

Annapolis Mary Garden

St. Mary's Parish Annapolis, Maryland

VISITORS' GUIDE



The religious names of the symbolical Flowers of Our Lady in St. Mary's Parish Mary Garden are displayed, together with their more familiar common names, on hand-crafted wooden markers at each flower group.

This guide provides a full list of these names, together with the scientific botanical name for each species, and a numerical key indicating the location for each in the accompanying plan of the Garden.

The numbers have been assigned in the general sequence in which you come upon the groups as you enter the Garden, from the parking lot, by the southeast corner of St. Mary's Church, and proceed through it in clockwise manner, returning to the point where you entered.

Most of the flowers indicated on the plan are biennial or perennial flowers of limited bloom duration - some spring, some summer and some fall. For Garden color through the year, selected annual flowers, as indicated, have been planted throughout the garden, as well as at the locations indicated by marker and by plan identifying number.

As you walk through the Garden, identifying the flowers and plants by their names, view the symbolical form and color of each imaginatively as it might have been seen by the faithful of the medieval countrysides: as a distillation of the quality of a mystery, virtue, event or article of reverence.

Then, take the list with you and in moments of recollection let your imagination range over all the flowers in it, rejoicing and giving thanks for their contribution to the the richness of the popular religious traditions supporting our faith.

And, in your daily life, as you encounter flowers - in field and roadside, gardens, window boxes, bouquets, florist's shops and shopping malls:

"Look on the flower, think of Mary"

Planting Plan

Plant List

COMMON NAME	RELIGIOUS NAME	BOTANIAL NAME
1. Sage	Mary's Shawl	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>
2. Roses	The Rosary	<i>Rosa sp.</i>
3. Creeping Thyme	Mary's Bedstraw	<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>
4. Lavender Cotton	St. John's Plant	<i>Santolina chama.</i>
5. Everlasting	Lady Neverfade	<i>Antennaria dioica</i>
6. Harebell	Lady's Thimble	<i>Campanula rotundif.</i>
7. Red Yarrow	Christ's Back	<i>Achillea millef.</i>
8. Wild Cranesbill	Madonna's Pins	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>

9. Strawberry	Faithfulness	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>
10. Roman Wormwood	Lady's Needle	<i>Artemisia pontica</i>
11. Thistle (?)	Mary's Nettle	(?)
12. Star of Bethlehem	Bethlehem Star	<i>Ornithogalum umbel.</i>
13. Geranium	Madonna's Pins	<i>Pelargonium</i>
14. Lady Apple	Lady Apple	<i>Pyrus Malus var.</i>
15. Russian Sage	Perovskia	<i>Perovskia atripl.</i>
16. Clematis	Virgin's Bower	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
17. Honeysuckle	Lady Fingers	<i>Loniera caprifolia</i>
18. Hydranga	Ave Maria	<i>Hydranga macro mar.</i>
19. Goutweed	Bishop's Weed	<i>Aegopodium podagr.</i>
20. Crepe Myrtle	Her Virginity	<i>Myrtus communis</i>
21. Angel Wing Begonia	Heart of Jesus	<i>Begonia argentia</i>
22. Lily-of-the Valley	Stairway to Heaven	<i>Convallaria majel.</i>
23. Lady's Mantle	Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla speciosa</i>
24. Madonna Lily	Madonna Lily	<i>Lilium speciosum</i>
25. Peony	Mary's Rose	<i>Paeonia officinalis</i>
26. Veronica	Mary's Faith	<i>Veronica longifolia</i>
27. Rose	Mary's Rose	<i>Rosa sp.</i>
28. English Lavender	Flight Into Egypt	<i>Lavandula ang.</i>
29. Maiden Grass	Maiden Grass	<i>Miscanthus sp.</i>
30A German Iris	Mary's Sword	<i>Iris germanica</i>
30B Valerian	Keys to Heaven	<i>Valeriana offic.</i>
31. Hawthorn	Mary's Berry	<i>Craetaegus monogyna</i>
32. Blue Phlox	Lady's Wedding	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>
33. Rhododendron	St. John's Mayflower	<i>Rhododendron</i>
34. White Plantain Lily	Assumption Lily	<i>Hosta plantaginea</i>
35. Turkestan Rose	Mary's Rose	<i>Rosa rugosa</i>
36. Spiderwort	Lady's Tears	<i>Tradescantia virg.</i>
37. Loostrife	Cross-Wort	<i>Lysimachia quadrif.</i>
38. Foxglove	Virgin's Glove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
39. Day Lily	Fleur de Lys	<i>Hemerocallis lilio.</i>
40. Blue Star	Tabernacle	<i>Amsonia tabern.</i>
41. Wall Pepper	Lady's Hair	<i>Sedum acre</i>
42. Dahlia	Churchyard Flower	<i>Dahlia pinnata</i>
43. Japanese Iris	Trinity	<i>Iris japonica</i>
44. Pansy	Lady's Delight	<i>Viola tricolor</i>
45. Hemp Tree	Chaste Tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>
46. Boxwood	Candlemas Greens	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>
47. Dogwood	Tree of the Cross	<i>Cornus florida</i>
48. Azalea	St. Joseph, Protector	<i>Azalea sp.</i>
49. English Ivy	Where God Walked	<i>Hedera helix</i>
50. Jasmine	Lady of Snows	<i>Jasminum azoricum</i>
51. Guelder Rose	Lady's Pincushion	<i>Viburnum opulus</i>
52. Hollyhock	St. Joseph's Staff	<i>Alcea rosea</i>
53. Black-Eyed Susan	Golden Jerusalem	<i>Rudbekia hirta</i>
54. Stewartia	Purity	<i>Camellia pseuco cam.</i>
55. Petunia	Petunia	<i>Petunia hybrida</i>
56. Lantana	Sorrowful Face of M.	<i>Lantana montevi.</i>
57. Yucca	Lord's Candle	<i>Yucca aloifolia</i>
58. Chrysanthemum	Three Kings	<i>Chrysanthemum ind.</i>
--. Impatiens	Jesus Tears	<i>Impatiens wallerana</i>
--. Zinnea	The Virgin	<i>Zinnea elegans</i>

Some Reflections

Mary's Rose. In beholding the red color of this flower, we recall that Mary is the beautiful Mystical Rose in God's garden of souls, whom he created and blessed to be the Mother of his Divine Son, Savior of the world. We pray to Mary that our souls, too, may bud forth as the rose, praising God in love.

Our Lady's Pincushion. As we look at the flower pins in their foliage cushions, we think of Our Lady's wonder and joy as she sewed garments for the Divine Redeemer she was to bear. Like Mary, we offer all our work and thoughts to God.

Our Lady's Mantle. We raise our thoughts from the blue of Our Lady's Mantle to the spiritual mantle with which Mary, Mother of the all-powerful God, and our Heavenly Mother also, mercifully protects all who turn to her for her perpetual help. We beseech her protection from all dangers.

Our Lady's Delight. Like Mary, we take delight in flowers as God's riches and artistry, showing forth the beauty of heaven on earth. We take heart that with Our Lady's merciful intercession and mediation we will see God's beauty face to face in heaven.

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