



# The Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



## 2007 Calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### JULY

- 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**
- Sun., July 15 12:30 pm Mass Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Feast Day Celebration
- Thurs., July 26, 10 am-2 pm Mini-Retreat, Kateri Chapel
- Sat., July 28 Mass, Talk, and Healing Service, 10 am-4 pm (Father Machado, SOLT, Rome, Italy), Coliseum
- Sat., July 28 Annual Car Show & Blessing. Picnic Pavillion, 9 am

### 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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### Insights for the Spiritual Journey: Part 3 of 3

by Fr. Peter J. Murray S.J.

The **Spiritual Exercises** ask the one making them to be a person of magnanimity or generosity! The tremendous challenges of our time –poverty, war, the environment – should inspire humility, but also creative and bold action. They cry out for large-minded generosity, says Fr. Dean Brackley in his book *"The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times."* "Without humility" he writes, "we elbow others aside. But without magnanimity we bury our talent in a napkin."

When we move into the **Third Week** of those Exercises, we are urged to meditate on the various sufferings that Christ underwent during his Passion and Dying on the Cross. I can recall a talk given by a priest-retreat master we had during my senior year of high school. He kept repeating over and over: "He (Jesus) did this for me!" In later years, I would learn also what the great Saint Paul wrote: "He loved me and delivered himself up for me." (Philippians). The retreatant is asked to beg for graces that will move him to a closer union with Jesus during this time: such graces as tears, sorrow for sin, a deep sense of humility and shame. It is out of love for us that Jesus went to the cross; and we are thus urged to give our own outpouring of love –in whatever fashion we find most conducive!

Knowing how St. Ignatius likes structure and patterns, we are not surprised that he wants each of us to look at the different stages of the Passion of Christ as found in the gospels: from the arrest in the Garden to his placement before Annas; from the horrific Scourging to the scene before Pilate; then along the Sorrowful *Via Dolorosa* to Calvary, where his death takes place. The Passion meditations are difficult but some find this week the most valuable of all those found in the Exercises. It can bring one from a mediocre and somewhat shallow following of Jesus to a much stronger, more heartfelt following of this Suffering Servant who is also our thorn-crowned Friend and Redeemer.

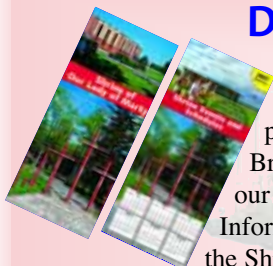
After the third week comes the week of glory: the **fourth and final week!** We now consider in prayer, the various appearances of Christ to the disciples, to certain special persons and to the two walkers on the Emmaus road . . . and others. Ignatius wants us to rejoice with Christ in his glory, and to be happy with him in victory with all its consolations.

One cannot conclude the retreat without talking about an exciting reflection, the **Contemplatio** (it is a special reflection of 4 points, which comes into play during the last days of the Retreat). This is what some have named the "Contemplation for arousing divine love." Turning to Fr. Brackley's book again, we find him saying this about **Contemplatio**: "An axiom as old as Moses teaches us that no image or concept can capture the reality of God."

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### Next Novena

**Assumption Novena**  
August 7 - 15

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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](http://www.MartyrShrine.org).
- Fran Ralph, Administrative Coordinator 518-853-3033 x 221

## Find it at the Shrine: Part 2

Many times over the course of the Shrine season, we are asked about certain statues, altars, historical buildings and structures that are dotted throughout the sacred grounds of the Shrine. Starting with this week's Pilgrim, we will be introducing you to various parts of the Shrine with pictures and information that might help you find and learn about many areas of the Shrine and where they are located on the vast grounds here at Auriesville.

The series is titled "Find it at the Shrine" and we hope it will give you a better understanding of what is here and what its significance is, if you don't already know. It is being prepared by Dorothy Domkowski, a loyal supporter of the Shrine and a member of the Shrine Council.

We hope you will enjoy the series and find it beneficial on your visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs.



### *Find it at the Shrine*

Along the path surrounding Ossernenon, the village of the Iroquois Mohawks, are seven Celtic crosses, bearing rich circular mosaics. A product of the mosaics works of Vatican City, they depict Janssens' Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, called "Via Matris," or the Seven Dolors. These Mosaics to recall the name given to the Shrine when first established here in 1884 was Our Lady of Martyrs.

### *Find it at the Shrine*

Overlooking the Mohawk River, a silver dome is supported by eight slender Corinthian columns. Under this picturesque copula is a beautiful replica of Achtermann's famous Pieta in of a Church Munster, Germany. This landmark marks the north-east boundary of the old Mohawk village of Ossernenon.



# Youth Retreats

## Next Weekend

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](http://www.martyrshrine.org) for a link to the Youth conference home page, or call the Shrine office for more information.



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### Catholic Vacation

### Bible School ages 12-17

Mon., July 16-Fri., July 20th

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## Pope Kicks Off Year of St. Paul

Will Have Ecumenical Dimension

VATICAN CITY, JUNE 28, 2007 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI has declared June 2008-June 2009 the year of St. Paul in celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the saint's birth.

The Pope decreed the year in a vespers celebration held today at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. The Holy Father explained during his homily: "This 'Pauline Year' will take place in a special way in Rome, where for 2,000 years under the papal altar of this basilica, lies the tomb that according to experts and undisputed tradition has conserved the remains of the apostle Paul." The Pontiff said: "In the papal basilica and Benedictine abbey attached to it, there can take place a series of liturgical, cultural and ecumenical events, as well as various pastoral and social initiatives, all of them inspired by Pauline spirituality. "Special attention can also be given to pilgrims who from various places will want to go to the tomb of the Apostle in a penitential way in order to find spiritual benefits. "Meetings for study will be promoted and there will be special publications on Pauline texts, to promote the immense richness of the teaching contained in them, true patrimony of humanity redeemed by Christ.

"Also, in every part of the world, similar initiatives will be organized in dioceses, sanctuaries and places of prayer by religious institutions, institutions of study and assistance, which carry the name of St. Paul or which have been inspired by him and his teaching. Benedict XVI explained that this year must have an important "ecumenical dimension. The Apostle of the Gentiles, who dedicated himself to the spreading of the good news to all peoples, spent himself for the unity and harmony of all Christians," the Pope said. "May he guide us and protect us in this bimillenary celebration," he added, "helping us to advance in the humble and sincere search for the full unity of all the members of the mystical body of Christ."

## Daily Reflections

for July 8th by Larry Gillick, S.J.

There is a joyful theme in our First Reading for Sunday's liturgy. These verses are a section of the last chapter of the prophet Isaiah. The city of Jerusalem is celebrated as

a nourishing mother giving birth and life to Her child, Israel. There had been a rebuilding of the temple and all who felt abandoned by God, because of the temple's destruction, now are to come with the eagerness of nursing children to be fed and comforted by Her presence.

This is a short poem concluding and summarizing the history of God's call to the people of Israel, their failure to respond, their being separated from their covenanted land, God's calling them back home, and the joy of Israel's now being newly born as a re-covenanted people. The riches of fertility will be flowing like mother's milk and the birth-pangs are forgotten as God's holy family is born anew. The real call of joy is that the city of Jerusalem's being home again for God's people is a clearer revelation of the unabandonable God and Husband of Jerusalem. The longer form of the Gospel has two sections. There is the selection and sending of the seventy-two with detailed instructions about their depending on nothing except their call. The second section relates their return and all they could do in His Name. As a response to their excited stories, Jesus urges them to be less joyful at the power they have received and seen working through them, but more because they belong to and live in the hands of God. Their names are written on those Hands of God and they have been sent to extend to the world those very same loving hands.

I have in my personal wardrobe approximately thirty-five t-shirts for running and warm-weather wearing. Each has some identifying lettering. Various sports teams, schools, clubs, fund-raising runs in which I have jogged slowly, and many other groups and events are displayed on my broadening chest, sleeves and back. All kinds of free advertising is available on these shirts, jackets, hats, and pants. For some though these signages are ways of advertising an identity. I am a somebody, because I am a fan of this team, school or state. The human struggle, the spiritual war within us, underneath those shirts, is about "Who owns me? To whom do I belong?" The Gospel relates the great works of the early disciples, because they knew the answers to these questions. Their powerful deeds came flowing from their confidence in whose hands they had found themselves. They wore their inner-selves on their sleeves and allowed their true identity to play out through their arms, hands, and total persons. Jesus warned them not to take along extra t-shirts or jackets announcing that they belonged to somebody or something else. They were not to depend or lean on anything for assistance except their

being His team. As Jerusalem and Israel belonged to God, by God's covenantal choice, renewed again and again, so these early followers grew to free themselves from false names and claims.

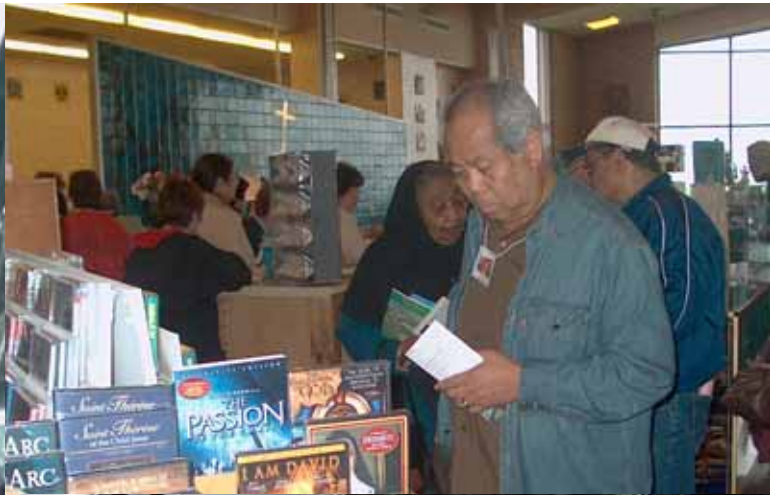
In these United States, this past week, we were invited to remember that our early birth as a nation was brought about by a revolution from an unwanted identity as a British colony. Those early founders or freers wanted freedom from and freedom for. Independence Day is our national holiday of identity, whether we live that identity as a free and freeing nation is not always clear. Those early revolters knew who they did not want to be and we are still struggling to discover our radical dependence on God. Each time we gather at the Eucharist we are revolting against our being dominated, or controlled, or identified by anything except by our baptismal's being claimed as belonging to Christ. We are so tempted to belong to other gods, other forces within ourselves and outside. Our personal revolutions continue each day and the true God's ways are not always as attractive as those of other gods of this world. So tomorrow I will jog with my new t-shirt announcing the Indianapolis 500 Motor Speedway, even though my way of speed is decreasing. I will try, with God's grace to play His hands, run His race, be His grace, extend His embrace, and live a little more my belonging to Him. "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he who hopes in God." Ps. 34, 9

## Interfaith Understanding

by Fr. Peter J. Murray, S. J.

Fr. Jim Sheehan, a friend of this Shrine and the Jesuits here, will be visiting us later in July. He is a New York priest, working as a prison ministry chaplain, teacher, and author of the book "The Father Who Did Not Know My Name." (It's for Sale now in our Shrine gift shop!) Fr. Jim is quite sensitive and wise in his dealings with those of other world religions (which he has taught also). He will speak on Thursday, July 19th after the 4 pm Mass with the topic: "Saint Francis and the Buddha—Kindred Souls!" It is important to me that we offer some teachings on Interfaith Dialog here at the Shrine, and Fr. Jim is a great man for this. This first of two talks on the overall subject will be our modest contribution to dialog and understanding.

# Photo Collage of Season



## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Is 66:10-14, Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20, Gal 6:14-18, Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

**Monday:** Genesis 28:10-22, Psalm 91:1-4, 14-15, Matthew 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:6-11, 16, 17, Ps 59:2, 10, 17-18, Matt 16:24-27

**Wednesday:** Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24, Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19, Mat 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gen 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5, Ps 105:16-21, Matt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Gen 46:1-7, 28-30, Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40, Matt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26, Ps 105:1-4, 6-7, Matt 10:24-33

## Pictures from the Shrine Season

From time to time we will print pictures of events and pilgrims from the 2007 Shrine season. Here are a few of the more recent ones.

**Top Left:** Available at the Gift Shop

**Top Right:** Busy at the expanded Gift Shop

**Middle Left:** A Confirmation class with Fr. George Restrepo

**Middle Right:** House of Loretto Nursing Home Pilgrimage

**Bottom Left:** One of the Shrine's Cantors...Paul Whitney

**Bottom Right:** Construction proceeding on the New Votary and Welcoming Office

# 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!

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| Prayers for the Donors of the Shrine   | Pray for Pope Benedict.                         | Congratulations Kathy & Mike  | Pray for the men and women on USS DENVER               |
| For the newly baptized   | For health of a friends.                        | For those who are preparing for Marriage  |  |
| For the summer newlyweds   |   |   | Prayers for all who travel during this holiday season! |
| Happy Fourth of July!  | Congratulations Therese                         | For the safe return of our soldiers overseas.                                   |  |
|  | St. Joseph-help find work.                      | Prayers for Regina  | Thanksgiving for The Jesuits                           |
| For a special intention.   | Pray for the safety of U.S. Service Men & Women |   | Thanksgiving for the Shrine Staff.                     |
| For peace in the world.  |   | Prayers for a special friend  | May God Bless you and keep you safe!                   |
| Thanks to all those who have fought and still fight for the freeddom in our country! |   | Pray for the Staff during the 2007 Shrine Season                                |  |
|  | Pray for the safe trip of all Pilgrims          |   |  |
| Jesus loves each one of us, keep joy and a smile on your face and in your day!       |   | St. Rita, St. Philomena, St. Joseph, St. Therese-special intention and mission. | Prayers for my family                                  |

## CONTINUED from page 1 Insights for the Spiritual Journey: Part 3 of 3

God is unlike any creature. While I believe this is true, we don't want to overdo it. According to the *Contemplation for Arousing Love*, God communicates to us through the world. Every leaf and sunset speaks to us of God. God addresses us even more clearly through human beings, made in the divine image.

The Exercises almost always end on a very uplifting note. We are to go forth, to "find God in all things" . . . This doesn't mean we ignore our pains, or real suffering or the trials and sufferings of others: or that we say sin does not exist. It does exist; and evil is real. But we have now the tools with which to combat evil, and to labor humbly for the wondrous kingdom of Jesus our Lord. We now have him as a loved companion, and thus the journey we are on becomes quite wonderful!

## Lectors Schedule

When lectoring please arrive 15 minutes before Mass. Please first try to find someone if you cannot make it for you scheduled time. If you cannot find anyone call the Shrine as your last option and speak to Fran or Tom Ralph.

— *Thanks for all you do!*

### Saturday, July 7th

4 p.m. Tom F.

### Sunday, July 8th

9 a.m. Fran R.

10:30 a.m. Anna B.

12:30 a.m. Phil V.

4 p.m. Marion S.

### Saturday, July 14th

4 p.m. Cathy O.

### Sunday, July 15th

9 a.m. Don W.

10:30 a.m. Hari C.

12:30 a.m. Audrey D.

4 p.m. Ken M.

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## Daily Prayer This Week

The Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time: July 8-14

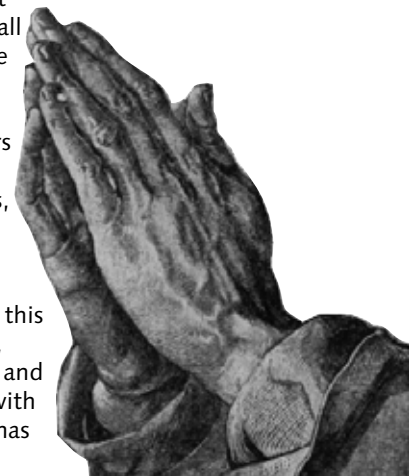
As Jesus heals, he gives courage. As he carries out his ministry of healing and announcing the terrific news of the closeness of the Kingdom of God, he is filled with compassion for all those who suffer and who need this encouraging news. So Jesus calls us to join him. This isn't the call to priesthood or religious life. This is the universal call addressed to all of us to see with his own compassionate eyes and to reach out and heal others. As Jesus sends us, he knows that we will encounter resistance and opposition - sometimes from within our own heart first, but certainly from others. He always tells us not to be afraid. Even when things happen that take away our peace, our peace will be given back to us. He knows he is sending us like sheep among the wolves of this world, and so he to be both wise and simple - two great gifts for our mission. He assures us that even when we don't know how to speak tender or reconciling words, the Spirit will speak through us. The only thing we need to fear is the stuff we get into that can actually destroy our soul.

What a great week to ask for the grace to be responsive to his call! All week, with attentive eyes, we can see with Jesus' own compassion, where he is directing our heart to love and to heal. We begin the week with such a great orientation. Jesus invites us to come to him with our burdens and the stuff that weighs us down and he sends us. He doesn't say we are not supposed to expect burdens. He just invites us to take up his burden, the ministry he gives to each of us.

Each day, following our pattern of focusing throughout the day in brief moments of conversation and connection with the Lord, we can consciously recognize the "calls" the Lord has given us and is offering us. And we can acknowledge them, accept them, embrace them. Of course, our primary relationships are all the ways we live our discipleship call. So often though, these relationships are where we need the greatest courage to be tender, compassionate and courageous in loving, in letting the Spirit speak through us. Let's ask ourselves all week: how can I bring healing and peace to each important relationship in my life? And, where I'm afraid, or resistant, or even where I've given up, that can be the place of the deepest and most important prayer of the week. It certainly can be the place we come to Jesus to be refreshed.

All week, we can try to be conscious of how our day to day work is part of our call from the Lord: to be an agent in the world for good, to make products, to offer goods and services to people, to coordinate human activities, to protect and defend others' rights, to heal others. Some of us are still available to be called to a specific work or ministry. This is a great week to ask for openness. Every one of us can find great meaning and deeper peace in placing what we do in the pattern of our response to God's call to us, through Jesus. When we do our work, we can thank the Lord for this work, ask to do it faithfully, lovingly, compassionately and justly. Some of us are struggling to find work that offers us dignity and a living wage. We can ask the Lord to send us to be his servants, with our gifts, and trust in his fidelity.

As we move through the week, growing in our relationship with the Lord all week, as we make this more conscious background moments of insight, recognition and connection, we can give thanks and trust that if we scatter his seed, with trust and with abandon, we don't have to worry. The harvest has his guarantee of abundance.



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