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May 13, 2006 — Happy Mother's Day!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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
- June 3 (Saturday) 16th Annual
Marian Movement of Priests' Cenacle
(Fr. Severson)
- June 4 @ 12:30 pm (Sunday)
Secular Franciscan Pilgrimage
- September 2 (Saturday) Father Stan
Fortuna is coming to the Shrine for a
Youth Day! To order tickets Online
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Mother's Day
Novena
May 14 - 22

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

Our Dear Friend, Father Paret, S.J.

By: FATHER PETER MURRAY, S.J.

One of the sights delightfully common last summer was that of Father Jake Paret speeding over the hills in his "golf cart" — going to the Coliseum for Confessions, Mass, heading over to the gatehouse, or any number of places within our Shrine territory. He drove like he did almost everything: quickly, without fanfare, and often waving a fast greeting as he roared by. He once said "I wasn't driving fast!" and we all chuckled, because we knew that what was "moderate" for this intrepid 86-year-old would have constituted speeding for almost anyone else!

Sadly, our time with Father Paret, now 87 and in poor health, has probably come to an end. At least, his seasonal work here at the Shrine has, for the present. After sixteen years in Shrine ministry which included 5 years as Director of the Shrine, also taking up duties for the Kateri Tekakwitha cause, in addition to almost four decades of work for the Lord before that, he deserves a rest! Since he wouldn't slow down for anyone, it seemed, the Lord graciously arranged that he would get his rest or retirement, down at Murray-Weigel in Bronx, New York. Murray-Weigel Hall is a well-staffed assisted living facility. Father Paret's new mission is to pray for the Church and for the Society.

So, he's back in the city he loved so long and we shall miss him here in these hills. The Mohawk Valley will truly not be the same without him. Anyone who knows this man of Ignatian vision, pastoral wisdom and a caring love for all God's children will never forget him. We are hoping however that Father Paret can return someday, in the future, for a small tribute and a large hands on "thank you Father Paret!"

Write Father John Paret S.J. at: Murray-Weigel, 515 E. Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458

Volunteers Needed

The Shrine will be hosting its **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 Smith, Gift Shop Manager at 853-3033 ext. 236.

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 Bodoh, Marketing Director at 518-853-3033 ext. 224 for details.

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. If you would be interested in helping in one of these ministries, call Tom at 518-853-3033 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 **BUY TICKETS NOW!** KolbeShops.com

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

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



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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.

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 5/5 - 5/6

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Shrine News

Vocations

By: TOM RALPH

Since last Sunday's Gospel concerned Jesus as the Good Shepherd, it might be good for us to focus on prayer for vocations. We're all aware of the declining number of priests and religious and the daunting problems the shortage is causing. There definitely is a strong need for our prayers and heeding the call in this regard.

At the same time, we should not lose sight of the many vocations that we, the laity, are and should be carrying out in our daily lives. Most worshippers live out the ministerial responsibilities of our baptism beyond the boundary of church and shrine grounds. It is important and critical in these times that we recognize our responsibility to bring the Gospel and its values to work in our everyday lives. We need to carry forth the work of Jesus to those in need of His healing grace.

When we pray for vocations for the church, we should also consider praying for those who work in public safety, for those who work in public health, for everyone who volunteers their precious time to helping in food pantries, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and all who help those who cannot help themselves. These too, are vocations that are important for the welfare of everyone and they are ministries as well.

When we "Go forth to love and serve the Lord", we as Catholics also need to go forth to love and serve one another because when we do that we are serving the Lord. "Thanks Be To God"

The Practice of Gratitude Continued...

By: RICH HEFFERN

Gratitude is an antidote to pain and a catalyst for change

1. Gratitude enriches love and enables us to draw forth the potential of love in our lives. "When we love with gratitude we find the fullest expression of that love." 2. Gratitude is a positive experience. "From gratitude is derived the most felicitous of human feelings." 3. Gratitude helps communities as well as individuals. "It is a building block of a civil society." 4. Gratitude helps fight negativity "Research in psychology shows that negativity demands more attention from us. We are more apt to dwell on shortcomings, failings, areas where we feel deprived than we are to dwell on our strengths, accomplishments and gifts." 5. Gratitude relieves stress. "The components of gratefulness are the capacity for awe and wonder. These emotions are effective stress releasers." 6. Gratitude limits selfish desires. "Grateful people place less emphasis on material goods as a basis for happiness." 7. Gratitude increases our capacity to return the gifts we have received by giving back to the world around us. This quality is the key to the leaven effect of gratitude in our lives. Shelton defines gratitude as a positive experience of feeling gifted that, in turn, leads to a desire to give back. Feeling grateful increases the amount of good in the world because our gratitude leads directly to good actions as we try to return the favors. What's more, he says, gratitude is really a new way of seeing, through the lens of appreciation. "I can be grateful for paying taxes," he says, "because it means I am employed; or for paying high heating bills because it means I am warm in the winter. This way of seeing turns what seem like negatives into positives." What are some obstacles to gratitude, according to Fr. Shelton? "Feeling entitled, a consequence of being self-absorbed, a kind of narcissism, that's a big one. Also, a sense of being a victim, a too energetic sense of rugged individualism, the kind of unbridled self-sufficiency that never lets us feel dependent upon anyone else, too much emphasis on suffering, lack of reflection, never having time to just sit and ponder things. These are all things that block feeling grateful." Shelton identifies some situations that evoke or foster gratitude: "Family interactions, experiences with friends, another person's kindness, escape from harm, success in some endeavor, awareness of one's fortunate situation relative to others and suffering severe setbacks. All of these are grist for gratitude's mill," he says. The other gratefulness expert, Brother David Steindl-Rast, points out the key role that liturgy and celebration play in cultivating a grateful heart. "Rituals make us mindful. Every ritual, graduations, funerals, weddings — has something to do with gratefulness. The Mass or Eucharist in the Catholic tradition literally means 'thanksgiving.' In the Hindu tradition a puja, or sacrifice, is a grateful acknowledgement of a gift. Offering the first fruits of the harvest is a ritual. You lift up a part of what you have received to the source from which you received it. This is an expression of gratefulness." Cultivating gratitude is a way to mindfully live in the present. It's a liberation from envy It's a way to recognize the love of God in everything God has given us.

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

Eucharist Brunch

By: FATHER MCGUIRE

Our Eucharist Brunch not only includes a variety of innovative events but also all the traditional Catholic dimensions that can bring grace and hope. On Saturday, April 29th, the Life Team from Saint Ambrose Parish in Latham, New York came to celebrate their response to a needed call from the Katrina Tragedy. They gathered together here at the beautiful Visitors' Center.

The day began with the celebration of the Eucharist offered up by Father Robert McGuire, S.J. who was the coordinator of the day and who will be working at the Shrine through the new season. Father McGuire spoke to the community with the theme that they can be the "saviors of the world" if they show the charity of Christ and His message of salvation. The music ministry "Joyful Heart" enhanced this message throughout the day. The Mass was followed with a wonderful brunch cooked and served by Shrine volunteers. Later, a variety of speakers presented the theme of "life changing episodes". The first was Theresa Schweigert who described her years of praying outside Abortion Clinics with a remarkable event of one woman who on hearing their prayers, literally got up from the abortion gurney and left the clinic to have her child. Seven years later she came to the clinic and met the team still praying. She introduced them to her young delightful child. The next speaker was Michael McGovern, a father of seven children who was in charge of the team for that day. He explained the Life Team programs and their ongoing ministry to the devastated Parish of St. Thomas in Long Beach, Mississippi. The final speaker was an amazing girl, Cassie Normile. Even though just a senior in high school, she has already worked with "Casa Pro Cristo" and helped build two homes in Juarez, Mexico.

She took a leadership role in the Life Team outreach to the devastated Church and parish of St. Thomas. One family with the mother standing in the ruins of her home broke into tears and said "I've been here for almost twenty five years and I do not have the courage to rebuild". With Cassie in the forefront, all the Life Team members said "we will help you." The mother said with awe, "will you?" "Well, maybe we can do it!" Even though this sounds naive, the Life Teams of St. Ambrose and St. Paul under the leadership of Mark Trudeau and Dave Oakes will be coming back to do the basic work of cleaning out the tragic rubble, of the home. Professional builders will then be able to move in. The day ended with healing prayer.

Eucharist Brunch continued...

The Life Teams are the new generation in the Church and they can be "Saviors of the world" in His name.

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"We were returning then towards the town reciting our beads, of which we had already said four decades. Having stopped near the gate of the town to see what they would say, one of these two Iroquois drew an axe which he had hidden under his blanket, and dealt Rene' a blow on the head as he stood before him; he fell stiff on his face on the ground, uttering the holy name of Jesus, for we had often reminded each other to close our voice and life with that holy name." — *not long later Rene' was with Jesus.*

This Sunday is Mothers Day, a day not only celebrating in gratitude to our earthly Mothers but to our heavenly Mother Mary. We should remind ourself to pray to her and end our day uttering Jesus' name. Many spend time with their Mother, another good thing you can do is give them a gift of having a Mass offered for their intention, having a donation given in their name to an organization that she loves, or sending her on a retreat. We all should go on retreat once a month to gather our spiritual, physical, and mental being so as to grow closer to the Lord. By going on retreat once a month helps you to take time with Jesus and Mary to grow stronger as a person. We all need a rest at times and this is one amazing option that even religious do in their life that lay persons tend to forget in their busy lives.

Going to confession on a weekly or bi-weekly basis will help us gain graces and grow stronger to Mary and her Son. Going to confession regularly also helps show you which sins you are committing more often. By knowing this you can gain graces through confession to stop these sins. Also by knowing is power, you can act on bettering yourself by repeating a prayer or bible quote to stop the bad habits. One best thing is going to Mary or repeating Jesus' name over and over in a reverent manner. He will forgive you if just ask. If your Mother is unable to drive ask if she would like to go to confession or ask if a priest could come over and hear her confession so that she may be at peace.

Daily Mass is important in life. If we are unable to attend we should pray a spiritual communion or send your angel to Mass. It is most important to take advantage of the options Jesus gave us to gain heaven. So give your Mother a spiritual gift to grow closer to heaven and show how much you love her that you want to see her in heaven one day. Happy Mothers Day! — Ana Bodoh

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: Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-28, 30-32, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

Monday: Saint Isidore the Farmer Acts 14:5-18, Ps 115:1-4, 15-16, John 14:21-26

Tuesday: St. Margaret of Cortona Acts 14:19-28, Ps 145:10-13, 21, John 14:27-31

Wednesday: St. Paschal Baylon, OFM Acts 15:1-6, Ps 122:1-5, John 15:1-8

Thursday: St. Felix Porri of Cantalic Acts 2:44-47 or Colossians 3:12-17, Ps 131:1-3, Luke 12:22-31

Friday: St. Crispin of Viterbo, Religious Acts 15:22-31, Ps 57:8-12, John 15:12-17

Saturday: St. Bernadine of Siena, OFM Acts 4:8-12, Ps 40:2, 4, 7-1, 1 Luke 9:57-62

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