

Acknowledgments

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I thank my God every time I remember you.
Phillipians 1:3

Flowers in our Mary Memorial Garden

Bleeding Heart	Mary's Heart
Chrysanthemum	All Saint's Flower
Daffodils	Mary's Star
Forget-Me-Not	Mary's Eyes
Helleborus (Lenten Rose)	Holy Night Rose
Hyacinth	Lily Among Thorns
Iris	Devotion
Lavender	Flight Into Egypt
Lily	Symbol of Purity and Grace
Peony	Pentecost Rose
Roses	Mary's Purity (White) Mary's Sorrow (Red) Mary's Glories (Yellow)
Tulips	Mary's Prayer
Veronica	Our Lady's Faith
Yew	Tree of the Cross

The custom of the Mary Garden began in medieval times and was revived during the middle of the last century. Mary Gardens are intended to combine nature and tradition to pay tribute to Mary and to illustrate the Church's teachings about her.

In the Middle Ages, missionaries brought stories about Mary's flowers to the lands of Europe. Legends continued to be carried down through the years and were brought to this country by early settlers. The earliest known Mary Garden in the United States was established on the grounds of St. Joseph Church in Cape Cod in 1932.

Here at St. Mary's the renewal of the garden in the Pieta area became a project of the recently formed Garden Angels Ministry. Over last winter the garden was redesigned – using plants originally placed around the Pieta when it was moved to its current location, and supplementing those plants with new ones representative of Mary. In conjunction with the Bereavement Committee the garden is being named The Mary Memorial Gardens of St. Mary's Parish in memory of the deceased members of the parish.

The garden is an ongoing project. Spring flowering bulbs will be planted this fall, and other Mary-related plants will be added this fall and next spring. It is our hope that the area will be a quiet place of meditation and comfort, and a reminder of the importance of the Blessed Mother in our lives.