

The Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham

Schedule of Our Lady of Walsingham



Three-fold lily scepter of virginity and sovereignty

Crown and throne denote Mary's Queenship

Arch denotes a rainbow, sign of the Covenant between God and every living creature (Gen 9:12)

Pillars of the House of God, the Church

Seven rings for the Sacraments

Christ, the Word made Flesh, holds the Gospels

Mary points to Christ

Seat of Wisdom

Christ extends his arm in a double gesture of blessing and protection of his mother

Mary steps on the toadstone, which is the East Angelica symbol of evil (Gen 3:15)

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

* During William & Mary collegiate year only

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.

PRIORY SEAL

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.



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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 Pynson 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 1896 when the Slipper Chapel was restored by Charlotte Pearson Boyd for Roman Catholic use. In 1922, the Anglican Vicar at Walsingham began 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
- 3 Hail Marys
- 1 Glory Be

Announce each Mystery then Pray

- 1 Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
- 1 Glory Be
- 1 O My Jesus

Seven Mysteries

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

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

Litany of Our Lady of Walsingham

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| 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 for all mothers |
| Mary at Nazareth, | Pray for all families |
| Mary at Cana, | Pray for all married couples |
| Mary at the Cross, | Pray for all who suffer |
| Mary in the Upper Room, | Pray for all who wait |
| Mary model of womanhood, | Pray for all women |
| 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, | Pray for all children |
| Mother who went on believing, | We thank God for you |
| 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.

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