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UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE

- 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 MiniRetreat, Kateri Chapel, 10am - 2 pm

JULY

- Sun., July 1 Charismatic Healing and Prayer Service (Father McDonough), Coliseum, 4 pm Mass
- Sun., July 8, 3:30 - 6 pm and Mon., July 9, 6 - 8 pm 2-Day Mission, Talks, Healing Service etc. (Father Severson), Coliseum
- July 13 - July 15 2nd Annual Saint Isaac Jogues Youth Conference

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.

Reflection on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

by Larry Gillick, S.J.

The Book of Proverbs, from which the First Reading for this weekend's liturgy is taken, is an Owners Manual for the Jewish mind, heart and hands. All the chapters tell the reader about a spirit of right living for those in the Jewish families and communities. Some proverbs seem cute and clever, but the sincerely religious follower of the Holy Law, would find comfort in the little hints these proverbs were offering. There are sayings for almost every occasion, a sort of greeting-card store presentation. They are actually centered around discipline, restraint, just judgment, and relational sensitivity. They answer the big question, "WWMDN" (What would Moses do now?) They are meant for the young, the searching, the ignorant, and those who wish to understand the sayings of the sages and Jewish elders.

We hear just a few verses of the personification of Wisdom. This eighth chapter opens with a few lines questioning whether Wisdom speaks in the places of human living. So She announces Herself to the fools and ignorant who do not know how it is to live properly in relationships with others and so with God as well. She says that She has serious things to say. What we do hear today is Her strong statement about Her place with God which was from before time, before creation itself.

We listen to a poetic presentation of how Wisdom assisted the creation of all things as narrated in Genesis. When God saw that all was created as good and that the creation of humans was "very good," Wisdom is saying that She too found delight in the "human race."

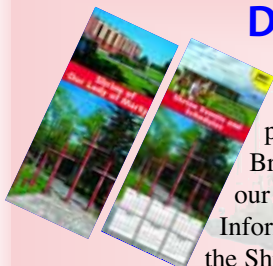
What we are offered in these verses is an affirmation of the goodness of creation and of ourselves so that we reverence and use well the particulars of that creation.

Discernment, discretion, reverence, and worship all have to do with our being made aware of the absolute giftedness of creation and especially our own, in which God takes "delight". Wisdom is God wanting to be known. She, Wisdom, is God's love for creation making sure we don't miss the main events of that same divine embrace. We would be the "fools" and "ignorant" if left to our own limited perceptions, but She, Wisdom, plays on the surfaces of things so that we see more wisely, "the deep down things" around us. *(continued onto page 2)*

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Inspirational Garden Needs/Accessories

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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?

- www.MartyrShrine.org.
- Fran Ralph, Administrative Coordinator 518-853-3033 x 221

(continued from page 1) Reflection on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

"We believe in one God, the Father almighty." "We believe in Jesus Christ His only-begotten Son, our Lord." "We believe in the Holy Spirit." Now that's a mouthful! This is a tremendous mystery which is surpassed only by the mystery of why people try to explain it. So here goes. In this weekend's Gospel John pictures Jesus as confiding that He reverences the inability of His closest followers to understand clearly all that He is and has been about. The "Spirit of truth" will continue to and continuously reverence the readiness-time for these truths to be digested. Readiness is all and Jesus is encouraging His followers to be ready. That to which the followers are called is beyond the physical validation provided by Jesus Himself. Possession of something physical reduces readiness, reduces appetite. There is to be no clinging to, or possessing Jesus so that faith is reduced as a relational expression.

Believe it or not; like it or not, the great gift of God to us is longing. The wonderful mystery of this God is not so much that there are three relational Persons who are distinct, yet co-equal and co-eternal, but rather, that this triune God knows us and delights in us and delights us, but just to a certain point, a threshold which allows us to reach, but not grasp, ... to long, but not have. So Jesus came to us and leaves us "hanging" or desiring more. The gift of the Third Person, the Spirit is to aid us in our being, humanly longing for God in the delights and disappointments of our lives. God reverences our hearts and its ways. We want God in the enjoyment of everything we wish would not end. All things end, and the end is the beginning of the beyond toward which the Spirit leads us in truth. Yes, there is also this human desire for it all and right now! The Spirit tells us also, deep in our hearts and not merely in our heads, that the "all" and the "now" would never be enough. So "longing" is the beginning to "belonging". Good going God! You know us better than we know ourselves! "O Lord our God, how wonderful Your name in all the earth!" Ps. 8, 4-5

Fulton County Confirmation

by: Tom Ralph

On Wednesday, May 9th, the Shrine was honored to be the host of the Eucharistic Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Parishes of Holy Trinity, Johnstown, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel and Sacred Heart, Gloversville, St. Joseph, Broadalbin and St. Francis of Assisi, Northville. The Presider was the Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, D.D., Bishop of the Albany Diocese.

This was the second year that the parishes of Fulton County held their confirmation at the Shrine and it was truly a memorable event for us here at the Shrine. We salute all of the parishes that participated. It showed a spirit of unity that sometimes seems to be lacking these days. We extend our gratitude to all of the people who put in long hours and hard work to make this a spiritually rewarding occasion for all the confirmandi. The collaboration of all the devoted clergy, catechetical leaders, music ministers, music directors and liturgical ministers shows the caring and love you have for doing God's work in harmony. The young people who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit are indeed lucky to have your support.

A note of congratulation should also go out to the parents, grandparents and families of all the confirmands. Without your guidance, encouragement, support and love this wouldn't have been possible.

Lastly, we truly salute those who were the recipients of the grace of the Holy Spirit that evening. To receive Confirmation is a choice and they certainly made the right one! Too many times we hear and read about the bad things that go on with the young people of today and not enough is heard about the fine young men and women who stand up for what is right and good. These young people from Fulton County should make their parishes feel proud - for they stood up and said "YES". We at the Shrine wish them the best in their years to come and pray that they may be blessed with good health, happiness and all of God's graces in the years ahead.

Come Join Us!

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.

"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 more information.



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Pope John Paul II and Cinema

by: Father George Restrepo, S.J.

In this issue of the Pilgrim, we continue with part 2 of a 4 part series, prepared by Fr. George Restrepo, S.J., on Pope John Paul II and Cinema. We will print the next 2 parts in subsequent issues of the Pilgrim.

In this article, we continue to listen to Pope John Paul II's thoughts on film addressed on November 19, 1998 to those attending the International Study Conference on the Cinema.

"These intensive days have given you an opportunity to reflect, with the help of experts, directors, screenwriters, art critics and specialists in communications technology, on the language of cinema, which is frequently raised to the level of a true and proper art form, and which the church regards with increasing attention and interest."

"Last year, when I received the participants in the conference on 'The Cinema, a Vehicle of Spirituality', I stressed that this modern form of communication and culture-if it is well conceived, produced and distributed- can 'contribute to the growth of a true humanism'. I am glad to see that, continuing in this vein, your meeting this year is dedicated to the Cinema and the value of life...In these days you have paused to reflect on the Cinema as a medium suited to the defense of human dignity and the value of life...."

"Let us think of how negative or positive an influence the Cinema can have on public opinion and conscience, especially those of young people...We must make the Cinema an appropriate vehicle for expressing the value of life, with respect for the dignity of the person. From its birth, the big screen is the mirror of the human soul in its constant search for God, often unknowingly."

In the next issue of the Pilgrim, we will continue to listen to Pope John Paul II's thoughts on the Art of Cinema.

Beauty, Faith...and Weddings

*An Interview With Designer Justina McCaffrey
OTTAWA, MAY 23, 2007 (Zenit.org).-*

It is said you are what you eat, and according to a Catholic wedding dress designer, you're also what you wear. Justina McCaffrey, a haute couture designer, is a vocal promoter of the Catholic idea of the feminine genius in the fashion industry, and insists that the clothes a woman wears can reflect or deflect her dignity, especially on her wedding day. In this interview with ZENIT, McCaffrey spoke about what she thinks is wrong with the wedding industry and the understanding of the role of faith and feminine dignity in the celebration of marriage.

Q: What do you consider to be the core values of your company, Justina McCaffrey Haute Couture? Have time and experience changed these?

McCaffrey: In the early days, I certainly saw in our work the importance of beauty and contributing to true everlasting love, while also recognizing that my little company was preparing a woman to enter into a sacrament. Beyond this, however, it used to be that the focus was just "go, go, go, and get it done fast." We were so plagued with wedding dates and fabric delays that we didn't really have time to consider other values.

The answer was to open a facility that celebrates womanhood. This facility would house pregnant, abused and other victimized young girls between the ages of 14 and 25, living in a simple format like religious life, including poverty, chastity and obedience, to break away from the manipulations of pop culture. These young girls would participate in light sewing and assist the more mature seamstresses. This has become my dream, and presently we are looking for an abandoned convent in Quebec to house this kind of factory.

Q: A quick look at your Web site reveals a hint of your Catholic faith, with names of dress collections such as Stabat Mater, Revelations, Luminous, Transfigured, etc. How has your faith affected your work?

McCaffrey: My faith has given me the opportunity to not get caught up with the glamour of fashion. My goal is not to dress every Paris Hilton, nor is it to put my name on everything that we see. My

goal is to enhance the dignity of women. I am very vocal about this difference between me and other fashion designers; I still believe that people need continual education about the dignity of being a woman and how this plays out in the clothes we wear.

Q: What kind of woman is drawn to your dresses?

McCaffrey: Traditionally, I design for the woman in love, embodying the idea of love without counting the cost. I tend to a more romantic approach of draping fabric and choosing lace. As a result, people find in my designs something that is beautiful, that uplifts them, delights them and appeals to something that is forgotten – the beauty of womanhood.

People are shocked that they love the beauty without the sexuality. This beauty takes them into another world. The rest of the world needs sexuality to sell anything. With my dresses there are no gimmicks, just beautiful dresses. I think the vanity of the industry enters in when a bride is drawn in by all of the commercial ideals.

It is very important for a bride to be beautiful, but my idea of beauty is a natural idea of beauty, rather than the typical bridal beauty of scary makeup, fake nails, and lots and lots of jewels. I don't think all that is necessary. It is, in fact, distracting from the true beauty of a woman.

Q: What recommendations do you make to brides planning weddings?

McCaffrey: I like beautiful weddings but there is a disturbing trend that everybody is trying to "out-sophisticate" each other. It is sad to be at a wedding of a friend who is usually lighthearted and even funny and to see her transformed into "ice queen bride." Brides can become paranoid, planning their whole wedding with the idea of impressing their boss who is going to attend.

I think there needs to be a return to naturalness and to the importance of family in weddings. I hate when the invitations say "no" to children. A well-planned wedding will always be beautiful if it includes grace and dignity. There is no need to include pretensions.

Catholic Thoughts

Reflections on the Rosary

"The Rosary represents a symbol of Mary's graces. Christians invoke her as 'Queen of the Most Holy Rosary', which conjures up the brilliant conquests of faith over evil and over religious ignorance"

-Pope Pius XII

"The Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the Mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of Mary. Thus, the unfathomable riches of these Mysteries are unfolded"

-Pope Paul VI

"The well-meditated Rosary consists in a threefold element. For each decade there is a picture, and for each picture a threefold emphasis, which is simultaneously mystical contemplation, intimate reflection, and pious intention."

-Blessed Pope John XXIII

"The Rosary enlivens the hope for things above that endure forever. As we meditate on the glory of Jesus and His Mother, we see heaven opened and are heartened in our striving to gain the eternal home."

-Pope Pius XI

"The Rosary is all-powerful to touch the Heart of Our Lady. It is the most excellent and fruitful type of prayer for obtaining above all eternal life."

-Pope Leo XIII

"Our heart can include in the decades of the Rosary all the events that comprise the life of the individual, the family, the nation, and all humankind. It can include our own circumstances, those of our neighbor, and especially those of people dear to us."

-Pope John Paul II

What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and are they for everyone?

by Father Robert McGuire, S.J.

In a recent reading from Mass you may have been surprised when Paul heard the following response from some listeners in the city of Ephesus. He asked them "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They answered him "We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit" This answer happened in the first century and it can happen in this century. This response might be said by those of other nations and religions, but can it be even said for our so called Christian nation? Some may have heard of the Holy Spirit and even spoken about it in distant adulation or even mockery; but have we personally experienced the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The time may be ripe! For never in the history of civilization has a nation had access to the whole world in its own language. Never before in the history of nations does a country for the sake of its survival, while respecting their individual traditions, have to bring the message of Jesus Christ to all cultures. "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." Jesus can move within all people for He is the Savior of the world. He can freely and peacefully bring to this terrorized world the message of the Beatitudes and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pope Benedict XVI gave this blessing: "Upon all of you I invoke an outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit so that in our time too, we may have the experience of a renewal Pentecost."

The Vatican Council II envisioned the gifts of the Holy Spirit being more vitally evident within the Church -in Catholic life, worship, decisions and evangelization. Well where is it? We need once again to be captivated by the power and intimacy of the Holy Spirit so that "when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, they spoke in tongues and prophesied." Act 19 vs 1-7

Holy and humble men and women of God, are you ready for needful surprises and empowerments of the Holy Spirit?

We certainly need them these days. Drive from us the foe we dread, and grant us thy peace instead.

Stewardship Offerings

Weekend of 5/26 - 5/27 \$2629.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Young Adult Movie Nights

The next Movie is on June 30th 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 2:1-11, P 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

Monday: Sirach 17:20-24, Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7, Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12, Psalm 50:5-8, 14, 23, Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sirach 36:1, 4-5, 10-17, Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13, Mark 10:32-45

Thursday: Romans 12:9-16, Isaiah 12:2-6, Luke 1:39-56

Friday: Sirach 44:1, 9-13, Psalm 149:1-6, 9, Mark 11:11-26

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

Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs Presents **“A Crazy Carousel”** **A Cabaret Performance**

To Benefit the Renovation of the Visitors Center

Featuring: Nancy Carlson Stone,
 David Mickiewicz, & Thomas Savoy



June 9TH
8 - 10 p.m.

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Yes, I am attending the Cabaret for \$30 per ticket.

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Buy your tickets now for next Saturday!

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. If you can't attend the performance, you can still purchase a raffle ticket for the \$1000 drawing. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. These raffle tickets are being offered at the Shrine office, the Visitor's Center, and at the Martyrs Memorial Center. Help us raise funds for this important renovation ... and give yourself a chance to win \$1,000.00!

Purchase Graduation 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 Graduation gift giving. Speciality **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.**



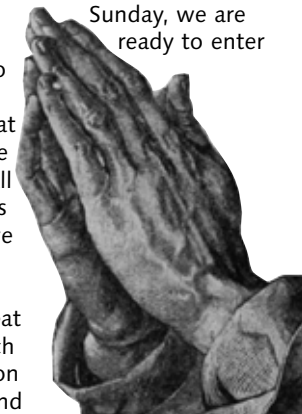
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Found in the Gift Shop, Inspirational Garden Needs/Accessories: Stepping Stones, Garden Stakes, Angel and Saint Statues, a large selection of Chimes, birdhouses, garden eccleciass, and Water Fountains!

Daily Prayer This Week

Having celebrated God's love for us on Sunday, we are ready to enter

this week to explore the depth of that love and the powerful call each of us is given to love each other.



This is a great week for rich reflections on the Word and the feasts as they relate to the various movements going on in our lives this week. We can make this week special by entering into the celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ with longing and desire. Each of us can prepare - even as we are washing up and getting dressed - to walk into our parish church or congregation, asking our Lord to be the Bread that gives Life to us, this day. We can simplify the background of our Saturday or Sunday, to enter into our hungers and thirsts. We can let this wonderful gift of our Lord to us become a reality so that when we open our hands to say "Amen," we are opening our hearts to receive a love than can transform us into Bread, given for one another and our world.

All week, we can let the Tobit story and Jesus in Jerusalem interact with our reflecting and desiring. We can turn to God, in faith and hope, as Tobit and Sarah do. We can practice asking to be able to persevere in difficult times. Lord, help me respond in gratitude with you with at least more of my heart, more of my whole self. And, Lord, let me love my spouse, my children, my parents, my neighbors here and around the world with more patience and reverent care. All week, let me chat with you about them and their needs, so that I might learn to love, with the profound love you with which you have loved me. And, let's be inspired enough this week to give from the deepest part of our very selves, the depths of our beings, instead of just our surplus. What is the "widow's mite" in our own lives?

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