



The Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



2007 Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST

- Sat., Aug. 4 Mass and Healing Service, 9 am
- Sat., Aug. 4 Christian Movie, Kateri Media Center, 10 am
- Sun., Aug. 5 Secular Carmelite Pro-Life Day, 12:30 pm Mass
- Wed., Aug. 15 Feast of the Assumption
- Sat., Aug. 18 Day with Mary
- Sat., Aug. 18 Mission of Mercy Concert, Coliseum, 7 pm
- 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

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.

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Confessional Value

by Fr. Peter J. Murray, S.J.

One of the works carried on here at the Auriesville Shrine which visiting priests often remark upon (in positive terms!) is the ministry of hearing Confessions. Now, every priest naturally has 101 stories about the places where he has been a Confessor; and most priests, though they sometimes wonder about the present-day "crisis" this sacrament faces, feel that it remains an important, indeed essential, part of Church life. And, at this Shrine, confessions are a constant reminder (after all, we have about 16 time-slots for them each week!) that this is still an area of deep need for Catholics, and a service we can render the larger church community as long as we reverence its value and vitality.

As you may know, the writer of "Letter to the Hebrews" knew that Jesus the high priest is the main reason for the confession of sins. "Let us confidently approach the throne of grace" he writes "to receive mercy and favor, and to find help in time of need!" The penitent needs easy access to God's ever-flowing mercy and grace; and the Church, since she is the Body of Christ and He works through her members, asks the priest to act as a channel by which that mercy can be distributed. All in the Catholic community are fortunate indeed to have this vital sacrament, which should be used respectfully and never abused.

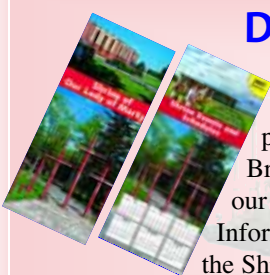
True, I've had some Sundays where I've been truly exhausted after a period of time in the hot confessional (usually a half-hour, sometimes longer) and other days no one comes; but it seems to me that God works wonders in this particular sacrament. If, on occasion, I feel drained after a session with someone who has either a lazy conscience (laxity) or a tightly-tuned one (scrupulosity), I try to chalk it up to the Lord's largesse! After all, he "maketh his sun" to shine on the rich and the poor, the sensitive and the not-so-very . . . Who am I to question His handiwork?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be undergoing a time of crisis, but the doom-and-gloom prophets fail to realize its true power. The Shrine will continue to include in its mission, a strong confessional ministry. We will do our best to prove those doomsday prophets wrong!

Stewardship Offerings
Weekend of 7/28 - 7/29 \$4372.00
Thank you for your generosity!

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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!

New Catholic Movies on DVD

Find it in the Gift Shop at the Visitor's Center

Next Novena

Assumption Novena
August 7 - 15

Intention Envelopes found in the Coliseum and Visitor's Center

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(518) 853-3033

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Marketing@MartyrShrine.org

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.
- Fran Ralph, Administrative Coordinator 518-853-3033 x 221

Find it at the Shrine: Part 6

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

The Shrine's most precious treasure is the handsome reliquary wrought in ivory, ebony, and silver, containing fragments of the bones of Saints John deBrebeuf, Gabriel Lalemant, and Charles Garnier. Remains of only three of the eight North American Martyrs have been partially recovered. These relics are exposed for veneration in the Coliseum.

Find it at the Shrine

In the Ravine there is a rustic wooden bridge spanning the stream which leads to a secluded dell where the touching figure of the dead Christ reposes in his Sepulchre. The memorial reminds pilgrims that the Ravine is the altar stone of America holding relics of the first canonized martyrs of our country. St. Rene Goupil was buried somewhere in this Ravine by Father Jogues in 1642.



Help Solve a Mystery

Find the last clue at...

Join us for a week of Catholic Bible School where you will have fun with other children through story time, play time, art and music. For ages 5 and older on Monday, August 13-Friday, August 17. Please Pre-Register. Come and enjoy the fun!



Word Search



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|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Free Pizza | 7. Art |
| 2. Fun | 8. Soda |
| 3. Mystery | 9. Games |
| 4. Sports | 10. Acting |
| 5. Singing | 11. Cross |
| 6. Jesus | 12. Stories |

AFTUNMYSTERY
 UPUNDFRESODA
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 RIPPEGAMESMK
 TJPJSCIMWKPQ
 SJOPEROFMANO
 TWYQSINGINGW
 ROCROSSPMMLOI
 ROPJQPACTNGM
 IOQWVOIOLWQC
 EWZDQRSINGQW
 SQOROTYVWJLO
 SZQMPNSNAOXUU
 FREEPIZZAWOQ

Mission of Mercy

On the weekend of August 18th & 19th 2007, Al Barbarino will be a guest singer and speaker at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, in Auriesville, NY. Al is a Lay Franciscan of the St. Padre Pio Shelter in NYC, operating under the direction of Fr. Benedict Groeschel, cfr (Franciscan Friar of the Renewal). Over the past 16 years, Al has recorded CDs and Videos of spiritual and inspirational music which helps support the St. Padre Pio Shelter, war orphans of Croatia and Bosnia, as well as for the needy families of the parish/area wherever he sings. He has traveled throughout the world.



Al works in the NYC Prisons for youth (9-17) as a counselor. He has many stories to share. At the Shrine, he will offer a concert on Saturday at 7pm in the Coliseum, and will also sing and speak at each of the weekend liturgies. At the end of the concert and Masses, his CDs/Videos will be available. As a Franciscan, his goal is to EVANGELIZE and HELP THE POOR!

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.

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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.

Remembrances

A Touch of Love

Are you interested in a Remembrance?

If you would like to remember someone, please fill out this form and enclose it with \$10.00 for each week you want your Memorial to run in The Pilgrim. **Please Print.**

Name (please print on this form)

Street Address

City

State Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

\$10/week # of weeks _____

Weekend Dates _____

Total: \$ _____

Dedication in Remembrance of...

This section will be dedicated to those who might like to remember their loved ones in a special way. For some, it might be an anniversary or birthday of someone who died around this time of year (In Memoriam) ... but it can also be the celebration of a friend's birthday, or a graduation, or a congratulations for someone who just had a baby!

Each week we will publish the names and occasion for remembrance. The cost for each week is only \$10. which will help to offset the Shrine's cost of printing. We will also request that each of those listed be remembered in prayer by all who read their names. And of course, you (the donor) will also be remembered in our general prayers as we always do ... for our benefactors. So it's a win-win situation as a wonderful way to honor someone living or remember someone deceased.

We hope to print your loved ones names here soon.

Fill out the form and place it in the Donation Envelopes in the back of the Coliseum or in the Visitors Center and or mail it in to us.

Please keep those below mentioned in your prayers!

	Pray for Pope Benedict.	Prayers for the Donors of the Shrine	Prayers for Justin and Catherine
Pray for the men and women in the service.		For those who are preparing for Marriage	
Prayers for all those in Catholic Media	Prayers for Fr. Severson		Prayers for all who travel during this summer!
Prayers for the Jesuit priests who help at the Shrine.	Prayers for a friend.	For the safe return of our soldiers overseas.	
		God is good; keep Him in your heart and you will smile	We pray for those poor who need shelter and food.
For a special intention.	Prayers for the sickly in nursing homes, hospitals and homebound		
For peace in the world.	Health, Happiness, and Blessings for our friend, Lisa Cocola	Prayers for a special friend	May God Bless you and keep you safe!
Prayers for Paul's Father	Please pray for our friends Geri Goodrich and Charlie Hoellerer	May God Bless all Donors who help support the Shrine and its many ministries	
Prayers for Fr. Machado's travels, thanks for visiting us at the Shrine	Pray for the safe trip of all Pilgrims		
Smile at a stranger for that single smile may change their life.	Prayers for the staff's families		May God Bless our troops in Iraq and overseas

Importance of a Legacy

by Fran Ralph

One morning in 1888 Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite, awoke to read his own obituary. The obituary was printed as a result of a simple journalistic error when Alfred's brother died. The words, "The Dynamite King, the great industrialist who had made an immense fortune from explosives passes away" gave Alfred an overwhelming shock because, for the first time in his life, he saw himself as the world saw him – a merchant of death and destruction. As he read the obituary with horror, he resolved both to make clear to the world the true meaning and purpose of his life and to get ready for his meeting with his God. He decided this could be done through the final disposition of his fortune. His last will and testament consisted of an endowment of five annual prizes for outstanding contributions in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace. The fifth one is now called Nobel Peace Prize. A sixth category, economics, was added later. The Nobel Prize thus became the expression of Alfred Nobel's life's ideals and ultimately would be the reason we remember him as a rich scientist who had the good will to share his riches with others.

Have YOU left a legacy? More than something monetary, hopefully your legacy, passed on to all those around you, is one of love and peace-fullness. But monetary legacies are important too. We hope that you will remember to include the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in yours.

The survival of the mission and ministry of the martyred Jesuits, their courage and love of Jesus, and the kindly spirit of the blessed Native American, Kateri Tekakwitha, as embodied in this Shrine and located on these sacred grounds at Auriesville, New York ... depends on the generosity of all the pilgrims and friends of the Shrine. We hope that you will help to support the longevity of this special place.

Saint Isaac Jogues Volunteers

by Father Robert McGuire

Do you have a moment to help us?
What do you like to do?
Are you good at it?
Do you want to do something for the Kingdom?
Can you spare the time?
Would you like to get away from your standard routine?
Would you like to do it in a peaceful spirit-filled environment?

The answer?

Join the Isaac Jogues volunteers.
You will be special!

Don't worry the time schedule is very flexible and it might come down to one hour every other week or just when you want to get away for awhile.

What's open?

- Watering the flowers when needed (*Members of the Liberty Community*)
- Singing at Mass for those professionally gifted
- A receptionist for those coming to the Shrine
- Helping the Priest on duty
- Helping those who need wheel chairs
- Receptionist for Mini-Retreats
- Odd jobs in the office, such as: filing, help with mailings, etc.
- Other groups e.g. Media Events at Kateri Center
- Those willing to learn and conduct a tour of the Shrine grounds
- Painting some benches and other areas of need (*supplies will be available*)
- Driving assignments for many needs and missions
- Other odd jobs for those skilled (*cleaning away shrubbery, repair of benches carpentry*)
- We are open to suggestions

Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer.
All time and talent is most appreciated!

Just Call:

Father Bob McGuire, S.J.
at 518 853-3033 ext 233

Pontiff: Evolution Does Not Exclude a Creator

Says Acknowledging God Will Help Youth Find Meaning

(Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI says youth will find meaning in their lives if they acknowledge the existence of their Creator. And, he affirms, the theory of evolution does not require denying God.

The Pope said this Tuesday during a question-and-answer session with 400 priests

of the dioceses of Belluno-Feltre and Treviso, in the Church of St. Justina Martyr in Auronzo di Cadore, near Lorenzago di Cadore, where he spent his vacation, which ends today.

The Holy Father spoke about young people's search for meaning, acknowledging that many youth act as if they do not need God, "even thinking that without God, we would be freer and the world would be broader. But after a while, in our new generations, we see what happens when God disappears."

He explained: "The major problem is that if God is not there and the Creator of my life

is not there, in reality life is a simple part of evolution, nothing more, it does not have meaning in itself. But I must try to give meaning to this life."

The Pontiff said that today in Germany, and also in the United States, there is a "fervent debate between so-called creationism and evolutionism, presented as if one of these alternatives

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excluded the other: Whoever believes in the Creator cannot think about evolution and whoever affirms evolution must exclude God."

However, Benedict XVI called this apparent conflict an absurdity.

"Because on one hand," he explained, "there is a great deal of scientific proof in favor of evolution, which appears as a reality that we must see and that enriches our knowledge of life and of being as such. But the doctrine of evolution does not answer everything and does not answer the great philosophical question: Where does everything come from? And how does everything take a path that ultimately leads to the person?"

"It seems to me that it is very important that reason opens up even more, that it sees this information, but that it also

sees that this information is not enough to explain all of reality. It is not enough."

The Pope urged a broader understanding of reason and the recognition of its vastness: "Our reason is not something irrational at heart, a product of irrationality. And reason precedes everything, creative reason, and we are truly the reflection of this reason. "We are planned and wanted and, therefore, there is an idea that precedes me, a meaning that precedes me, which I must discover, follow and which, in the end, gives meaning to my life."

This vision, the Holy Father continued, is necessary to understand the meaning of suffering as well. "I would say that it is important to help youth discover God," he concluded, "discover true love that becomes great through renunciation, and therefore to help them discover the interior goodness of suffering, that renders me freer and greater."

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ec 1:2; 2:21-23,

Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17,

Col 3:1-5, 9-11, Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14,

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, 2 Ptr 1:16-19,

Lk 9:28-36

Tuesday: Num 12:1-13,

Ps 51:3-7, 12-13, Mat 14:22-36

Wednesday: 2 Tim 4:1-5,

Ps 37:3-6, 30-31, Mat 5:13-16

Thursday: Num 20:1-13,

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9, Mat 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10,

Ps 112:1-2, 5-9, John 12:24-26

Saturday: Hosea 2:16, 17, 21-22,

Ps 45:11-12, 14-16, John 15:4-10

Lector's Schedule Young Adult Movies

- Saturday, August 4**
4 p.m. A.HOCK
- Sunday, August 5**
9 a.m. DON W.
10:30 a.m. ANNA B.
12:30 p.m. PHIL V.
4 p.m. MARION S.
- Saturday, August 11**
4 p.m. CATHY O.
- Sunday, August 12**
9 a.m. T. NOCE
10:30 a.m. HARI C.
12:30 p.m. AUDREY D.
4 p.m. KEN M.
- 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.

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. On August 25th, September 29th at 6:30 pm 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 RSVP for dinner by calling Anna at 853-3033 x 224 or Marketing@MartyrShrine.org.



Rita is Playing in August!

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.

From the Little Sisters by Anna Bodoh

Is Begging a vocation? Is the word "vocation" scary? For some it may be, yet if you really understood that vocation simply means, "completion with Christ in His Mercy" then you realize how great God is. He calls us through Baptism to serve Him in one of four ways. Those four ways are: Singlehood (single or consecrated lay), Married Life, Priesthood, or Religious Life (brother, monk, sister or hermit). With this in mind, as young persons we are called to pray for guidance in choosing our vocation. If you are called for religious life you can pray for the order that you are to enter. As for married life, you can pray for your spouse so they are prepared to meet with you. As for singlehood, you can pray for guidance and for the church or organization that you are called to serve, to be ready to accept you. These roles mean that you are called to feel completeness and wholeness. That emptiness that is inside of many who have not found their permanent vocation can be filled with joy when you discover it.

The Little Sisters of the Poor is an order of sisters who care for the elderly poor often right in their own home. This order and work was started by Jeanne Jugan who dedicated her life to care for the poor. The lay work with the sisters and care for the elderly and sisters through seeing Jesus in each person. You can volunteer with them to assist them in their needs. Young girls at the age of 9 and up are also welcome to serve hands on with the sisters. All possessions they gain are through donations and begging. Jeanne Jugan would go to the streets and beg for food and clothes for the poor elderly and these sisters to this day follow in her footsteps, going to stores begging for items and going to parishes begging for money.

At the Shrine on August 11th and 12th, there will also be a second collection that the sisters will take up. They are begging sisters and they need your help to assist the daily needs of the poor. This money will go back to Our Lady of Hope Residence in Latham. The Little Sisters have been doing their work for the elderly in this diocese for over 136 years.

In the next weeks, please pray to discern if and how you are called to help the Little Sisters in their work with the Poor Elderly. To learn more about their foundress and their work please find them online at www.lspusa.org/residences.htm.

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