



The Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



2007 Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL

- Sat., Apr. 28 Opening Mass of the 2007 Shrine Season, 4 pm
- Sat., Apr. 28 Mini-Retreat, Kateri Chapel, 11 am - 3 pm

MAY

- Wed., May 9 Confirmation, Fulton County Parishes (Bishop Hubbard), Coliseum, 5:30 pm
- Sat., May 12 May Crowning, Our Lady of Fatima Statue, 12:30 pm
- Thurs., May 17 Masses for Ascension Thursday, 11:30 am, 4 pm
- Thurs., May 24 Mini-Retreat, Kateri Chapel, 10 am - 2 pm

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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Shepherding

by Father Peter Murray, S.J.

If we ever think about shepherds and sheep, we may well picture some young man on a hillside, lying in the sun, looking at a flock of sheep but hardly caring much for them – just lazily gazing upon them as they graze. A peaceful enough scene, but quite frankly, one that does not do justice to the highly-charged word "Shepherd" – a term important to all the evangelists, and especially to John.

In many gospel passages, Jesus is pictured as the "Good Shepherd" the one who truly cares for his sheep. This was an important image for the early followers of Jesus in fact; they tell us some icons of that shepherd were drawn in the catacombs, way back in the Roman days of Christian persecution.

A quote from the Belgian Carmelite priest, Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen (who died in 1952) might help us here, for he said this concerning shepherds:

"The shepherd is everything to his flock; their life, their sustenance and their care is entirely in his hands. And if the shepherd is good, they will have nothing to fear under his protection . . ."He then goes on to state this: "Jesus is preeminently the Good Shepherd; he not only loves, feeds and guards his sheep, but he also gives them life at the cost of his own . . . It is by means of the grace, faith, and charity, which the Good Shepherd acquired for us by his death, that we arrive at such intimacy with our God – so deep that it makes us share in his own divine life."

What a rich season this is to think about shepherding – and to offer prayer for our own modern shepherds, our Bishops and priests, and deacons, and the Pope himself. They need to be creative, dutiful, and wise in all their deeds and words. Let us pray for them; and also add a prayer for all kinds of vocations in our church, because we all need wise and compassionate leaders!

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

New Items

First Communion Gifts
Cards, Invitations &
Wrapping Paper

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

Next Novena

Mother's Day Novena
May 13 - May 21

Intention Envelopes found in the
the Coliseum and Visitor's Center

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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.: 10:30 am - 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

Cabaret is Coming!

The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs is pleased to announce that we are hosting a Cabaret performance of "A Crazy Carousel" in the Visitors Center as part of a fundraising event to benefit the renovations being made to the Visitors Center and expanded Gift Shop. The cabaret will take place on Saturday, June 9th at 8 pm. For more than 15 years, Holy Smoke Productions, under various guises, has been presenting music from Broadway and the musical theatre for local organizations throughout the Capital district. The performers are Nancy Carlson Stone, David Wm. Mickiewicz, and Thomas F. Savoy.

Nancy is a cantorial soloist at temple Gates of Heaven in Schenectady. She has sung with Glimmerglass Opera, the Octavo Singers and Chamber Singers of Schenectady as well as being a soloist in the area. She works for the New York State Department of Civil Service.

David has sung with the Burnt Hills Oratorio Society, Capital Hill Choral Society and Albany Pro Musica. He holds degrees in the field of music from the College of Saint Rose, Albany, and the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. He is a priest of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese and is presently serving as Administrator of the churches of St. Stanislaus, St. John the Baptist and St. Casimir, all located in Amsterdam, NY.

Tom is the Founder-Director of the New York Catholic Chorale and Music Director and Organist at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Albany, NY. He is a published composer and arranger and a well-known performer in the area.

Tickets to the Cabaret performance will be \$30.00 per person and will go on sale on Saturday, May, 5th. They will be available at the Visitors Center Gift Shop, the Shrine Office, and by mail. Seating will be limited so don't wait! This promises to be an enjoyable evening that will be long remembered.

Ministers Needed

As we open the 2007 Shrine season, we are in need of some ministers to assist in our liturgies. If you would like to assist us in certain areas we would greatly appreciate your help. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers who wish to serve should contact either Fr. Murray (222) or Tom Ralph (225) at the Shrine office by calling 853-3033 and then hitting their extension numbers or by seeing them after our weekend liturgies.

Lectors proclaim the Word of God, Eucharistic Ministers distribute the Precious Body and Blood of Christ to the Faithful, and Ushers assist in the collection and helping those in need or who have questions. All of the ministers are greeters and ministers of hospitality as well. It is an honor to serve God in these ministries and one is always touched by grace when they are performing their ministerial duties.

Come Join Us!

The St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference

The Shrine is host to the annual St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference, the premier Summer Youth Conference in the Northeast!

The Conference provides everyone with a wonderful opportunity to become closer to God, friends and community. God invites all youth to spend time with Him here in the beautiful Mohawk Valley each summer. Come learn more about the life and wonders God is offering everyone; He has amazing plans for all of us and the world is in desperate need of your gifts and faith.

The 2007 Youth Conference is called "OVERFLOW!" and will be held on July 13th, 14th and 15th. Check our website, www.martyrshrine.org for a link to the Youth conference home page or call the Shrine office for more information.

The Shrine Gift Shop

The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs Gift Shop, located in the Visitors Center now carries a full line of items for your First Communion needs including invitations, cards, wrapping paper and a large variety of inspirational gifts made especially for First Communion gift giving.

We are open Sunday through Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm.

Call us at 518-853-3033 x 236 if you have any questions.

The Pilgrim

Since bringing the Pilgrim back to a regular publication schedule during the season, we have grown and doubled in the past two years. Thanks to your support, this year we are now running eight pages instead of the four like last year. Presently we consider this publication a newsletter to assist our friends of the shrine in learning more about the events here, the local news, as well as the world news.

God Bless!

Are you interested in Subscribing to our 2007 Pilgrim Newsletter?

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Lost and Found

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

Motion Pictures and the Church

By Fr. George Restrepo, S. J.

Movies are here to stay! But as we all know, films can be used for evil or to advance the kingdom of God. For many years, I have run numerous Film Festivals; 4 years at St. Ignacio parish in Puerto Rico, 20 years at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Baltimore, MD, and 12 years at St Thomas Aquinas parish in Baltimore. My knowledge of film was also used in nursing homes, assisted living residences, retired Sisters Convent and religious education. The Jesuit community allowed me to take courses on film at Fordham University and New York University where I received a Masters Degree in the Art of the Cinema in 1973. By showing the best films ever made, by exposing people to truly artistic and moral films, I was trying to counteract the growing trend towards immorality, vulgarity, inanity and a terrifying evil spirit of secularism that now infects many films. Some movies may have better and more spectacular special effects, but they seem to have lost their soul. Most of the time, God is totally ignored!

Pope Pius XI said of film; "There exists today no means of influencing the masses more potent than cinema." The Vatican II Decree on the Instruments of Social Communication, promulgated by Pope Paul VI on December 4, 1963 states "Lest the message of salvation be thwarted by expense, the Council

advises Catholics that they have a duty to maintain Catholic newspapers, periodicals, film programs, radio and TV programs and stations whose principal objective is to spread the truth and Christian influence in human society. The encouragement of worthwhile films should be done by supporting projects for the production and distribution of films, through critical approval and awards and patronizing responsible theaters".

In 1995, the American Film Institute published a list of the top 100 films in celebration of 100 years of cinema. Also in 1995, the Vatican, for the same reason, issued a list of movies with artistic and religious merit. It was comprised by the Pontifical Council for Social Communications and mailed to Bishops' conferences. The list is not described as the "best ever". The Vatican simply described it as "some important films". The 45 films on the Vatican list are classified under 3 categories; Religion, Values and Art (15 film in each category). I, myself, added 45-50 films which I felt should be included. The Pontifical Council for Social Communications states " Not all that deserve mention are included". The list was based on "the informed personal tastes of experts, on opinion polls, and also on plain evidence". I have shown all 45 Vatican films at St Thomas Aquinas Parish-with study guides.

Pope John Paul II described film as a form of communication "expressed in images which impact greatly on the viewers and their subconscious. In the past century, movies often dealt with

themes of great meaning and values from an ethical point of view".

On November 19, 1998, Pope John Paul II addressed the International Study Conference on the Cinema, organized jointly by the Pontifical Councils for Culture and for Social Communications with these words; "Make cinema an appropriate vehicle for expressing the value of life, with the respect for the dignity of the person."

As our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, was convinced of the power of cinema, so am I! From an early age in grammar school, I was interested in film, reading film reviews, seeing foreign films. I have always taken this art form very seriously.

My favorite definition of God is found in the first epistle of St. John, chapter 4, verse 8; "God is Love". Every film (or other art form) deals with love, whether it is the correct use of love or the incorrect use of love.

Yes, the motion picture can be used for evil or good. Good films are into truth and are good for your soul. Evil films are quite the opposite. Do you ever pray for directors, producers, script writers, cinematographers, actors or the entire film crew? We should pray that all films and other art forms are moral, tasteful, inspirational, able to help people, and bring us closer to God.

Films are here to stay!

For further information on the Vatican film list, go to the following websites; www.usccb.org/movies/vaticanfilms.shtml or go to www.decentfilms.com

Bush to Visit Vatican in June

VATICAN CITY, APRIL 16, 2007 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI will receive in audience for the first time U.S. President George Bush in June, a Vatican official said.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Vatican press office, said Saturday that Bush will visit the Pope on June 9 or 10, after participating in the G8 meeting in Germany from June 6 to 8. Bush, together with his wife Laura, met Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, then dean of the College of Cardinals, on the occasion of the funeral for Pope John Paul II in April 2005. Laura Bush was received in a private audience by Benedict XVI in February 2006 while she was passing through Rome.

20,000 Bibles for Children of Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh, APRIL 16, 2007 (Zenit.org).- Some 20,000 Bibles written in Bengali will be given to children in the six Catholic dioceses of Bangladesh.

The Bibles are a gift from the international Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). The book, called "God Speaks to His Children" will be distributed to the faithful in the Archdiocese of Dhaka as well as in the dioceses of Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Chittagong, Khulna and Dinajpur. Archbishop Paulinus Costa of Dhaka, writing to ACN, said: "We all think strongly that the children's Bible will be a very effective means of imparting catechism to our children, catechumens and newly converted people. "This Bible will also help us to teach through pictures." In Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries, some 300,000 are Catholics living among 147 million people. Approximately 88% are Muslims, and 10% are Hindus.

We're in "God's Good Hands," Benedict XVI Says

VATICAN CITY, APRIL 17, 2007 (Zenit.org).- During his birthday lunch, Benedict XVI expressed trust and joy as he asserted that our lives are in "God's good hands." The Pope said this on Monday, his 80th birthday, during lunch in the Apostolic Palace with members of the College of Cardinals who were in Rome. "Our times, each day, the vicissitudes of our life, our luck, our actions, all are in God's good hands," he told the cardinals. "This is the great confidence with which we go forward, knowing that God's hands are sustained by the hands and the hearts of many cardinals. This is the motive of my great joy on this day," the Holy Father said.

"The true gift of this day for me is the prayer that gives me the certainty that I am accepted from the inside," Benedict XVI added, "and above all, helped and supported in my Petrine ministry, a ministry which could not be carried out alone, but only in communion with all those who help me, praying that the Lord be with us and with me."

Young Adult Movie Nights

The Last Saturday of the Month starting in May we will be offering Young Adult Movie Nights. Cost is \$5 or bring a snack to pass. This event starts at 6:30 pm. So come and join us. If you have any questions please contact Anna at 518-853-3033 x 224 or email her at Marketing@MartyrShrine.org

Young Adult Ministry

The Shrine is interested in empowering young adults, if anyone is interested and you are between the ages of 18-40 that would be willing to join a core team to do young adult ministry in an evangelistic style.

In 2006 Young Adult Ministry celebrated their 10th Anniversary in the US. The USCCB (US Bishops) started this ministry after discovering the lack of young adults in church and participating in church events.

We as a Shrine, have a certified Young Adult Ministry Coordinator. Anna Bodoh, Marketing Director, who is working with Father Murray and Father McGuire to gather young adults at this beautiful Shrine. Contact Anna if you would like to be a part of this group. Marketing@MartyrShrine.org or 518-853-3033 ext 224.

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52, Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
Rev. 7:9, 14-17, John 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4,
John 10:1-10

Tuesday: St. Joseph Worker Gen. 1:26-2:3
Ps. 90:2-4, 12-14, 16, Mat. 13:54-58

Wednesday: St. Athanasius Acts 12:24-
13:1-5, Ps. 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, John 12:44-50

Thursday: Saints Philip & James, Apostles
1 Cor. 15:1-8, Ps. 19:2-5, John 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 13:26-33 Ps. 2:6-11 John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52, Ps. 98:1-4,
John 14:7-14

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

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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!

Congratulations Jessica Bodoh on your acceptance to the convent	Prayers for the family of + <i>baby</i> Thomas Isaac Anthony +		Pray for the men and women on USS DENVER
	Congratulations on your upcoming wedding Kathleen and Todd!	Good luck in your new position Sr. Mary Agnes	
in memory of our sister, Mari Raymond			Congrats Catherine and Justin on your Engagement!
	Congratulations Andy on your College Graduation	For the safe return of our soldiers overseas.	
			We're praying for your recovery Hari, get well soon!
Happy Birthday Catherine	Prayer for safe trip of all Pilgrims		In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for favors granted.
Pray for Peace!		My uncle loved this Shrine Ed Kochanowski	
		Pray for the Staff during the 2007 Shrine Season	
	Remembering my friend's husband + Ted Carlitz +		God Bless The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at the outset of its new season!
Happy Birthday, Gloria! Your light shines brighter each year!		Prayers for the health of Anna Bodoh	

An Invitation

from Tom Ralph

As I did last year, I would like to invite any of you who have fond memories of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs to write a short letter about your experiences here at Auriesville. I know that for the last few years, many of you have told me personal stories about the Shrine that has really impacted me. These are Holy Grounds and they mean a lot to many people.

If you would like to share your memories on these pages, I invite you to send a letter to Anna Bodoh here at the Shrine or you can also e-mail her at marketing@martyrshrine.org. We will try to print as many as space will allow.

The following is a letter we received from a woman who has been involved in the annual Filipino Pilgrimage describing her memories of the Shrine.

Memories of the Shrine

September 9, 2006 was the 30th Annual Filipino Pilgrimage to the Martyr Shrine at Auriesville. So many memories crowd those thirty years, and I would like to share some with you. Our pilgrimage would start early morning on the second Saturday of September, when families piled into the cars with sleeping bags, pots and pans, and enough food for the weekend. About 10 cars would form a convoy from Jersey City, New Jersey on to I-90 for the close to 200-mile trip to Auriesville. We would arrive at the picnic area around 11:30 where we would unload all the food to be shared among men, women and children.

I never ate what my mom brought; I table hopped and partook of other families' food! The children frolicked on the grass nearby, and sometimes they caught grasshoppers. After lunch, we would go to the Ravine and meditate on the life of Saint René Goupil as narrated by Father Isaac Jogues. There was plenty of water in the stream, and the sick among us would wade into the water to rub parts of their bodies that were ailing at the time. We also brought containers to bring for water home to those who were not able to make the trip that year. We believed that with God's mercy, that water in blessed and can bring about healing. At 2:30, we would assemble at the Kateri Chapel to start the outdoor Way of the Cross in Philipino. We would follow the path up to the Martyrs Hill for the 3:30 benediction. It was raining hard one year, and we were carrying umbrellas on our way up. At the elevations of the monstrance, we closed our umbrellas and knelt on the wet grass. Suddenly, the rain stopped, and bright sunlight filtered through the leaves. We all had goose bumps; most of us cried for we truly felt God's presence on that hill.

We worshipped with the community at the 4 o'clock Mass. I think we also venerated the relics of the saints. After Mass, the men would buy sacks of corn from the nearby farm, and families would go to either Jogues Manor or the Goupil House to spend the night. At that time, we rented the whole Goupil House for \$90 which we divided among the families. There were plenty of rooms and a wrap around porch. We would cook

corn, gather around the piano in the living room, eat together in the kitchen, and spend quality time with each other. Sometimes Father Egan would schedule a slide presentation at the Visitor's Center. The next morning, we would attend morning Mass and start the long trek back to Jersey City.

Father Egan came to know most of us since we came at the same time each year, and he declared the second Saturday of September as Filipino Day at Auriesville. Filipinos around the area (like Watertown and Buffalo) heard about it and joined us. One year there were nuns from Canada.

Jogues Manor and Goupil House are no longer available for overnight accommodation. The stream in the Ravine has gone down considerably, sometimes it is barely a trickle. Several of our group has ended their earthly pilgrimage and the children we brought with us now have children of their own. But there are still a few hardy ones left who continue to make the annual pilgrimage, introducing new groups of pilgrims each year to the hallowed grounds at Auriesville.

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Please consider an advertisement in our Pilgrim Newsletter. It's a win-win situation since the cost of the ad is tax-deductible AND you get some exposure for your business. Most importantly, you will help defray the cost of printing our newsletter and more funds will be available for Shrine ministries.

For more details please call Anna Bodoh in the Marketing Department

