



# Shrine Speaker Series

Join us for this special speaker series at the Maria Stein Shrine. Each event will begin with a meal at 5:30pm and speaker at 6:30pm. Cost is \$30 per person per event or purchase all 4 in advance for \$100 per person. RSVP online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org) under Tours & Events.



## JULY 28, 2019: CHRISTMAS IN JULY

*"St. Nick Isn't Just for Kids"*

*Presented by: Tim & Katheleen Nealeigh*

K. D. Snitt, the investigative journalist for the widely-viewed TV show "We Have a Right to Know!" grills Nicholas, the fourth century Bishop of Myra (in present-day Turkey). What is really behind the kindly, loving façade of this grandfatherly figure of the past? And does he really intend to replace the ever-popular Santa Claus of world-wide fame and adulation?



## AUG 11, 2019: INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CELEBRATIONS

*"Cultural Diversity of the Universal Catholic Church"*

*Presented by: Bill Krauss*

We are all part of the Universal Catholic Church. Come experience both the unity and diversity of Catholic Celebrations around the world. Explore how our common tenets and universal beliefs are uniquely expressed in cultures and places around the world. How do they celebrate Holy Week in Seville, Spain? And what is Śmigus-dyngus?



## SEPTEMBER 8, 2019: LEGENDARY RELICS

*"Why are They Here?"*

*Presented by: Matthew Hess*

Where did all these relics come from? How did Notre Dame get the Crown of Thorns? Why isn't St. Catherine's head with her body? Tonight we will discuss some the legends that have been passed down with various relics, both across the world and here at the Shrine. Many times these past events are used to help authenticate various relics and make for entertaining dinner conversation.



## OCTOBER 13, 2019: LOST TREASURES

*"Of Granville & Marion Townships"*

*Presented by: Allen Bernard*

Dr. Bernard, a Mercer County native, now resident of Cincinnati, is a historical researcher, writer, architectural preservationist, and interpreter of local history. A retired school administrator and university professor, he has traveled widely and is an avid collector of books and prints. Anyone interested in preserving and promoting history and historical sites will surely enjoy Dr. Bernard's powerful and thought-provoking presentation.