

# The Pilgrim

Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



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**Shrine News**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 6 @ 4:00 pm (Saturday)  
Opening Mass of the 2006 Shrine Season
- May 7 (Sunday) Opening Sunday
- May 13 (Saturday) May Crowning following 11:30 A.M. Mass
- May 21 @ 2:00 pm (Sunday)  
Ecumenical Memorial Service
- May 24 @ 4:00 pm (Wednesday)  
Ascension Thursday - Vigil Mass
- May 25 @ 11:30 am & 4 pm  
Ascension Thursday - Masses
- May 28 (Sunday) Memorial Day Weekend - Blessing of Families
- September 2 (Saturday) Father Stan Fortuna is coming to the Shrine for a Youth Day! To order tickets Online [www.KolbeShops.com](http://www.KolbeShops.com), stop by the Visitors Center, or call 518-853-3033 ext. 224 and speak to Anna.

## DON'T MISS IT!

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**Mother's Day Novena**  
May 14 - 22

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

## Lectors, Ministers, Ushers Needed

The Shrine is in need of lectors, eucharistic ministers, and ushers for the Shrine season. Lectors proclaim the Word of God to the gathered assembly each week and it's important for them to have a clear and understandable speaking voice. 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.

By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to serve one another. These ministries provide an opportunity that is very satisfying to one's soul and provides a service to the Shrine and to the many pilgrims that attend our masses each week.

If you would be interested in helping in one of these ministries, please see either Fr. Murray or Tom Ralph after mass or call Tom at 853-3033 ext.225 during the week. Your service would be greatly appreciated by all.

## Father Stan Fortuna at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs

Saturday, September 2, 2006 at 1:00 pm

Purchase Father Fortuna Tickets at [www.KolbeShops.com](http://www.KolbeShops.com)

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1:00 pm Talking Tour on the Shrine at the Sacred Heart Outdoor Chapel

2:00 pm Father Fortuna Speaking at the Coliseum

4:00 pm Mass at the Coliseum

5:00 to 7:00 pm Adoration at the Kateri Chapel  
(Supper Hour, vendors available)

7:00 pm Father Stan Fortuna in Concert at the Coliseum

If you have any questions or would like posters to put up please email Anna at [marketing@MartyrShrine.org](mailto:marketing@MartyrShrine.org) or call her at (518) 853-3033 ext. 224.

**Online with Fr. Stan Fortuna: [www.francescoproductions.com](http://www.francescoproductions.com)**

## Adoration in the Kateri Chapel (Wed. 5-7 p.m.) will be on May 17th.

Sadly, Father Jake Paret S.J. is not able to start the 2006 Season here at our Shrine. Father Paret has been sick; and he went down to Murray-Weigel Infirmary in the Bronx on Monday, April 24th. For info on how to contact him, please check with Father Murray and or see the future bulletins for further updates. Thanks and God Bless!



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## 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

Sun. & Sat: 30 min. before Mass

Daily: 15 min. before Mass

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed.: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Kateri Chapel)

### 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.

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 5/5 - 5/6 will be posted next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity!

# Shrine News

## Welcome Back

By: TOM RALPH

The Shrine season is now under way and we are pleased to welcome back all of our loyal pilgrims. We have missed you! It seems like a long time since last October but now we can all get to renew acquaintances.

Many projects are under way or near completion so there will be exploring to do this year throughout the grounds. A big thank you goes to all who have been working on these projects to make the Shrine become even more of a family gathering place.

We are pleased to announce many new additions to the Shrine staff this year. Dorothea Smith has taken over the management of our Visitors Center and Gift Shop. She is joined there this year by Sherri Fazio-Tarallo who is returning as her assistant. Newcomers, Lily Fiorenza and Lisa Ehrenreich will complete the new staff there. When our new Martyrs' Center opens it will be run by Christine Wagoner who joined us on the 1st of May. We welcome them to our family and hope they will be with us for many years to come.

The 2006 season promises to be one of many surprises and blessings. Many events have already been scheduled so be sure to pick up a calendar from either the Visitors' Center or the back of the Coliseum. They are also listed on our website [www.martyrshrine.org](http://www.martyrshrine.org). There will be additions to the schedule as the season goes forward so check back often.

As you can see, the weekly newsletter that we initiated last year has been expanded and improved. A decision was made to eliminate the production and mailing of the "Pilgrim" magazine. The weekly newsletter will now be called the "Weekly Pilgrim" and will be produced every weekend during the season and three times during the off-season. During the off-season if you wish to receive a copy of the Pilgrim, please contact Anna Bodoh at 853-3033 ext. 224 or e-mail her at [marketing@martyrshrine.org](mailto:marketing@martyrshrine.org) to make arrangements.

We are happy to be welcoming all of you back to our beautiful and sacred grounds and hope your visits will provide you with the spiritual and grateful feeling we all have for this place. God Bless you all.

## The Practice of Gratitude

By: RICH HEFFERN

### Gratitude is an antidote to pain and a catalyst for change

The practice of gratitude has long been recognized as an important spiritual discipline. Meister Eckhart, 13th-century German mystic, preached: "If the only prayer you ever said was 'thank you,' it would be enough." Gratitude has been re-emphasized in recent decades and given a central place in Christian spirituality. Benedictine Brother David Steindl-Rast wrote in his 1984 book *Gratefulness: The Heart of Prayer*. "Ninety-nine percent of the time we have an opportunity to be grateful for some-thing. We just don't notice it. We go through our days in a daze." Steindl-Rast continues: "The gifts or blessings of life are always there but if we are not aware of them, they don't do much for us. That is where gratefulness comes in. Gratefulness makes us aware of the gift and makes us happy. As long as we take things for granted they don't make us happy. Gratefulness is the key to happiness. Practicing gratitude is central to my spirituality." Steindl-Rast emphasizes that gratitude is a form of mindfulness, a way of appreciating the present moment, of not living too much in the past and in the future. Jesuit Fr. Charles M. Shelton, a psychologist at Regis University in Denver, has studied the effects of gratitude on people's lives. Fr. Shelton points out that Jesuit founder St. Ignatius of Loyola considered ingratitude to be the most horrible of sins and the wellspring for all other sins. "Gratitude is an antidote to pain and a catalyst for change," Fr. Shelton says. He offers seven good reasons to recognize and to cultivate gratitude in our lives.

To Continue in Next week's Pilgrim...

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

## From the Desk of Father Murray

How good to be starting our "Season" once again, here on this HOLY ground of Auriesville. The promise of May is truly a bountiful one: some rain will surely fall, but there will be flowers out soon, and the birds will be singing as the Eastertide continues. With that as backdrop, I am still thinking about our faith-filled "Mission statement" which was drawn up just two years back. I wish to reflect with you on one line from it, within this issue.

Our mission statement claims that this Shrine is a "place of natural beauty and spiritual renewal." We are going to do all we can to render that claim truer than ever this year. Plan on visiting our new "Children's Center" once it has been opened up—fairly soon! Also, do visit, if you've not done so recently, our newly- revamped and expanded Gift shop, in the Visitors' Center. Take part in one or more of the "mini-Retreats" which have been a popular addition here, in recent months. Walk the grounds, listen to all the voices of holy love, listen to your heart!

The staff who work at this Shrine want you to know they will do all they can to make your time here precious and peace-filled. We ask you to join in this effort, so that the upcoming season, a flowering of renewed faith and profound devotion, can be for you one of the best ones ever!

### 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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"Such a chapel will fitly gather up the flourishing church of which that blood was the seed, in a lasting means of popular devotion to the passion and death of Christ. For this reason it is to be placed under the invocation of Our Lady of Martyrs—Regina Martyrum. In this way, also, those who by their sufferings and death, or by the Christian heroism of their lives, were so long since the good odor of Christ among an unbelieving generation, being dead shall yet speak; and their work shall live after them, even in our own times. Jogues said, 'When shall I begin giving myself entirely to Him who has given Himself to me without any reserve? My heart tells me that if I have the blessing to be sent on this mission (I shall go and I shall not return); but I should be happy if our Lord willed to complete the sacrifice there where He has commenced it, and the little blood, shed in that land, should be as the pledge of that I would give Him from all the veins of my body and from my heart.' 'I had thought all along, that the day of this great joy of heaven would be for us a day of sorrow, and I gave thanks because of it to my Saviour Jesus, since the joys of heaven are bought only by sharing in his sufferings.' Rene fell beneath the heavy blows, and it was necessary to carry him to the platform in the village, where the public torture was to be inflicted."

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**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Easter  
First Reading: Acts 4:8-12  
Psalm: 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29  
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2  
Gospel: John 10:11-18  
Hence, I tearfully beg you to refrain from seeking the favors of the world and to renounce all that is carnal. It is impossible to follow both the world and Jesus. Let us live a life of renunciation, for our bodies will soon be dust and nothing else will last any longer. St. Jerome

**Monday:** Easter Weekday  
First Reading: Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm: 42:2-3; or 43:3-4  
Gospel: John 10:1-10  
God's mercy is like an unleashed torrent; it bears away all hearts in its flood. St. John Vianney

**Tuesday:** Easter Weekday  
First Reading: Acts 11:19-26  
Psalm: 87:1-7  
Gospel: John 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Easter Weekday  
First Reading: Acts 12:24 -- 13:5  
Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Gospel: John 12:44-50  
God loves the poor, and consequently He loves those who have an affection for the poor. For when we love anyone very much, we also love his friends. St. Vincent de Paul

**Thursday:** St. Ignatius of Laconi, Religious (Memorial)  
First Reading: Acts 13:13-25  
Psalm: 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27  
Gospel: John 13:16-20

**Friday:** St. Leopold Mandic, Capuchin, Priest (Memorial)  
First Reading: Acts 13:26-33  
Psalm: 2:6-11  
Gospel: John 14:1-6  
God: whom no one loses, unless deceived; whom no one seeks, unless stirred up; whom no one finds unless made pure. St. Augustine

**Saturday:** Our Lady of Fatima  
First Reading: Acts 13:44-52  
Psalm: 98:1-4  
Gospel: John 14:7-14  
Poor sinners! They always carry about with them their own executioner; that is, a guilty conscience, which continually torments them. There is no pain more excruciating than that of a guilty conscience. St. John Chrysostom

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