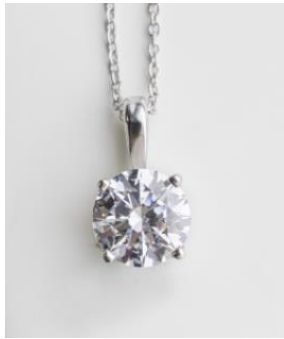




## **Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto**

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, tucked away on the grounds of Canton Central Catholic High School, serves as an outdoor place of worship. Its construction began in 1939. One interesting aspect of the Grotto is that the hand hewn stones used for its construction came from every state in the union as well as from places around the world, such as the Garden of Gethsemane in Nazareth, the Holy Sepulchre, the Holy Land, Cathedral of Moscow, Ireland, the Italian Alps, and the Grotto in Lourdes, France where Mary made an appearance to St. Bernadette. The first Mass was held there on September 1, 1941, 79 years ago. Coon Restoration, specializing in historic preservation, has examined the Grotto and determined that there is a developing deflection in the arched half-dome, which has compromised its integrity, and could lead to a catastrophic collapse of the vault, if not repaired. Although a committee was established more than 40 years ago for the Grotto's general maintenance, we do not have the necessary funds to make the extensive repairs recommended by Coon Restoration. Help us raise the funds to keep this historic religious site intact!



1 Carat diamond solitaire necklace set in 14k white gold floats on an 18" box chain – appraised value is \$3,900. Diamond stud earrings set in 14k white gold with screw-back closure. Total diamond weight is 1 carat – appraised value is \$2,900. Total appraised value for the set is \$6,800, donated by Anne Marie Beris George of Anne-Marie's Fine Jewelry and Shelley Habermann.

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One ticket for \$10 or three tickets for \$20**

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**Make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto  
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