

Dedication of the IOP Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) Meditation Shrine and Columbaria

The IOP Columbaria and BVM Meditation Shrine were dedicated on 28 September with about 75 in attendance. The construction effort took over a year and was delayed by the impact of the COVID Pandemic on marble for the Shrine. Both the BVM Shrine and two of three Columbarium of the Columbaria and were privately donated by Parishioners. Regarding the construction and installation efforts, the Parish is deeply appreciative of the volunteer efforts for these two projects and the Pastor wishes to recognize volunteers. Volunteers include:

Amy Alcott, Ben Aragona (Aragona Brothers, Inc), John Bradley, William Cucksee (William Stone and Tile), Bob Hilton
Charles Kaye (Excel Auto), Gary Lynn, Deacon Jim Marapoti, Cory Orel, Bill Romine, Bob Wilmer

Some information about the Columbaria and BVM Shrine:

Columbaria

The Columbaria has 300 "Niches" for the internment of parishioners and family in three 100-Niche Columbariums; each Niche holds two Urns with Cremains. Parishioners interested in purchasing a Niche should contact Mr. Jose' Cabrera, Business Manager at 910-347-4196 or iopbmanager@gmail.com

BVM Meditation Shrine

The shrine provides a place of prayer and meditation with the Mother of Christ, the Church and our Mother to help us stay reconciled and close to Christ. The centerpiece of the BVM Shrine a 57" statue of our Lady of Grace. A set of large Miraculous Medals will be positioned by the statue of Our Lady with the front side of the Medal to her right; the back side of the Medal will be on Our Lady's left. There will be four prayer benches with backs.