



St. Mary's Church presents...

Eucharistic Pilgrimage to EWTN

7 Days November 8-14, 2026

This pilgrimage to Alabama features EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network), includes Mass, Scripture and Tradition, a studio tour, and an EWTN Live Show. Then visit the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament for Mass, a healing service, and a John Paul II Eucharistic tour. Also included in this inspirational tour are the Ave Maria Grotto, Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and a tour of the Franciscan Monastery.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
 - Mass & Free time at Gift Shop and Bookstore
- EWTN Global Catholic Network
 - Televised Mass in EWTN Studio
 - Scripture and Tradition Show
 - Studio Tour of EWTN
 - Free time at the Gift Shop
 - EWTN Live Show
- Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 - Mass & Healing Service
 - Spiritual Talk
 - Divine Office & Rosary
 - Confession
 - Shrine Tour
 - John Paul II Eucharist Center Tour
- Ave Maria Grotto
- Franciscan Monastery Tour
- Six Nights Lodging
- Six Hotel Breakfasts, Four Lunches & Three Dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on these services
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- Motorcoach Transportation & Driver's Gratuity
- *Itinerary Subject to Change*

PER PERSON PRICES (BASED ON 40 PASSENGERS)

\$1,600 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$2,200 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

****Prices will increase with less than 40 paid passengers**

**\$200 per person deposit due with reservation
Final Payment due by August 15, 2026**

**Make checks payable to St. Mary's Church
(Please put St. Mary's Eucharistic/EWTN Pilgrimage on check memo.)**

Cancellation Waiver is Available

**\$120 per person Double Occupancy
\$150 per person Single Occupancy**

For Reservations or More Information Contact:

**Deacon Joe Fiorillo
(609) 698-5531**

Departing from St. Mary of the Pines, 100 Bishop Ln, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Please arrive no later than 6:15am, bus departs sharply at 6:45am.

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Day 1 - Sunday, November 8 – Washington, DC - Mass at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception – Salem, VA

– This morning, board your exclusive Starr Motorcoach and travel to Washington, DC. Here you will attend Mass at 12:00pm today at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Catholic minor basilica and national shrine in Washington D.C. It is the largest Catholic church building in North America and is also the tallest habitable building in Washington, D.C.

Following mass, head downstairs to have lunch on your own in the Basilica cafeteria. There will also be some free time to visit the Gift Shop and Bookstore. A guided tour for the group is not available as this is a Sunday; however, you are more than welcome to walk around the Basilica on your own.

Travel continues this afternoon to Salem, VA where you enjoy an overnight stay at the Hampton Inn. Dinner is on your own this evening. **(All meals on your own today)**

Day 2 - Monday, November 9 – Irondale, AL – After breakfast at the hotel, travel today takes you to Irondale, AL where you enjoy a four-night stay at the Hampton Inn. Dinner is on your own this evening. (Breakfast) (Luggage Handling is not available at this location)

Day 3 - Tuesday, November 10 – EWTN Daily Televised Mass – Scripture & Tradition w/lunch – Studio Tour of EWTN – Early this morning, enjoy the Televised Mass at EWTN Studio. EWTN plays an important role in Catholic education. Whether you're seeking to strengthen your faith or striving to increase your devotion, you'll find a wealth of credible resources, from historical Faith documents to guidance on current Catholic issues during your visit.

Following morning mass, return to the hotel for breakfast on your own, which ends at 10:00 AM. You will then have some free time to rest before departing at 12:00 PM.

Return to EWTN for "Scripture & Tradition," hosted by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, one of the world's most renowned bible scholars! You will be there to witness this live. After the program, enjoy lunch at Guadalupe Hall on the EWTN's campus.

The afternoon features a Studio Tour of EWTN. You will get to meet some of your favorite EWTN hosts, hear from EWTN leaders about the network and its vision for the future. End the day with dinner at a local restaurant. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Day 4 - Wednesday, November 11 – Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Mass w/Lunch – Healing Service – Ave Maria Grotto – EWTN Live Show w/ Dinner – After breakfast at the hotel, visit the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Hidden away in the countryside of northern Alabama, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a peaceful place of spiritual renewal and prayer. Enjoy Mass, an opportunity as Catholics to praise and thank God for the gift of our salvation in Christ Jesus. In short, the Mass is one way in which we share in the Paschal Mystery (the Passion, Death and Resurrection) of Christ. Following Mass, enjoy a catered lunch at the Shrine.

Your time at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament includes a Healing Service presided over by a MFVA priest or deacon. This service consists of devotional prayers, scriptural reading and homily/meditation, Benediction and individual blessing with the Eucharist and divine praises.

The afternoon features a visit to the Ave Maria Grotto, home to the fruitful labor of Brother Joseph Zoettl, OSB. Br. Joseph was a Benedictine monk of St. Bernard Abbey. Originally from Landschutt, Bavaria-Germany, a young Br. Joseph found himself headed to America to pursue monastic life at Alabama's only Benedictine Abbey. Little did anyone know that this young Bavarian would end up leaving the abbey its greatest legacy and in an incredibly humble way.

Since 1934, people from around the world visit the Ave Maria Grotto to see famous parts of the world in miniature. The former abbey quarry is now the 4-acre park that the Grotto and surrounding miniatures rest upon. From Monteserrat to St. Peter's Basilica, enjoy this labor of love and hopefully go away realizing how small acts of love, no matter how seemingly insignificant, can be so fruitful for years to come.

Dinner is included this evening at the Guadalupe Hall on the EWTN's campus. After dinner, enjoy "EWTN Live" with Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Join an exclusive audience and witness the broadcast of the EWTN Live Show. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Day 5 – Thursday, November 12 - EWTN Daily Televised Mass – Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Spiritual Talk – Shrine Tour – Divine Office/Rosary w/Lunch – John Paul II Eucharistic Tour – Confessions/Divine Mercy Chaplet – After breakfast, enjoy another Televised Mass at EWTN Studio. Then return to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament where you will enjoy a guided tour of the Shrine to include Castle San Miguel, Creche (Nativity Scene), Main Church, Shroud of Turin, Lower Church. You will also be able to participate in the form of devotion by praying for the rosary and enjoy a catered lunch at the Shrine. Depending on the priests' schedule, you may have the opportunity to be involved in a spiritual talk.

Also included today is a John Paul II Eucharistic Tour led by Shrine Pilgrimage staff. It is an interactive encounter with the Teachings of the Church on the unfathomable gift that is the Eucharist. There will also be time for Confessions and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. End the day with dinner at a local restaurant. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Day 6 - Friday, November 13 – Salem, VA – After breakfast, a day of travel takes you to Salem, VA where you enjoy an overnight stay at the Hampton Inn. Dinner is on your own this evening. **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

Day 7 - Saturday, November 14 – Washington, DC - Tour the Franciscan Monastery – Depart for Home – After breakfast, stop in Washington, DC at the Franciscan Monastery for a guided tour. It is a national shrine that sustains this 800-year mission of the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land by serving as a "Little Jerusalem" in America. It serves America's Holy Land pilgrims through education, fundraising, recruiting vocations, promoting pilgrimages and providing pastoral ministry locally to religious, lay Catholics and to all of good will. The Franciscan Monastery is home to a thriving Holy Land Franciscan community; self-sustaining and capable of fulfilling its mission on behalf of the Holy Land, its Friars and the Church Universal. Your group will be split in two. One half will tour the monastery while the other half enjoys a catered lunch in the St. Francis Meeting Room. Then the two groups will switch.

Following the tour, depart for home. **(Breakfast, Lunch)**