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Shrine News

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 2 @ 1:30 pm (Sunday)
Charismatic Healing & Prayer Service
(concluding with 4:00 Mass with
Fr. Mc Donough)
- July 9 - 12 (Sun-Wed)
Four-Day Mission (Fr. Severson)
- July 9 @ 12:30 pm (Sunday)
National Observance of
Blessed Kateri's Feast Day
- July 16 @ 11:00 am (Sunday)
Blue Army Rosary Day (concluding
with 4:00 Mass)
- July 22 (Saturday)
2nd Annual Car Show
- September 2 (Saturday)
Father Stan Fortuna in concert!
To order tickets, go to
www.MartyrShrine.org,
stop by the Visitors' Center, or
call 518-853-3033 ext. 224 and
speak to Anna

DON'T MISS IT!

Don't forget to pick up our schedule brochure of our most important events and a brochure for further Shrine information!

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Birthright.....800-550-4900
National Life Center.....800-848-LOVE
Bethany Christian Service.....800-238-4269

An Ongoing Pilgrimage

Don't Miss This! The Premier Catholic Youth Conference of the summer!

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine. It's the Event all High School kids have been waiting for! You get to stay in a hotel room for two nights! Mega food included! There will be a 3on3 Basketball Tournament! Ultimate frisbee for those less on their feet and a game room if you just want to hang out and relax! If that's not enough then take a look at some of the people who will be there, Bishop Howard Hubbard will kick us off with a welcome Friday night followed by two nationally known speakers and a host of local Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Religious! I bet you can guess who some of them are! Contact your youth minister or local Catholic Church for more information. Or call St. Ambrose 518-785-1351 ext. 30 or email joguesyc@gmail.com. In the middle of all this we will find out what God meant when He said to Abraham: He would set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life. (Lk 1:73-75)

Three Areas we could use your help...

The Shrine will be hosting it's **2nd Annual Car Show on Saturday, July 22nd** from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to assist on that day. We are also in need of volunteers right now as we are in the planning stages. If you would be able to assist us, please call Dorothea, Gift Shop Manager at 853-3033 ext. 236.

The Shrine is in **need of eucharistic ministers, and ushers** for the Shrine season. Eucharistic ministers provide the gathered faithful with the precious Body and Blood of our Lord each week. Ushers receive the offerings of the gathered faithful at each mass and also assist the priests when needed. If you would be interested in helping in one of these ministries, call Tom at ext. 225 during the week. Your service would be greatly appreciated by all.

The Shrine will be hosting **Father Stan Fortuna on Saturday, September 2nd**, and we will be needing a volunteer committee to organize this event. Please call Anna, Marketing Director at ext. 224 for details.

From the desk of Tom Ralph, Ass't. Director **Memories of the Shrine**

In the last few years, I've had the great privilege to meet and chat with many of you who visit us often here at the Shrine and have gotten to know many of you on a first name basis. Many of you have been kind enough to share many stories and memories with me about times you have spent at the Shrine through the years. So many memories that have touched you in very personal and loving ways that I sometimes wished I could put them down on paper and share them with other folks. The thought occurred to me that perhaps some of you would be willing to share some of your fondest memories with the readers of our weekly "Pilgrim Newsletter". After all, the "Pilgrim" belongs to all of us and we would be remiss if we didn't offer an opportunity for you to share stories and anecdotes about the Shrine to others. So, with that in mind, I would encourage you to put some of your memories down on paper and either e-mail them to Anna at Marketing@MartyrShrine.org or mail them to her at Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, 136 Shrine Rd., Auriesville, NY 12016. I can't promise that they'll all be published, but we'll do our best to get them in at some point during the year. As I said earlier, so many of the stories and memories you have shared with me have touched me deeply and I truly believe that others would feel the same! God Bless, Tom

Changes to Weekly Adoration

There is a NEW time for the weekly adoration here.

On Tuesday, July 4, the Adoration will be held in our Coliseum and will start at 4:45 p.m. and will end at 7 p.m.



**Music, Books,
Statues, Rosaries
and More!**

**Find it in the Gift Shop
at the Visitors Center**

**Assumption
Novena
Aug. 6 - Aug. 14**

Intention forms can be found in the
back of the Coliseum.



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www.MartyrShrine.org

Call Us:
(518) 853-3033

Email Us:
Marketing@MartyrShrine.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.
(also 7:30 p.m. in July and August)

Weekdays:

11:30 a.m. (including Sat.)
and 4:00 p.m.

ADORATION, BENEDICTION, CONFESSION AND ROSARY:

Confessions

Sat. & Sun.: 30 min. before Mass

Daily: 15 min. before Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed.: 4:45 - 7:00 p.m. (Coliseum)

Benediction

Sun.: 3:30 p.m. Feast Days: 3:30 p.m.

Blessing with Relics

Monday - Saturday: 3:45 p.m.

Guided Tours

Upon Request

MUSEUM, GIFT SHOPS, RETREATS, AND SNACKS:

Visitors' Center Open Daily: First Sunday of May to the last Sunday of October.

Retreats: Fr. McGuire, S.J. gives year round retreats. Information online or call the office.

A large, newly renovated, Martyrs Gift Shop is located in the Visitors' Center **518-853-3033 ext. 236** and a Kateri Center and gift shop **ext. 235**. Both have great museum pieces on display. Find a snack bar in the Visitors' Center!

Sunday – Friday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Children's Museum and

Martyrs Memorial Center

Open Daily: Hours to be posted.

Lost and Found

Can be found in the the Visitors Center during their hours of operation.

Get your Mass Cards, Prayer Intentions, Votive Candle Intentions, or Hymnal Inscribed, at the Shrine Office or at the Visitors' Center.

Stewardship Offerings

Weekend of 6/17 - 6/18

\$ 2668.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Shrine News

Ephesians 5, what is it?

by: Ana Bodoh

"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath delivered himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odour of sweetness." Ephesians 5:2

In this summer heat we look back to having cooler days, yet these cooler days when we have them cause us to look back at the warmer days of summer. We as humans are never satisfied. We always seem to crave for more of this and more of that. There is a beautiful tool in the Catholic faith that tames these humanistic tendencies. Food is a way for us to gather, celebrate, laugh, share and more. Yet, food is also a way to shape our directions and soul. Fasting and abstaining can be a great practice for us. Abstaining from meat is a great sacrifice for many because they may not like fish or they may love meat. Yet, it really is a way to do a small sacrifice for grace and to remove the habit of a regular sin. Fasting is where you give up eating to a degree of your preference, keeping in mind that this is not to make you ill but to make you sacrifice food for the evil of your sin. You can remove the pleasurable foods like sweets, or eat strictly soups. You can live off bread and water strictly for your sins in addictions or those sins that just won't go away. As you fast you pray as well. This is a beautiful old custom that has been passed down to us through the centuries. We know it works because many great saints and the Bible speaks of this unique technique. When we fast and abstain this is a sign of love for Jesus. We are offering up something that is pleasurable to us for the good of our soul and Jesus will place a smile on His face. Love is great, love one another and offer food up for your friends, family and enemies to heal and remove their sins. This is not a judgement on others nor is it a diet for yourself. It is strictly a way to shape the soul from sin. This is a great tool if you are a thief. I know, I know, you don't steal, but really? Do you take small things? Or this is a great tool for allowing yourself to be silent and prayerful on this day. There is a great website call E5Men.org. Men and Women, I know it says Men in the name but I follow this site for the fasting technique and it really works! My fiance' follows this site for me and offers up food and it works. Read through the pages of this website and see the beauty of offering food up for others. Remember God loves you all.

Two Renovated Buildings at the Shrine!

The Shrine gift shop has been going through many stages of change and renovation, recently. Dorothea Smith, a newcomer to the Shrine staff this season, has taken the space in our Visitor's Center that had been the gift shop for years and has expanded it well: from outdoor statues and chimes, beautiful magnets and medal clips to numerous books and a brand new selection of CD's. Not only is the place great, but the staff she hired as well, with their Shrine logo shirts and bright and cheerful attitudes. Dorothea, together with co-workers Lisa, Sheri and Lily, have been upgrading the computer system carefully; and they are presently in the process of changing the data over to the new systems.

This is not the only new addition to our Shrine! Soon Chris Wagoner will be helping to open the brand-new Martyrs Memorial Center, including a Children's museum and a Reading room and Library. With its array of historical material, art, statues and paintings, it will serve as a great place for information, education and relaxation at the Shrine. Much brighter than the last museum on that spot (near to the Coliseum and the new bathrooms), it owes a lot to the fine work of Chris herself, Bruce Hilt, and Manny Hebert — a team who, together with Don Wagoner, chief of maintenance, helped plan and carry out the changes and all the renovations.

We hope these beautifications will permit you to have a truly prayerful and fun visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs—where three great missionary saints weremartyred, and Blessed Kateri was born!

Pilgrim entry deadline is Monday at noon. Call Anna 518-853-3033 ext. 224.

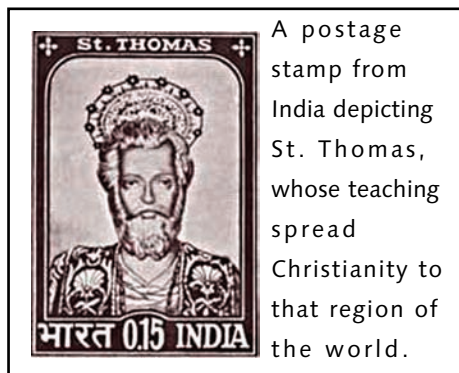
Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

We celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus, on Monday, July 3rd.

St. Thomas is mentioned most (three times) in the Gospel of John:

- In John 11: "So then Jesus said to them clearly, 'Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.' So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go to die with him.'"
- In John 14: "Thomas said to [Jesus], 'Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"
- Probably the most famous, from John 20: "Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'"

It is believed that, after the death of Christ, St. Thomas was responsible for spreading the Catholic faith as far east as India.



A postage stamp from India depicting St. Thomas, whose teaching spread Christianity to that region of the world.

Independence Day

"Millions of people around the world look to the United States as a model in their search for freedom, dignity, and prosperity. But the continuing success of American democracy depends on the degree to which each new generation, native-born and immigrant, makes its own the moral truths on which the Founding Fathers staked the future of your Republic."

- Pope John Paul II

Happy Independence Day!

Our Mission Statement

The Shrine of Our Lady Of Martyrs is a place of natural beauty and spiritual renewal. We are dedicated to the memory of the martyred Jesuits and Blessed Indian maiden who sanctified this hallowed place. Through the example of the Missionaries' courageous faith, which provides the bedrock of our devotions here, we strive to strengthen the faith of all who visit us. We will always be guided by our dedicated predecessors and our loving Father, so that these historic grounds may be a place of peace, love, prayer, and reconciliation, where each and every pilgrim may be welcomed with joy, and may leave here with a soul refreshed and renewed.

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24, Ps. 30:2, 11-13, 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15, Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35-43

Monday: St. Thomas the Apostle, Feast Epesians 2:19-22, Ps. 117:1-2, John 20:24-29

Tuesday: Independence Day Isaiah 58:6-11, Ps. 107: 2-9, Matthew 25:31-46

Wednesday: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24, Ps. 50:7-13, 16-17, Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr Amos 7:10-17, Ps. 19:8-11, Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: Votive Mass of the Precious Blood Amos 8:4-6, 9-12, Ps. 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131, Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday: Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Amos 9:11-15, Ps. 85: 9-14, Matthew 9:14-17

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