
7:30 a.m. - Midnight Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
*4:00 p.m. Catholic Campus Ministry Rosary

Saturday:
8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer Recited
9:00 a.m. Angelus followed by Mass & Rosary

First Friday:
7:30 a.m. - Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration & Benediction

*During William & Mary collegiate year only
History of Our Lady of Walsingham

The Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham, England was established in 1061 when, according to the text of the Pyson Ballad (c 1485), Richeldis de Faverches prayed that she might undertake some special work in honor of Our Lady. In answer to her prayer, the Virgin Mary led Richeldis on a spiritual journey to Nazareth, showed her the house where the Annunciation occurred, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham. The replica would serve as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation. Our Lady promised, “Whoever seeks my help there will not go away empty-handed.”

The simple wooden house, the Holy House, was built and became the focus of special devotion to Our Lady. One of the great shrines of Medieval Christendom, the site was visited by pilgrims and royalty. In 1153, the Augustinian Canons founded a priory to care for pilgrims, adding a priory church in the fifteenth century. In 1340, the Slipper Chapel was built at Houghton Saint Giles, a mile outside of Walsingham. This was the final station chapel on the way to the Holy House. Here pilgrims would remove their shoes to walk the final holy mile to the shrine barefoot. The Holy House was destroyed in 1538 when England’s religious houses were dissolved by order of Henry VIII. The statue of Our Lady was taken to London and was burned. Nothing remains today of the original shrine.

A revival of the Shrine began in 1806 when the Slipper Chapel was restored by Charlotte Pearson Boyd for Roman Catholic use. In 1822, the Anglican Vicar at Walsingham became the restoration of the shrine beside the ancient well and remaining arch of the priory. This is where archaeologists place the site of the Holy House. Construction was completed in 1938. In the 1970’s, the Russian Orthodox Church consecrated the Church of Saint Seraphim in Walsingham.

Today, pilgrims of all faiths stop in the Catholic Slipper Chapel before walking the mile to the Holy House at the Anglican shrine. In the words of Saint John Paul II, “the House at Nazareth is where the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, where she awaited the birth of her Son and where He grew to manhood. The Holy House is the universal home of all the adopted children of God.”

After a visit to Walsingham, England, Father Thomas Walsh, Saint Bede’s founding pastor, commissioned a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from Lilian Dagless who designed and made most of the furnishings for the Slipper Chapel. In 1942, Our Lady of Walsingham in Williamsburg, Virginia became a diocesan shrine. Finally, in 2016, the shrine was officially recognized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a national shrine. Records indicate that this is the first national shrine in the Diocese of Richmond.

Rosary of Our Lady of Walsingham

Begin with Intercessory Prayer

O my dearest Mother Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. Accept this Holy Rosary, as a proof of my tender love for you, for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in atonement for the offenses committed against your loving Heart, and for this special favor which I earnestly request (mention your prayer petition).

I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God’s Holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul. Dear Mother, Our Lady of Walsingham, I offer you this spiritual “Bouquet of Roses” because I love you. I put all my confidence in you since your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, Your loving Son, hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

The Apostles’ Creed

1. Our Father
2. Hail Marys
3. Glory Be

Seven Mysteries

1. 1st Mystery – The Annunciation
2. 2nd Mystery – The Visitation
3. 3rd Mystery – The Nativity
4. 4th Mystery – The Finding in the Temple
5. 5th Mystery – The Resurrection and Ascension
6. 6th Mystery – The Assumption
7. 7th Mystery – The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin

Follow with the Ancient Walsingham Prayer

O alone of all women, Mother and Virgin, Mother most happy, Virgin most pure, now we, sinful as we are, come to see thee who are all pure, we salute thee, we honour thee as how we may with our humble offerings; may thy Son grant us, that imitating thy most holy manners, we also, by the grace of the Holy Ghost may deserve spiritually to conceive the Lord Jesus in our inmost soul, and once conceived never to lose Him. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

O God, Whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech You, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Walsingham

Pray for us.

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Our Lady of Walsingham, O Mary, the Mother of God, Our Lady of Walsingham, Intercede for us.

Litany of Our Lady of Walsingham

Mary

Pray to the Lord for us

Mary, without sin

Pray to the Lord for us

Mary, God’s Mother

Pray to the Lord for us

Mary the Virgin

Pray to the Lord for us

Mary taken to Heaven

Pray to the Lord for us

Mary at Bethlehem

Pray to the Lord for us

Mary at Nazareth

Pray to the Lord for us

Mary at Cana

Pray to the Lord for us

Mary at the Cross

Pray to the Lord for us

Mary in the Upper Room

Remember us

Mary model of womanhood

Remember us

Woman of Faith

Remember us

Woman of Hope

Remember us

Woman of Charity

Remember us

Woman of suffering

Remember us

Woman of anxiety

Remember us

Woman of humility

Remember us

Woman of poverty

Remember us

Woman of purity

Remember us

Woman of obedience

Remember us

Woman who wondered

Remember us to God

Woman who listened

Remember us to God

Woman who followed Him

Remember us to God

Woman who longed for Him

Remember us to God

Woman who loves Him

Remember us to God

Mother of God

Be our Mother always

Mother of men

Be our Mother always

Mother of the Church

Be our Mother always

Mother of the world

Be our Mother always

Mother we need

Be our Mother always

Mother of the Unborn

Be our Mother always

Mother who went on believing

Pray for all children

Mother who never lost hope

We thank God for you

Mother who loved to the end

We thank God for you

Let us Pray:

All Holy and ever-living God, in giving us Jesus Christ to be our Saviour and Brother; You gave us Mary, His Mother, to be our Mother also; grant us, we pray You, to live lives worthy of so great a Brother and so dear a Mother, that we may come at last to You the Father of us all, Who lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Walsingham

Pray for us.