



## **Mary's Rosary Garden at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish**

*Continuing additions to the Mary Garden Prayer Plaza – Phase XII*

### **Consider donating a paving stone to memorialize a loved one or to honor a friend or family member**

***"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."***

*Sister Lucia (last surviving Fatima seer)*

*The purpose of the Mary's Rosary Garden is beautify the church grounds, and, by adding a Rosary stepping stone memorial, create a quiet place for parishioners and visitors to reflect in meditation, prayer and healing while feeling nearer to the presence of the Blessed Virgin and her Divine son, Jesus.*

#### **The MMR Mary's Rosary Garden**

Our Mary Garden serves as beautiful background for our Grotto to Mary. The grotto was crafted by one of our now deceased parishioners, Mr. Joe Cioppi. The Garden was dedicated on June 26, 2005. The garden contains a selection of plants, many of which are symbols of Mary's emotions, prayers and mysteries. The Rosary Pathway begins with the Crucifix, at which we pray the Apostles Creed. Circular granite stepping-stones create a pathway through the garden. The Hail Mary stones are configured as the five decades of the rosary, separated by stones engraved with the Mysteries of the Rosary. A Mary medallion is installed at the end of the walk as a site for the recitation of the Hail Holy Queen. Parishioners and friends of MMR donated all of the unique features of the landscaping and hardscaping of the garden. The granite memorial pavers behind, to the sides, and now in front of the grotto, are engraved with the names and the intentions of families and friends. A stone fountain behind the grotto, donated by one of our parish families as a memorial to their mother, was dedicated in 2008.

#### **The Prayer Plaza Continues to be Enlarged to Allow More to Participate**

Pavers behind and on each side of the grotto augmented the original rosary pathway. Because of ongoing interest, the area in front of the grotto has been redesigned to accommodate many more engraved memorial pavers. The intent is to eventually cover the area in front of the Grotto with these prayer paver stones.

We are now entering the 12th phase of the MMR Mary Garden. It is another opportunity for you to memorialize your loved ones by donating a granite memorial paver to add to the Prayer Plaza in front of the grotto. A donation of \$250 is suggested for an 8 by 12 inch, engraved granite paving stone. Up to 48, 1-inch high characters can be engraved on each stone. Based on participation, we anticipate that these stones will be installed during the fall of 2012. Please use the following form to donate toward completion of the Prayer Plaza. Payment should accompany this form and be returned to the MMR Parish Office.

(Application form on reverse side)

