

The Lourdes Shrine



In April 1951 the new shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes on the grounds of St. Francis of Assisi church in Auburn, NY was formally dedicated before an estimated crowd of 4,000 people. The shrine continues to be an Auburn landmark and is loved by people of all faiths.



The shrine is built of native field stone gathered from local farms and fields in the county. Much of construction work was done by volunteer parishioner labor.



After more than 70 years improvements continue to be made. New LED lights for the nighttime have been installed with colors reflecting feast days and seasons of the Church year: Violet for Advent and Lent, Blue for the Blessed Mother, Red for feasts of Jesus, Saint Joseph and the Holy Spirit, Gold (yellow) for Easter and Green for Saint Patrick.

Visitors today can sit on the benches, kneel on the prie-dieu, light a candle, pray and think as the sound of falling water from the fountain creates a soothing and meditative atmosphere.

“He said to them, “Come away by yourselves ... and rest a while.”

—Mark 6:31

