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The Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, Litchfield, CT

The Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield was built by men of the Montfort Missionaries in the 1950s and contains a replica of the Grotto of Lourdes, France where the Blessed Mother visited St. Bernadette in 1858. The Shrine also has an outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Use this “scavenger hunt” exercise to take a walking tour of Lourdes of Litchfield.



Where is this sign located?

Who is making this invitation?



Who is this a statue of? (Hint: Consult a map of the Shrine.)

Why do you think he's here?

St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1716) lived in France and was deeply devoted to the Blessed Mother. In fact, he is considered one of the first to write about Mary, the mother of Jesus.



Where is this statue of St. Louis located at the Shrine?

What is he holding in his right hand?

What is hanging from his belt?

Why do you think a statue of St. Louis is included in the Shrine?



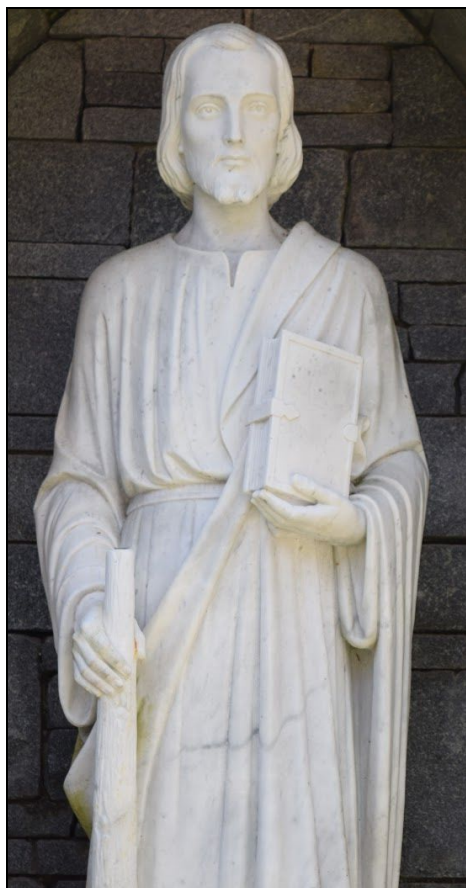
Whose initials are these?

Where are they embedded?



Who is holding this tool?

How does this tool help you to identify the statue?



St. Jude Thaddeus was one of Jesus' 12 apostles and the brother of James the Less. He is the patron saint of desperate causes and is often depicted with a book (Letter of St. Jude, found in the New Testament before the Book of Revelations) and a club (he is believed to have been beaten to death.)

Where is the statue of St. Jude at the Shrine?

Complete this prayer to St. Jude.

St. Jude, faithful _____ and _____ of
 _____, come to our _____ in
 this _____ that we may
 receive _____ and _____
 in our _____. St. Jude pray for us!

Where did you find this prayer at the Shrine?



What structure is this cross a part of?

What does the structure sit on?



Where can you find this structure?

What is this structure?

What is behind this structure?



Whose hands are these?

Where is this statue?

What is the statue looking at?

Why is the statue holding rosary beads?

When St. Bernadette saw visions of the Blessed Mother at a grotto in Lourdes. When she asked the woman, "Who are you," the response was, "I am the Immaculate Conception." We celebrate the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation (meaning that as Catholics we are to attend Mass) on December 8, which is also the day that she was proclaimed a saint. The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception celebrates, not Jesus' conception through the Holy Spirit but Mary's conception without sin.

The grotto at the Shrine in Litchfield was built with local fieldstone, but there is one stone at the Shrine that is from the Grotto in Lourdes.

Where is this stone located? _____

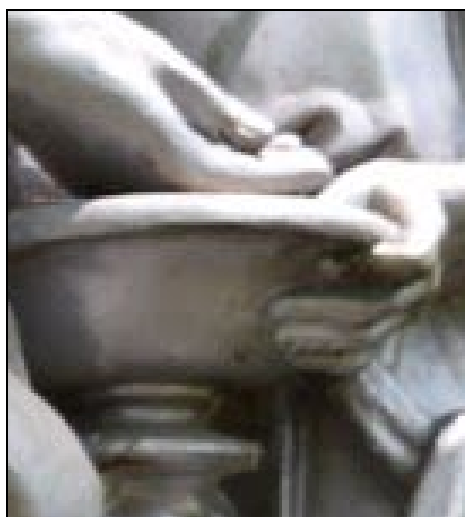
Take a selfie of you in front of this stone and post it on Instagram or Facebook (St. Margaret Confirmation PLACE). Alternatively, email to confirmation@stmargarechurch.com.



Where can you find this cross?

What sign is across from it?

After Jesus' death, tradition tells us that the Blessed Mother retraced her son's steps to Calvary daily. Early Christians followed her example and after Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, pilgrims began visiting Jerusalem and walking the Via Dolorosa. Due to the spread of Islam and the start of the Crusades, travel to Jerusalem became dangerous and so Christians in Europe began replicating the road to Calvary with images of the Lord's Passion depicted in the 14 Stations.



In which Station does this bowl and hand appear?

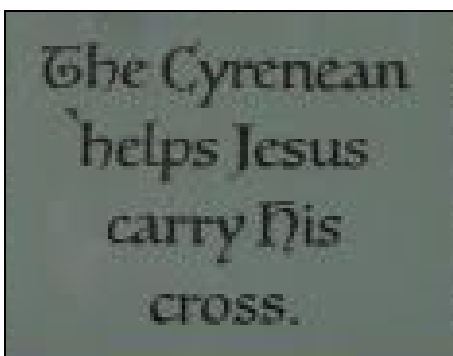
Whose hand is this?

Biblical History: In Deuteronomy 21:6-7, God instructed Moses and the Israelites on what to do when the body of someone who was slain was found lying in the open: "Then all the elders of that city nearest the corpse shall wash their hands...and shall declare, 'Our hands did not shed this blood, and our eyes did not see the deed.'"



Who is this person?

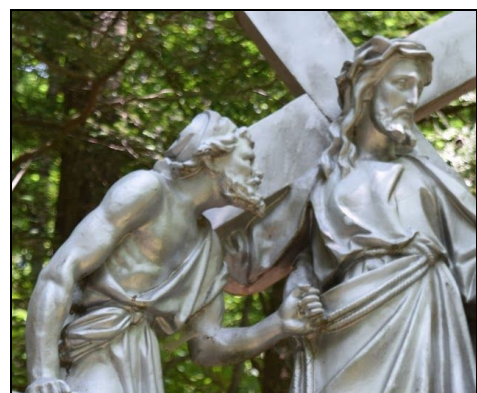
In which Station did you see this person?



Which Station has this sign?

Who is the Cyrenean?

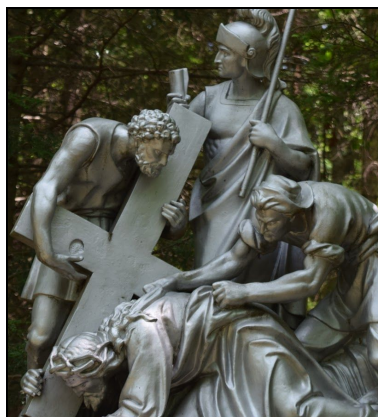
Geography: Cyrene was located in North Africa, more specifically in eastern Libya. Some sources say it had a population of Jews living there during Jesus' time.



How many other people are with Jesus and the soldier at this Station?

Which Station is this?

Jesus falls three times as he makes his way to Golgotha, where he was crucified. Put these three depictions of Jesus falling in the order that you saw them at the Shrine.



What Station is this statue of Jesus from?

How many other people are here with Jesus?

How many steps did you have to climb to get here?

What do you see from here?