



The Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



2007 Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY

- 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
- Sat., June 9 Cabaret
Performance,
Visitor's Center, 8 pm
- Fri., June 15, Sacred Heart
Feast 7:30 pm Procession,
8 pm Mass
- Thurs., June 28
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.

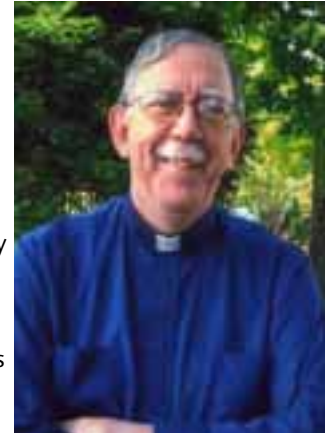
Shrine News

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Congratulations, Father Murray!

Please join us in congratulating Fr. Peter J. Murray, S.J., director of the Shrine, on the 35th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday, May 27th. Fr. Murray was ordained in 1972 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester, NY. Many of us have heard him tell the story of having come to this Shrine at Auriesville with his seventh grade class, after which he was stirred to write a poem about it. Perhaps it was here that the Holy Spirit first touched his soul and planted the seeds of his vocation to priesthood. And now, as director of this same Shrine, he has come full circle ... being able to minister, through the grace of his priesthood, to other pilgrims who visit these sacred grounds. We are certainly blessed to have him in our midst.



Please help us celebrate his 35th anniversary on May 27th, by stopping by the Visitor Center after any of the Sunday morning Masses, where you can share in a special cake made for this occasion. Father Murray will stop by the Visitors Center as time allows. Join us in wishing him continued health, happiness and many blessings in his ongoing ministry.

Are you called to minister?

As we open the 2007 Shrine season, we are in need of additional 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 using 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 through them.

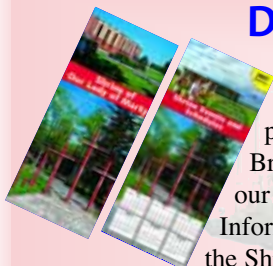
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DON'T MISS IT!



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

Large Selection of Breakfast Items

Come Join us after Sunday Morning Masses for Breakfast and or coffee.

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

Next Novena

Father's Day Novena
June 9 - June 17

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.: 10:30am-5:30 pm

GUIDED TOURS

Call Shrine Office to reserve a time for tours.

MORE INFORMATION?

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

The Three Crosses

by Father Peter Murray, S.J.

One of the scenes many persons like about this shrine is the sight of the three crosses near the entrance to the main shrine grounds. As construction is going on near that spot now, it is perhaps hard to truly appreciate the value of these towering wooden monuments, but we hope always to have them standing here: and trust that the day will come when we will again use them to mark the "meeting place" for our Pilgrim groups.

The crosses represent, on the first level, the three martyrs honored in a special way here at Auriesville: Fr. Isaac Jogues, S.J., Rene Goupil, and John La Lande. The latter two men were "Donnays" or young Frenchmen assigned to the work as assistants to Jesuits sent on the same mission. When they signed up, these two valiant souls never knew they would be giving up their lives for the Mission and for the faith; but such was God's design, as history has shown us.

On another level, these crosses could stand for faith, hope and charity, three theological virtues, and attitudes needed for a strong following of Christ. For, of course, it is Jesus Christ we honor above all here at this Shrine — the One whose dedication to the will of His father led him to the cross and death. Beyond death lay the Resurrection! So this meeting place of crosses is a cross-roads at which we might beg God for faith, and confidence, and zeal for the particular mission that God has chosen for us, in our turbulent lives.

Buy Your Tickets Now!

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 include an entry into the drawing for \$1000.00. They are 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.

Come Join Us!

This Weeks Events

Respect for Life Mass, Wednesday, May 23rd at 11:30 am. This will be at the outdoor Sacred Heart altar unless bad weather, then it will be indoors at the Coliseum.

The Mini-Retreat, speakers are Sofia and John McDonough, Anne and David King, and Carolyn and Dom Darkangelo. The retreat topic is "Working among the Poor in Belize" This will be on Thursday, May 24th at 10 am-2 pm in the Kateri Chapel.

Purchase Confirmation Items

The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs Gift Shop, located in the Visitors Center, now carries a full line of items for your needs including invitations, cards, wrapping paper and a large variety of inspirational gifts made especially for Confirmation gift giving. Speciality Confirmation gifts include: Holy Spirit pins, book marks as well as large and small crosses. 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.

"Overflow" coming July 13-15!

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

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Pope's Address at Rosary Meeting

"Remain in the School of Mary"

APARECIDA, Brazil, MAY 13, 2007

(Zenit.org).- This is an excerpt of a Vatican translation of the address Benedict XVI gave Saturday evening at the Shrine of Our Lady of Conceição Aparecida, after praying the rosary with priests, religious, seminarians and deacons of Brazil and the delegates of the 5th General Conference of the Episcopate of Latin America and the Caribbean.



Dear Members of Ecclesial Movements and all you lay people who bring the power of the Gospel into the world of work and culture, in the heart of your families and your parishes!

Just as the Apostles, together with Mary, "went up to the upper room" and there, "with one accord devoted themselves to prayer" (Acts 1:13-14), so too we are gathered here today at the Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida, which at this time is our "upper room" where Mary, Mother of the Lord, is in our midst. Today it is she who leads our meditation; it is she who teaches us to pray. It is she who shows us the way to open our minds and hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit, who comes to fill the whole world.

We have just prayed the rosary. Through these sequences of meditations, the divine Comforter seeks to initiate us in the knowledge of Christ that issues forth from the clear source of the Gospel text. For her part, the Church of the third millennium proposes to offer Christians the capacity for "knowledge -- according to the words of Saint Paul -- of God's mystery, of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:2-3). Mary Most Holy, the pure and immaculate Virgin, is for us a school of faith destined to guide us and give us strength on the path that leads us to the Creator of Heaven and Earth. The Pope has come to Aparecida with great joy so as to say to you first of all: "Remain in the school of Mary." Take inspiration from her teachings, seek to welcome and to preserve in your hearts the enlightenment that she, by divine mandate, sends you from on high.

Jesus who said: "No one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). The Pope therefore wants to say to all of you: The Church is our home! This is our home! In the Catholic Church we find all that is good, all that gives grounds for security and consolation! Anyone who accepts Christ, "the way, the truth and the life" in his totality, is assured of peace and happiness, in this life and in the next! For this reason, the Pope has come here to pray and to bear witness with you all: It is worth being faithful, it is worth persevering in our faith! The coherence of the faith also requires, however, a solid doctrinal and spiritual formation, which thus contributes to building a more just, humane and Christian society. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, together with its abridged version published under the title of "Compendium", will be of help here because of the clear notions it provides concerning our faith. Let us ask straight away that the coming of the Holy Spirit may be for all people like a new Pentecost, so that it may illumine our hearts and our faith with the light that comes down from above.

Let us ask the Mother of God, Our Lady of Aparecida, to protect the lives of all Christians.

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Blessings Without a Stole

Zenit.org - Answered by Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum university.

Q: I was told that a priest's blessing over a person or object, given without wearing his stole, is one given by himself as a man, whereas a blessing given while wearing his stole has more power in that it comes with the power and protection of the charisms given him as a vicar of Christ. Is this true? Should we ask them to wear their stole when they give a blessing? When children approach our pastor for a blessing with their arms crossed over their chest during Communion, he taps them on the head with the back of his hand and says: "God bless you." Is the back of the hand

appropriate? Is this a blessing? Isn't he retaining the blessing rather?

— E.S., Mississauga, Ontario

A: Certain liturgical blessings, such as the blessing of holy water, naturally demand the use of a stole due to fidelity to the rite. In such cases both the proper vesture and the correct liturgical formulas should be used without cutting corners out of expediency.

The use of the stole for other blessings is an eloquent symbol of the priestly condition and ministry and is thus to be commended whenever practical.

The use of the stole, however, is not required for the validity of these sacramentals. Nor can it be said that a priest's blessing is "more powerful" when he wears the liturgical garb, since his ability to impart these blessings derives from his ordination and not from any external vesture. The Holy Father frequently imparts the apostolic blessing

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without a stole during the weekly recitation of the Angelus. Priests are also frequently called upon to bless people or objects of devotion on the spur of the moment with no possibility of donning a stole. In all such cases the effects of the blessing is the same regardless of vesture.

With respect to the second question, I believe that the priest's gesture probably stems from respect toward the Eucharist and toward the communicants. Since he touches the hosts with his fingers he probably wishes to avoid using them to touch the children. This is probably the priest's personal decision and does not correspond to any particular liturgical norms. It is highly doubtful that he desires to retain the blessing, and his words are enough to convey his intention.

Even where this blessing of non-communicants has been specifically approved (and some dioceses specifically discourage or forbid it), the question of the proper gestures is as yet unclear. For motives of respect toward the Eucharist I would suggest that it is preferable to impart this blessing without touching the person being blessed.

Catholic Thoughts

Movie Night Announcement

This week's movie is "The Story of Ruth." It is a story of true faith, love, hardship and courage. Ruth was a beautiful girl, sold to worshippers of the stone of god in Chemosh. Then as a young lady, she was moved and inspired by a Jewish slave named Mahlon. The start of true love develops to the point where they both are willing to sacrifice greatly for each other. Through trials, tragedy and a journey, their life brings peace to their hearts when they discern the path God lays out for them.

Come join other young adults for a community of friendship. Come find time for yourself. Come to share your thoughts and to listen to the thoughts of others and maybe see things from a fresh perspective. Saturday, 6:30 pm meet at the Kateri Museum and Media Center. If you don't know where to find this please call Anna at 518-853-3033 x 224 ahead of time. Bring \$5.00 to pay for the snacks for the evening.

One Size Fits All

You may have noticed at the doors of the Coliseum, at the Visitor's Center, and in the Martyrs Memorial Museum, there are new donation envelopes this season. Whether you would like to have your intentions remembered in a novena, or have Masses said, or plaques inscribed as a remembrance of loved ones, or simply to make an offertory contribution when you attend Mass, you can use those convenient "one-size-fits-all" donation envelopes. The top part is perforated ... so that your name and personal information, as well as your designated intentions are kept private by being enclosed into the envelope itself.

If you would like us to send you an extra one to have on hand for future intentions, please simply call the Shrine office.

Thought for the Week

When you are inwardly peaceful, don't miss the opportunity to perform as many acts of gentleness as you can- and as frequently as you can - no matter how small these acts may seem; for, as our Lord says: "To the person who is faithful in little things, greater ones will be given."

— St. Francis de Sales



Young Adult Movie Nights

The Story of Ruth is the Movie on May 26th at 6:30 pm. Come join for \$5.00 for an evening of fun and friendships!

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 the priests to gather young adults at this beautiful Shrine.

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-3, 6-9, Eph. 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Psalm 68:2-7 John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27, Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21, John 17:1-11

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38, Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36, John 17:11-19

Thursday: Revelation 21:1-5, Psalm 95:1-7, John 10:22-30

Friday: Acts 25:13-21, Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20, John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Psalm 11:4-5, 7, John 21:20-25

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Soldiers of Christ

by Michael F. Adams

I have shared my recollections of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in the past, referring to them as both poignant and meaningful. And as I have read other memories of the shrine, I have savored the warmth and enthusiasm of the individuals sharing them. The time passes quickly on visits to the Auriesville sacred grounds, but the images and the experiences last for a lifetime.

One area of the shrine that is rarely commented upon is the small chapel built on a hill which overlooks the Jesuit cemetery. The size and intimacy of the structure lend themselves to an atmosphere more of a grotto than a house of worship. Knowing that the lower level is used as a repository, a revered temporary resting place for the departed brothers and priests during the winter months, only heightens the feeling of a modern day catacombs. As one kneels and prays in the hushed interior, bathed by sunlight filtered through the stained glass windows, one hears the hustle and bustle of cars and trucks rushing by, in the near distance, on the New York Thruway. It is an amazing contrast.

The cemetery itself evokes the military precision of a miniature Arlington National Cemetery. Row upon neat row of tombstones reflect the chronological record of the dozens upon dozens of Jesuits who have impacted the lives of many people and now have rightfully earned their eternal rest. And upon every visit, there are usually three or four new graves, each usually documenting a long, productive life of service to the Jesuit Order.

And there is another comparison to a military cemetery. The crosses and Stars of David document the dedicated service of the many

soldiers, sailors and airmen who have defended this country for over two hundred years. The tombstones at Auriesville represent the Soldiers of Christ, who have defended the faith for centuries. In both cases, the service to God and country often required great sacrifice, personal commitment and a belief in a cause that made these special men.

As we observe yet another Memorial Day, we pause and remember our military veterans, who have served their country well and in many cases, made the supreme sacrifice. There will be parades, speeches and then family gatherings, as flags are lowered to half-staff and we welcome the unofficial commencement of summer. But let us also on that day, and upon subsequent visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs, pause and pray for the departed members of the Society of Jesus: the Soldiers of Christ. And in our prayers, let us also petition for vocations to the religious life, and ask God for individuals to step forward and make the same commitment and take the same lifelong vows as the Jesuits interred at Auriesville.

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.

Daily Prayer This Week

We sometimes keep the idea of the Trinity firmly in our heads, rather than move it to our hearts. Our logical, practical minds cannot make sense out of three persons in one God.

But clearly, Jesus wants us to have some sense of what the Trinity is — a continuation of the seamless love and identity between Himself and the Father. It is the Spirit of that love between them that lives on in us today, guiding us and helping us to follow the message of Jesus' life. It is that Spirit of Jesus that is with us in each of the difficult and joyous moments of our days.

Jesus invites us to discover the power of the Spirit in our lives through an awareness of "the Advocate" supporting us each day. Jesus encourages us in the same kind of intimate relationship he has with his Father. The startling idea of this close, personal conversation one might have with a parent models for us how we can speak to him.

If we feel tongue-tied or don't know where to begin, that is exactly the place to start. Each morning as we awaken, we can speak from our hearts.

Loving Jesus. I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.

It is a simple prayer and one that we can remember as we go about our day, head to a meeting, stand in the kitchen or fold laundry. It is not complicated to have a closer relationship with God but it takes focus. And always, we can end our day with a simple prayer of thanks for the many blessings of the day.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer"

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