



The Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



2007 Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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
- Sat., May 26 - Sun., May 27 Pentecost Weekend and Memorial Day Celebration and Blessing of Families

JUNE

- Sat., June 2 17th Annual Cenacle of the Marian Movement

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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Confirmation Retreats at the Shrine

by Father George Restrepo, S.J.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs hosted two Confirmation retreats this past April. On Saturday, April 14th, 13 students from St. John's Parish in Newport, NY, and on April 21st, 8 students from St. Anne's Parish in Jefferson, NY joined Fr. George Restrepo, S.J. (one of our resident priests) for a day of reflection, recollection and prayer to prepare for their Confirmation.

The schedule included a talk from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., some free time, a second talk from 11:15am to 12:15pm, lunch, a tour of the grounds, question and answer period, confessions and mass. Fr. George centered both talks on Jesus and the role of the Holy Spirit in bringing us closer to Jesus.

The Shrine is grateful to these parishes for allowing us to help these students on their path to Confirmation and we are willing and able to offer these opportunities to any parish that would like our assistance. Simply contact Fran Ralph at 853-3033 ext. 221 and she would be happy to assist you with your retreat.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs is also proud to announce that we will be hosting the Fulton County Parishes Confirmation here in the Coliseum on Wednesday, June 9th with Bishop Howard Hubbard presiding.

We salute all these wonderful young people in making the choice to become confirmed Catholics.

Stewardship Offerings

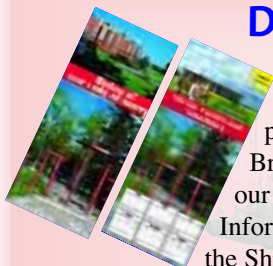
Weekend of 4/28 - 4/29
\$1059.00

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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 DVDs

St. Theresa,
The Passion of Christ,
Padre Pio, and more...

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Next Novena

Mother's Day Novena
May 13 - May 21

Intention Envelopes found in 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.: 10:30am-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

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, local news, as well as world news.

God Bless!

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

A Movie

Worth Seeing: "Into Great Silence"

At the beginning of March, Philip Groning's film, *Into Great Silence*, came into a theater in New York City that specializes in foreign films. It was advertised as having a two-week run. But when each of the three daily showings continued to sell out, the theater owners put "Held Over" up on the marquee after the film's title. Now, at month's end, it's still playing to a full house. The New York theater reports that patrons who don't buy their ticket the day before don't get in.

Synopsis: Nestled deep in the postcard-perfect French Alps, the Grand Chartreuse is considered one of the world's most ascetic monasteries. In 1984, German filmmaker, Philip Groning, wrote to the Carthusian order for permission to make a documentary about them. They said they would get back to him. Sixteen years later, they were ready. Groning, without crew or artificial lighting, he lived in the monks' quarters for six months - filming their daily prayers, tasks, rituals and rare outdoor excursions. This transcendent, closely observed film seeks to embody a monastery, rather than simply depict one - it has no score, no voiceover and no archival footage. What remains stunningly elemental: time, space and light. One of the most mesmerizing and poetic chronicles of spirituality ever created. INTO GREAT SILENCE: dissolves the border between screen and

audience with a total immersion into the hush of monastic life. More meditation than documentary, it's a rare, transformative theatrical experience for all.

"INTO GREAT SILENCE" will be playing at the Spectrum Theater, Albany, New York. It will open on May 11th for a limited one week run.

Spectrum 7 Theatre
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Matinees \$6.75
Evenings \$8.50
A group of 20 or more people can call Aindrea at ext. 10 to reserve tickets for the matinee price. Call for show times

Papal Prayer Intentions for May

VATICAN CITY, APRIL 30, 2007 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI will pray during May that Christians allow themselves to be guided by the Word of God.

The Apostleship of Prayer announced the general intention chosen by the Pope: "That, following the example of the Virgin Mary, all Christians should allow themselves to be guided by the Word of God and always remain attentive to the signs of the Lord in their own lives."

The Holy Father also chooses an apostolic intention for each month. In May, he will pray that "in mission territories there may be no lack of good and enlightened teachers in the major seminaries and in the institutes of consecrated life."

Italian Prelate Won't Be Intimidated for Defending Marriage

GENOA, Italy, APRIL 30, 2007 (Zenit.org).- Archbishop Angelo Bagnasco of Genoa said he won't be intimidated after receiving another death threat, seemingly in response to his defense of the family founded on marriage. The president of the Italian bishops' conference found an envelope in his residence on Friday, containing a bullet and a photo of himself with a swastika drawn on it, the Genoan daily newspaper *Il Corriere Mercantile* reported. Armed bodyguards have accompanied the 64-year-old archbishop since the beginning of April, when threatening graffiti were found on the cathedral door and along the streets of Genoa. The threats came following Archbishop Bagnasco's public declarations in defense of the traditional family founded on marriage between a man and a woman.

On March 26, at the beginning of the Italian bishops' permanent council meeting, Archbishop Bagnasco stressed that the prelates are firm in their decision to defend "the utter uniqueness of the family in order to help the family, educate it and value it for the good - present and future - of humanity." He added that they will fight "so that families will not give in under the pressures of those lobbies that are able to negatively influence the legislative process."

Pope Benedict XVI Addresses Gathering

VATICAN CITY, APRIL 29, 2007 (Zenit.org).- Dear Brothers and Sisters, Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. All the faithful are exhorted to pray in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. This morning in St. Peter's Basilica I had the joy of ordaining 22 new priests. As I greet with affection these newly ordained men and their families and friends, I invite you to remember in your prayers those whom the Lord continues to call by name – as he did one day with the apostles on the shores of the Sea of Galilee – that they may become "fishers of men," that is, his more direct co-workers in the proclamation of the Gospel and the service of the Kingdom of God in our time.

Let us pray for the gift of perseverance for all priests: May they remain faithful to prayer, may they celebrate the holy Mass with ever renewed devotion, may their lives always be a listening to the word of God and that day after day they assimilate the same sentiments and attitudes of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Let us pray, then, for those who are preparing for the priestly office and for the instructors in the seminaries of Rome, Italy and the whole world; let us pray for the families, that they continue to allow the "seed" of the call to the ministerial priesthood to mature and blossom.

This year the theme for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is "Vocation at the Service of the Church as Communion." The Second Vatican Council, in presenting the mystery of the Church in our time, favored the category of "communion." In this perspective the rich variety of gifts and offices of the people of God is highlighted. All the baptized are called to contribute to the work of salvation. In the Church there are, however, some vocations that are especially dedicated to the service of communion.

The one who is primarily responsible for Catholic communion is the Pope, Successor of Peter and Bishop of Rome; with him the bishops, successors of the apostles, are caretakers and teachers of unity. The bishops are helped by the priests. But consecrated persons and all the faithful are also at the service of communion. The Eucharist is at the heart of the Church as communion: From this greatest sacrament the various vocations draw the spiritual strength to continually build up the one ecclesial body in charity.

We turn now to Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd. May she who readily responded to God's call, saying "behold the handmaid of the Lord" (Luke 1:38), help us to welcome with joy and availability Christ's invitation to be his disciples, always animated by the desire to form "one heart and one soul" (cf. Acts 4:32). [After praying the Angelus, the Holy Father greeted pilgrims in eight languages. In English, he said:]

I extend a cordial greeting to the English-speaking pilgrims! Today, on this "Good Shepherd Sunday", the Church observes the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In my message for this occasion, I emphasized that the call to ordained and consecrated life in the Church is a call to communion – a communion rooted in the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "The Father and I are one" (John 10:30). Today, I invite you to join me in praying that young people will answer this call to communion and the service of the Church by responding generously to Christ's call to priesthood and religious life. May God bless you all!

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

"Follow Me" 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: Acts 14:21-27, Ps 145:8-13,

Rev. 21:1-5, John 13:31-33, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18,

Ps 115:1-4, 15-16, John 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28,

Ps 145:10-13, 21, John 14:27-31

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6,

Ps 122:1-5, John 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21, Ps 96:1-3, 10,

John 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31, Ps 57:8-10, 12,

John 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Ps 100:1-3, 5,

John 15:18-21

Remembrances

A Touch of Love

Are you interested in a Remembrance?

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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!

Prayers in thanksgiving for the Shrine Staff winter season hard work.			Pray for the men and women on USS DENVER
	Congratulations on your upcoming wedding Derek and Anna!	Thanks St. Joseph for an answer to prayers.	
in memory of our sister, Mari Raymond			Prayers for good health for Jim
	Congratulations Andy on your College Graduation	For the safe return of our soldiers overseas.	
		Prayers for the family of + baby Thomas Isaac Anthony +	In memory of Fr. William J. McGowan, S.J. who died 4/29/2007
Thank you st. Anne for favors granted	Pray for the safety of U.S. Military		In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for favors granted.
Pray for Peace!		My uncle loved this Shrine Ed Kochanowski	
Happy Birthday Dorothea!		Pray for the Staff during the 2007 Shrine Season	
	Pray for the safe trip of all Pilgrims		God Bless The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at the outset of its new season!
In loving memory of Mario and Ersilia Bianchi		Prayers for the health of Anna Bodoh	Congratulations Jessica Bodoh on your acceptance to the convent

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.

Thoughts for the Week

We must try to keep our hearts continually, unshakably serene throughout the vicissitudes of life. Even though everything turns and changes around us, we must ever remain steady - always looking, striving, and aspiring toward God. No matter what course the ship takes, no matter whether it sails to the east, west, north or south, no matter what winds drive it on, the mariner's needle never points in any direction except toward the polar star.

— St. Francis de Sales

"Always bear in mind this determination to die rather to fail to reach the end of the way, if God ever causes you to suffer from thirst as He guides you this life, it is because He will give you drink in plenty in the next life, without any fear of it ever failing you." — St. Teresa of Avila

Psalms 86:6-12

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to the sound of my supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

Slow Me Down, Lord

by E. P. Hughes

Slow me down, Lord, Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time. Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations — of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a new line from a good book.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into

the soul of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the stars of my great destiny.

Prayer to Saint Raphael

O Raphael, lead us toward those we are waiting for, those who are waiting for us: Raphael, Angel of happy meeting, lead us by the hand toward those we are looking for. May all our movements be guided by your light and transfigured with your joy.

Angel, guide of Tobias, lay the request we now address to you at the feet of Him on whose unveiled Face you are privileged to gaze. Lonely and tired, crushed by the separations and sorrows of life, we feel the need of calling to you and of pleading for the protection of your wings, so that we may not be as strangers in the province of joy, all ignorant of the concerns of our country. Remember the weak, you who are strong, you whose home lies beyond the region of thunder, in a land that is always peaceful, always serene and bright with the resplendent glory of God.

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