



# The Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



## 2007 Calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### AUGUST

- Sun., Aug. 19 Italian Pilgrimage (Father Carlino), 4 pm Mass
- Thurs., Aug. 23 Mini-Retreat, Kateri Chapel, 10 am - 2 pm
- Sat., Aug. 25 Young Adult Movie Night 6:30 pm-Kateri Museum and Media Center
- Sun., Aug. 26 Polish Pilgrimage (Father Urban), 4 pm Mass

#### SEPTEMBER

- Sun., Sept. 2 Mohawk Pilgrimage Group
- Sat., Sept. 8 Filipino Pilgrimage, 4 pm Mass
- Sun., Sept. 9 Irish Pilgrimage, 12:30 pm Mass
- Fri., Sept. 21 - Sun., Sept. 23 Annual Boy Scouts Encampment

### 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.

## Shrine News

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### A Word About Vigil Lights

by Fran Ralph

From ancient times, people used lights – various types of candles or lanterns – as a sign of reverence or remembrance. A light draws our attention. Often when we light a vigil candle in a church, for instance, we symbolically attempt to draw God's attention to our needs.

It is an action, coupled with our prayer, that "stands vigil" for us long after we've left the church building. It's a wonderful way to remember a loved one and an appropriate means of being mindful of our dependence on God's grace to guide us through the trials of life.

From early Christian times, it became customary to give a stipend or offering, as a gesture of respect to the bearer of our intentions. When we request to have a Mass for our intentions or to remember a loved one, we offer a stipend to the priest or the church, who in turn, presents our intentions to God. We don't "buy a Mass" yet we give that donation with gratitude for the remembrance being offered on our behalf.

Recently, a kindly lady stopped me after one of our early Sunday liturgies to comment on our vigil candles. She gestured toward the candle stand where a small sign read: "Offering \$5.00" and mentioned that in her parish church, their offering was only \$3.00. She concluded that perhaps it was that discrepancy which accounted for fewer candles being lit. I considered several options for explanation.

For one consideration, unlike a parish church which has its constituent community to support it, the Shrine depends primarily on the donations of those who have previously visited or currently visit these sacred grounds. Without this support, the Shrine would cease to exist. That said, the candle "offering" is just that ... a goodwill donation. If a person can only afford \$3.00, then that's what they should give. It's my firm belief that God doesn't sit on a throne in heaven with a calculator in hand. He's intimately aware of our needs and intentions better than we could possible express. God knows what's in our hearts when we make our donations. And we here at the Shrine have the great faith that God will allow however many donations are necessary to keep this holy ground available for pilgrimages and the veneration of the name of Jesus, in this place, for many years to come!

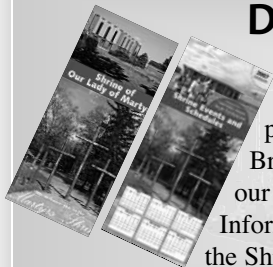
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#### Stewardship Offerings

Weekend of 8/11 - 8/12 \$4138.50  
Thank you for your generosity!

### DON'T MISS IT!



Don't forget to pick up our Schedule Brochure with most of our events listed and an Informational Brochure on the Shrine!

### Large Selection of DVD Movies

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### Next Novena

Martyrs Novena  
October 11-19

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**SHRINE SEASON:**  
April 28-Oct 21, 2007

## MASSES

- **Sun.:** 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., & 4:00 p.m.
- **Sat. & Daily:** 11:30 a.m., & 4:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASSES

- **Sun. & Sat.:** 30 min
- **Daily:** 15 min

## DEVOTIONS

- **Adoration:**  
**Wed.:** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
(Kateri Chapel)
- **Benediction:**  
**Sun. & Feasts:** 3:30 p.m.
- **Blessing with Relics**  
(of the Martyrs and Blessed Kateri):  
**Mon. - Sat.:** 3:45 p.m.
- *Stations of the Cross and Rosary available for private devotion.*

## NOVENAS

9 Days of Masses, see front cover for next novena.

## VISITOR'S CENTER

and Expanded Gift Shop Hours:

- **Sun. - Fri.:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Sat.:** 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## MARTYRS MEMORIAL

### CENTER AND MUSEUM:

Mon. - Fri.: 12 - 5 pm  
Sat. - Sun.: 10:30am-5:30 pm

## GUIDED TOURS

Call Shrine Office to reserve a time for tours.

## MORE INFORMATION?

- [www.MartyrShrine.org](http://www.MartyrShrine.org).
- Fran Ralph, Administrative Coordinator 518-853-3033 x 221

## Find it at the Shrine: Part 7

Many times over the course of the Shrine season, we are asked about certain statues, altars, historical buildings and structures that are dotted throughout the sacred grounds of the Shrine. Continuing this week's Pilgrim, we are introducing you to various parts of the Shrine with pictures and information that might help you find and learn about many areas of the Shrine and where they are located on the vast grounds here at Auriesville.

The series is titled "Find it at the Shrine" and we hope it will give you a better understanding of what is here and what its significance is, if you don't already know. It is being prepared by Dorothy Domkowski, a loyal supporter of the Shrine and a member of the Shrine Council.

We hope you will enjoy the series and find it beneficial on your visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs.



### *Find it at the Shrine*

Inside the First Chapel is a replica of the monument of St. Isaac Jogues by the State of New York. The original statue stands at the head of the lake which Jogues discovered in 1646 and named Lake of the Blessed Sacrament, which we know as Lake George. This statue was donated to the Shrine by the State after the 1939 New York World's Fair where it had been on exhibition.

### *Find it at the Shrine*

This heroic image of the Crucified Christ hangs high over the palisade in the Coliseum.

The figure of Christ is a nine-foot tall original wood carving, the first of several carvings for the Shrine by sculptor Frank Feigeler.

The body is suspended on a hemlock cross hewn from a tree in the Ravine. It is an eloquent message that Christ died for all.



# Shrine Events Celebrate in Prayer and Music

## Polish Pilgrimage Day

The Polish American Congress, Central District of New York, is sponsoring Polish Day at The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs (also known as The National Shrine of the North American Martyrs) in Auriesville, NY on Sunday, August 26, 2007.

Devotions will begin at 1:30pm with Stations of the Cross; recitation of the Rosary; Blessed Sacrament procession; confessions in Polish and English from 2-4pm; Benediction and Mass in the Coliseum at 4pm. The main celebrant and homilist will be Most Rev. Francis R. Reiss, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Michigan. All are welcome to join in the devotions and festivities. Polish music and food.

## Dedication of the Egan-Paret Visitor Center

Through the years, the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs has been blessed with some dedicated and well-loved leaders who have functioned as directors of the Shrine. Two seem to stand out from recent decades, and they are Fr. John J. "Jake" Paret (1991-1996) and Fr. Thomas F. Egan (1968-1981).

The Shrine Council and Staff are proud to honor these two dear Jesuits by announcing the dedication of the newly-refurbished Visitor Center and Gift Shop, naming it the Egan – Paret Visitor Center. Portraits of each of these distinguished priests have been commissioned and will be displayed in the vestibule of the building. For the opportunity to have inscriptions on the plaque beneath these portraits in this prominent location, please inquire at the Shrine office: 518-853-3033 X 221.

The dedication ceremony will commence at 2 pm, on Saturday, September 22, 2007 and we are pleased that we will be joined that day by a contingent of the Boy Scouts, many of whom are camping at the Shrine for the entire weekend and the distinguished Knights of Columbus, who are making their 69th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine.

The Shrine is privileged to have the Most Reverend Bishop Howard J. Hubbard celebrating the 4pm Mass that day in the Coliseum. All are invited to attend.



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### Lost and Found

Can be found in the the Visitor's Center during their hours of operation or by calling them at (518) 853-3033 x 236.



**Bottom Left:** Work in Progress for new Votary  
**Top Right:** Kateri Media Center  
**Top Left:** Carmelite Pro-Life Day.....August 5th  
**Bottom Right:** Vacation Bible School....July 24th, 25th and 26th



**Weekly Readings**  
**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Ps 40:2-4, 18, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53  
**Monday:** Jdg 2:11-19, Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44, Matt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Jdg 6:11-24, Ps 85:9, 11-14, Matt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Is 9:1-6, Ps 113:1-8, Lk 1:26-38  
**Thursday:** Jdg 11:29-39, Ps 40:5, 7-1, Matt 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Rev 21:9-14, Ps 145:10-13, 17-18, Jn 1:45-51  
**Saturday:** Is 58:6-11, Ps 112:1-9, Matt 22:34-40



**Top Left:**  
Wendt Tours from Baltimore with Fr. George...July 27th

**Bottom Left:**  
3rd Annual Shrine Car Show...July 28th

# World and Local News



## Young Adult Movie Night

This is an event that is put on to gather young adults who are of any denomination of faith who wish to get away from everyday life. During the previous movie nights we experienced good friendships through our time of socializing and enjoyed the movie in a community atmosphere of friendship.

At 6:30 pm on **August 25th** and September 29th (Entertaining Angels will be playing in September.) in the Kateri Museum and Media Center we will be hosting our Movie Night. A winter schedule of young adult events will be posted soon. If you are interested in coming, show up for the movie and bring \$5 for a donation and RSVP for dinner by calling Anna at 853-3033 x 224 or Marketing@MartyrShrine.org.

## Rita is Playing on August 25th!

*The Power of Love in an Era of Violence...*

The story of the beloved patron of hopeless situations comes to life in this epic film starring Victoria Belvedere (Pope John Paul II, The Apocalypse) and Martin Crewes. Rita is a beautiful young woman who longs to enter the convent but when she meets Paolo, a handsome knight, she accepts his offer of marriage. Her new family isn't as welcoming as she would wish, and she soon finds that her husband's brothers are involved in violence and murder. Determined to reform her husband, Rita succeeds in winning him over. She and Paolo are blessed with two sons and living happily when tragedy strikes...and Rita loses everything. Set against the turbulent background of 15th century Italy, this story of forgiveness, faith and virtue is an inspiring tribute to this brave, saintly woman.

## Septemberfest

The Shrine is preparing for its annual Septemberfest fundraiser. This consists of 30 drawings on each of the days in the month of September, with prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1000. In order to participate in the drawings one needs to fill out an entry ticket. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Each entry has 30 chances of being drawn during the days in September, because each winning entry is put back for the opportunity to be drawn again! In this issue of the Pilgrim, there is a flyer which contains more information, as well as entry forms for your use. These forms may be duplicated and passed along to friends. If you're lucky enough to visit the Shrine regularly, extras are available at all the major sites on the Shrine grounds. Otherwise, you may call the Shrine for additional flyers. "All you need is a ticket and a dream!" Remember this is a win-win situation; while you're offering your support to the Shrine, you're also getting a chance for something back yourself. Good Luck! And may God shower you with his blessings for your generosity.

## Mary, seen through a New Lens

*(Herewith follows an excerpt from writings by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB-- taken from Awake My Soul by James Martin, S.J.—Loyola Press, 2004).*

"With the changes in women themselves came the discovery of a Mary who had been anything but simply a pawn of the system! Theologians the rank of Karl Rahner, S.J., as well as a new generation of women scholars, began to see something very different in the story of Mary than what had been defined before them.

New litanies in her name spoke of her strength of mind, her willingness to confront systems, her prophetic witness to the life and work of Jesus, as well as her presence at Pentecost—with

everything that implied. Women—I myself—began to see Mary emerge in Scripture as someone called by God to save the people, as Abraham and Moses had ever been. This Mary, I began to realize, was independent and strong. She was a woman who knew exile. She knew suffering and poverty and powerlessness just as

women everywhere did . . . . This was a woman who never doubted the word of God for her, whatever the system said to the contrary. She had debated with angels. She had asked no male, neither Joseph nor the high priests, for permission to do what she knew God was calling her to do . . . .

All of a sudden, it became very clear. Mary was the feminine energy in Christianity. That's why every age was drawn to her. That is why no age has abandoned her. That's why both men and women find the missing piece of Christianity in her.

Indeed theological concerns still abound. How much devotion to Mary is too much devotion? Which elements of the image and ministry of Mary are still missing in Christianity? What is her rightful, her determining place in Christian life and spirituality? But history is clear. . . . In the end, it's the *sensus fidelium*, the awareness in the hearts of the faithful that Mary is at the heart of the tradition that, as it has in the past, will certainly prevail!"



## Daily Reflection

August 19th, 2007  
by Larry Gillick, S.J

### PRE-PRAYERING

Those who are in the know about such things, tell us that the human brain can think of one thing per second and then change channels. Just try to think about that for more than a second. Apparently we are constantly passing images along from our senses through our minds quite rapidly.

On occasion while celebrating a parish liturgy, I want to stop the ritual prayers and just quietly ask the folks about what they are thinking or were thinking before I asked. I know they would laugh at me and then at themselves. Our minds, like our hearts are wanderers. I would imagine that the Apostles at the Last Supper were day-dreaming, perhaps wondering when this celebration was going to get over.

This week we could do well to pray with our distractions, our day-dreams, our wanderings. I know that some believe that they could pray, or should be able to pray without distractions. This week as we prepare to experiences driftings during the weekend liturgy, we could try praying about the real nature of these mental realities. We could pray with what is true about them, what are we wanting, missing, regretting. Prayer begins with the truth of our hearts and distractions might be part of that truth.

### REFLECTION

Down-in-the-mud Jeremiah has been at it again. There is a war going on and Jerusalem is surrounded with the army of Babylon. Jeremiah, in our First Reading, is experiencing the consequences of the burning-word of God within him.

He has been telling everybody to surrender and all will go well. This does sound strange to the soldiers and officials who complain to King Zedekiah who turns Jeremiah over to them. They put him out of commission temporarily as a prophet by dropping him into a dried-up well. Upon hearing this, an official of the court relates to the king that the Prophet will die therein. So the king relents and has Jeremiah raised and brought to him

for a chat. We do not hear this conversation in today's reading, but I can tell you now that Jeremiah tells the king exactly what he has been saying in the city. Surrender to the enemy will result, not in death, but life to the king, his family, and the city of Jerusalem. The king, well you read the rest of the story yourselves.

The Gospel is the conclusion to the chapter from which we have been listening these past few weekends. We have heard about the dangers of greed and about the followers of Jesus who must stay awake, attentive, and responsive as servants of the serving-Lord. These verses have been dramatic and hard to hear. Well, get set for the dramatic climax.

Jesus, again speaking to His disciples with the crowd hanging around, tells them that He, who proclaimed the blessedness of the peacemaker, has come "not to establish peace on earth." "Division" is His blazing, heart-driven desire. He refers to this as a "baptism" with which He wishes to immerse the earth.

Our reading concludes with examples of family unity which will be split. This does not sound very appealing and who would want to follow such a prophet as Jesus. As with Jeremiah, Jesus is calling for a decision to surrender which might, no will, cause separation even within loving families.

I know of a family whose teenage member has declared that he is an atheist. Atheism is a God-given right. What is probably going on is that the mother and father are no longer to be considered gods and lords of this young-person's life. Jesus is asking for a little more thought and a decision to follow Him and His ways. King Zedekiah had to make such a decision and the followers of Jesus have all had to do the same. The big decision is to move outside the city-walls of our

senses and the security of those walls. Trusting, walking into the dark, going without knowing, these are tremendous violations of our present-day cultural ways.

Making decisions is the natural process for us humans; we make thousands of them each day. Our senses take in all kinds of information some of which we accept, some discard and much we are not aware of. Our minds move us to a yes or no, that is what the will does. We can eat peanut butter and our minds would still say that peanut butter ice cream is a big "no". So our imaginations can present data to our minds for a choice as well. A faith-decision to walk the ways of Jesus needs some information which Jesus gives His disciples, but some information has to be provided by our memory and imaginations. We are invited to live less dominated by greed and possessiveness. This is pretty clear, but we would have to imagine what that would mean and our memories would remind us of times when we had nothing. Faith is not easy. Deciding for the unknown future is not easy. Being an atheist is not easy either, because it also demands an act of faith.

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It is a puzzlement why some believe in a God and others find that impossible and even humorous. The faith to which Jesus invites His followers moves them past the impossible to lives which reflect the very person and mission of Jesus. It is much easier to follow from a safe distance and not have our lives changed by His relationship with us. The good things about this is that Jesus keeps attentively calling all outside the comfort-walls and into the life of real living, which in truth can be quite humorous. Marital love

and commitment is a tremendous leap of faith. Love is a faith act, and faith is a love act. It is the commitment that costs and results in insecurity; and who desires that?

**"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption." —Ps. 130, 7**

## Lector's Schedule

- Saturday, August 18**  
4 p.m. DICK E.
- Sunday, August 19**  
9 a.m. FRAN R.  
10:30 a.m. ANNA B.  
12:30 p.m. TOM F.  
4 p.m. MARION S.
- Saturday, August 25**  
4 p.m. A. HOCK
- Sunday, August 26**  
9 a.m. FRAN R.  
10:30 a.m. CATHY O.  
12:30 p.m. AUDREY D.  
4 p.m. KEN M.
- Saturday, September 1**  
4 p.m. DON W.
- Sunday, September 2**  
9 a.m. PHIL V.  
10:30 a.m. TOM F.  
12:30 p.m. MARION S.  
4 p.m. AUDREY D.
- Saturday, September 8**  
4 p.m. DICK E.
- Sunday, September 9**  
9 a.m. TONY N.  
10:30 a.m. ANNA B.  
12:30 p.m. DON W.  
4 p.m. KEN M.
- Saturday, September 15**  
4 p.m. A. HOCK
- Sunday, September 16**  
9 a.m. FRAN R.  
10:30 a.m. TOM F.  
12:30 p.m. AUDREY D.  
4 p.m. MARION S.
- Saturday, September 22**  
4 p.m. CATHY O.
- Sunday, September 23**  
9 a.m. T. NOCE  
10:30 a.m. DON W.  
12:30 p.m. PHIL V.  
4 p.m. KEN M.

## Poetry Corner

*From time to time, we will insert poems of interest in these pages. A tradition of poetry at the Shrine goes way back, and we may be able to include poems about the ravine, about the crowds that came, and about other themes of Martyrly interest, as the months go by. Yet whatever "makes us think" about the struggles of the life journey is worthy of the poet's pen and the artistic eye as well. This week's poem is not connected with the Shrine however. Called CRADLED, it's a small poem written by Fr. Jim Wheeler, SJ. James dwells at the Fordham campus; he has been deep into Christian Healing ministry and house of prayer work for many years (over 3 decades) and has profound insights into the ways in which God works his own healing wonders in very different, and disparate lives."*

**Cradled** by: J. Wheeler, SJ  
 At a time I cannot remember  
 my mother cradled me in her arms  
 and I felt that no harm  
 would ever come to me  
 As I grew and lived and fought  
 security flew like a bandit  
 into the depths of the night  
 where she was I do not know  
 I searched for a firm foothold  
 on the constantly shifting earth,  
 a place to walk without fright  
 a place that would never cave  
 In my life I fought the comforts  
 that offered me a pseudo safety  
 a place that seemed so secure  
 but dissipated at a closer glance  
 until one day I rode through hills  
 on the Kenai peninsula, stopped at an  
 amphitheater circled by mountains  
 and wandered in the deep bright sun.  
 As I stood at the center of convection  
 where all the hills joined in a valley  
 I took a deep breath, sighed  
 realized that I now lived  
 Cradled in the arms of God.

## Daily Prayer

This week we are invited to contemplate the price of discipleship. We are encouraged to not simply think of our call to follow Christ as one of burden, but that which we are invited to undertake, and best of all, are provided the means by God to fulfill those responsibilities of discipleship. There are many situations in our everyday lives that can become burdensome; that can be seen as things we "have to do" without regard to our own personal desire to do them. Often our faith can become this obligatory commitment that we find ourselves "going through the motions." We are asked by Christ to enter into that mystery that is discipleship, and allow ourselves to embrace God's commandments, not as obligatory burdens, but reconciling, freeing graces.

Like the young man who questions Jesus about what good it is he must do to gain eternal life, we must understand that our own humanity separates us from that which is divine. Our own humanity is precisely how we are able to fulfill those commandments that Jesus reiterates as being essential to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We might spend this week's moments in prayer considering how it is we live up to those commandments, as well as which areas of our life we need to grow in. We can recognize the relationships that we are a part of and the ways these commandments bring us into unity with one another; into one community hopeful for the Kingdom. If we are able to recognize that grace that is given us to live out these commands, we are able to recognize that society that accepts us for following that call of discipleship, and not feel ostracized by the society that rejects us.

Finally, as we approach Sunday, we can ask our Lord to grant us the wisdom to recognize His work in our lives, to realize that not only have we been offered this call of discipleship, we have been chosen.

## Thought of the Week

It is very true that in order to surrender ourselves unreservedly to divine providence, we need to be very trusting. But it is also true that when we let go of everything, our Lord takes care of all and manages all. If we hold back anything - this shows a lack of trust in him - he lets us keep it. It is as if he said, "You think yourself wise enough to handle this matter without me; I allow you to do so; you will see how you come out in the end." ~ Francis de Sales

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