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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 20 @ 4:00 pm (Sunday)
Maronite Pilgrimage
- August 26 @ 4:00 pm (Saturday)
Mass Gathering of the Irish
- August 27 @ 4:00 pm (Sunday)
Polish Pilgrimage
- September 2 (Saturday)
Father Stan Fortuna in concert!
To order tickets, go to
www.MartyrShrine.org,
stop by the Visitors' Center, or
call 518-853-3033 ext. 224
- September 3 @ 12:30 pm (Sunday)
Mohawk Indian Pilgrimage -
St. Regis-Akwesasne
- September 9 @ 4:00 pm (Saturday)
Filipino Pilgrimage
- September 9 @ 4:00 pm (Saturday)
Healing Service
(Fr. Severson - Open Chapel)

DON'T MISS IT!

Don't forget to pick up our schedule brochure of our most important events and a brochure for further Shrine information!



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From the Director's Desk:

I recently was sent two different letters (unsigned) that in rather angry tones asked questions about a whole range of changes they saw as "in effect" at our Shrine. Some of the items were about practices no longer done, but one of the laments given there was a particularly galling one, at least to me: it stated we in the directorial positions here are "always asking for money" — and should recall we are here only to save souls! I was saddened by this insensitive accusation. Why? Because, like all directors before me, I am reluctant to ask for increased weekend donations, even though we are having a tough time with many of our bills in a busy, expensive summer (as you all are, I realize). How I might ask is one to "save souls" here without putting at least some time into prudently asking for funds which will help us run the Shrine? It's a large shrine and the needs are very many. Most people know this, but, apparently, the writer or writers of that particular letter did not think that this is a fact worth any real consideration.

I guess it is true, after all, that Jesuits down through the years, have not been at all afraid of asking for monetary help for their apostolates. This probably goes way back to our founder Ignatius himself, I would think. Why? Because of what John W. O'Malley, S.J. said in an article on the Saint which appeared in a recent edition of America magazine. O'Malley writes: "Once Jesuits began to run schools, the good will thus generated served another purpose. It helped open the doors of potential benefactors. Ignatius himself knocked on those doors, becoming in effect what we today (might call) . . . a director of development or advancement. He validated a pattern in the Society that has led Olwen Hufton, a British historian, to write about the Jesuits of Ignatius' era as "the first professional fundraisers."

I am in good company, I feel, if I'm in the business of "emulating" those early Jesuits. I do not like asking for money any more than anyone else in our busy Parish and Shrine world! And I firmly wish that people who write to me would give their own names when voicing criticism, and be willing to stand behind what they write and what they wish to communicate!

2nd Annual Gala

By: Tom Ralph

Make your plans now! The Shrine will hold its 2nd Annual Gala on Saturday, October 7th, 2006 in the Visitor Center from 5 pm to 10 pm. Those who attended last year had a wonderful time and this year's Gala is expected to be even better. The Railyard restaurant will cater the event. There will be live music by "Mixed Company", the band that made such a hit with everyone last year. Door prizes, surprises and much, much more. Ticket prices and more information will be made available in the coming weeks. The staff, Jesuit Fathers and Brother of the Shrine are looking forward to seeing you at this social event of the year!

Martyrs Memorial Center

By: Christine Wagoner

August Schedule: Water Color Painting Class: 8/29 at 1:00 pm. All are invited to attend these activities. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 per person for each activity. Registration required, please call 853-3033 ext 236 or stop by the Center.

Adoration: On Tuesdays, the Adoration will be held in our Coliseum and will start at 4:45 p.m. and will end at 7 p.m.

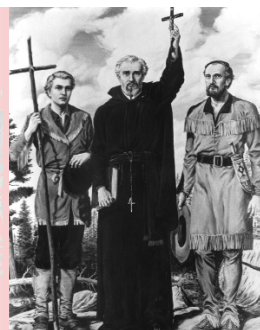


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MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.
(also 7:30 p.m. in July and August)

Weekdays:

11:30 a.m. (including Sat.)
and 4:00 p.m.

ADORATION, BENEDICTION, CONFESSION AND ROSARY:

Confessions

Sat. & Sun.: 30 min. before Mass

Daily: 15 min. before Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tue.: 4:45 - 7:00 p.m. (Coliseum)

Benediction

Sun.: 3:30 p.m. Feast Days: 3:30 p.m.

Blessing with Relics

Daily: 3:45 p.m.

Guided Tours

Upon Request

MUSEUM, GIFT SHOPS, RETREATS, AND SNACKS:

Visitors' Center Open Daily: First Sunday of May to the last Sunday of October.

Retreats: Fr. McGuire, S.J. gives year round retreats, information online or call the office.

A large, newly renovated, Martyrs Gift Shop is located in the Visitors' Center **518-853-3033 ext. 236** and a Kateri Center and gift shop **ext. 235**. Both have great museum pieces on display. Find a snack bar in the Visitors' Center!

Sunday – Friday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Children's Museum and Martyrs Memorial Center

Open Daily: M-F 11-5 pm & S-S 10:30-5:30 pm

Get your Mass Cards, Prayer Intentions, Votive Candle Intentions, or Hymnal Inscribed, at the Shrine Office or at the Visitors' Center.

**The Season is
half over, stop by and
enjoy a day
with us during this
2006 Season!**

"Prayer should be accomplished by gr

Can you expect to go to heaven for nothing? Did not our Savior track the whole way to it with His tears and blood? And yet you start at every little pain.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Septemberfest is Coming!

Last year was our first Septemberfest fundraiser, which incorporated the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Coliseum at the Shrine. It was a rousing success, perhaps due in part to your generosity! This year, 2006, we will be celebrating the 121st Anniversary of the Shrine itself! We hope your participation will help make this year a wonderful success too! Last season brought many innovations, repairs and improvements to the Shrine and its grounds (including a Sacred Heart Altar and much-needed new bathrooms near the Coliseum); this year we have embarked on even more aggressive plans (including an upgraded Visitor Center & Gift Shop, air-conditioning in the Kateri Chapel, & complete refurbishing of the old Martyrs' Museum).

With the improvements made and those pending, as well as the ever-escalating cost of maintenance, the Shrine is conducting this year's Septemberfest fundraiser which will not only provide the opportunity for participants to support the Shrine, but also the chance for a return! Please look for these flyers at the back of the Coliseum, at the office, and at the Visitor's Center. For every entry with a \$10 donation, you have an opportunity to help the Shrine...and you have an opportunity to have your name drawn each of the 30 days in September and a chance to win from \$25 to \$500!

Good luck! May God bless you for your generosity!

Dear Father Murray

Please allow me to share with you, a wonderful phenomenon, which I experienced on September 10, 2005, at the Shrine. At the time, I had been fighting prostate cancer for almost two years and looked forward to an end of treatment, in December. This disease had knocked me off my horse, like the Apostle Paul (Acts 9). Yet, with the help of the Lord, some fine medical people and lots of prayers, offered by family and friends, I found myself in a recovery mode.

Over the course of treatment, I frequently felt discouraged; but kept trusting in the Lord, as encouraged by dear mentors and clergy; knowing that God's grace was sufficient for me and that his power was made perfect in my weakness. (Paul, 2 Corinthians 12:9).

On the above date, my wife and I attended a Healing Service, lead by Father Richard Severson of Mary's Mission. During the service, I prayed fervently that the Lord would send his Holy Spirit to heal my body and rid my person of all the negative forces, which had collected over the past thirty-five plus years. As I stood in line with Colleen, I prayed to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Thereafter, I began to feel negative energy, rising from my body. Then, as I stood before Fr. Severson and he anointed me with holy oil and prayed for me, I felt overcome by the Spirit and crumbled to the ground.

For a second time, a force had knocked me off my horse. I laid there for 10 minutes or more, completely powerless to rise up. I felt surrounded by a powerful yet gentle presence, which pinned my shoulders to the ground and completely wrapped me in a cocoon of peace and serenity. Thereafter, I was able to make my way back to our pew, where we continued to rest in the Holy Spirit. While so doing, I felt a noticeable movement of energy in the area of my lower abdomen.

In a way, I feel that I have traveled a full, spiritual circle. For it was in the fall of 1963, while undergoing freshman orientation at Canisius College, that I first learned about Auriesville. Addressing the assembled in hushed and reverend tones, Father Charles Lehmkuhl, SJ, described the gruesome deaths endured by Jesuit missionaries, Jean Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, and about the latter's martyred at the Jesuit Shrine in Auriesville. Father Lehmkuhl's words had a lasting effect upon me.

Somewhat later, in 1983, I started on a quest for a greater knowledge of and relationship with my God, No doubt, inspired by the Holy Spirit. I "discovered" Kateri Takakwitha and read with awe about her own relationship with and trust in the Lord. She gently nudged me forward, in my spiritual endeavors. It was to her, that I prayed, on September last.

As I look back to that day, I can only reflect and say, "Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Thank you, thank you, thank you Lord, for sending us, your Holy Spirit." I feel like the blind man, healed by Jesus at Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-25). I am so grateful for His Amazing Grace and seek only to do the will of His Spirit, forever.

Sincerely yours,
Thomas A. Weber

ace and not by artifice." — St Jane Frances de Chantal

Quotable Quotes Have you begun to stop trying to defend your sins? Then you have made a beginning of righteousness! — St. Augustine

Fr. Stan Fortuna Concert!

We are in need of volunteers:

- man booths for tickets and CD sales
- direct the visitors and watch the coliseum doors to ensure those who enter have tickets.

Purchase Tickets Here

On Sat., Sept. 2, Father Stan Fortuna will be here at the Shrine. If you have any questions or to order tickets please email Marketing@MartyrShrine.org or call 518-853-3033 #224 or order online at www.MartyrShrine.org.

Schedule for the Day

1:00-1:45 pm Talking Tour on the Shrine at the Sacred Heart Outdoor Altar

2:00-2:45 pm Fr, Fortuna will speak in the Coliseum

“Balancing your Life Style with the world & Church”

3:00-3:45 pm Fr. Fortuna will speak in the Coliseum

“Vocations in Marriage, Single, Religious, or Priesthood”

3:30-4:00 Confessions

4:00 pm Mass at the Coliseum

5:00-7:00 pm Gift Shop & Food Bar open until 7 pm at the Visitors Center

5:00-7:00 pm Pine Tree Restaurant will be catering at the Picnic Pavilion purchase Subs, Pizza, Burgers, or Hot Dogs with all the fixings and many more treats!

5:00-7:00 pm Ice Cream Social at the Picnic Pavilion

5:00-7:00 pm Adoration at the Kateri Chapel-TaiZai with Adoration-chant music

6:15-7:00 pm Confessions in the Coliseum

7:00-9:30 pm Father Fortuna in Concert at the Coliseum

Rough camping is available, no showers just regular bathrooms.

Purchase Fr. Stan Fortuna Concert Tickets

\$15 per ticket. September 2nd, 2006 starting at 1:00 p.m. www.MartyrShrine.org.

Name (please print on this form)

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- Set-Up

“Our Sanctification consist entirely in conformity to the will of God. I would rather be the vilest man on Earth with the will of God, than be a seraph with my own will. He that gives his will to God, gives him all he has.”

—Bl Henery Suson

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Proverbs 9:1-6, Ps 34:2-7, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

Monday: St. Pius X, Pope (Memorial) Ezekiel 24:15-23, Deuteronomy 32:18-21, Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

Isaiah 9:1-6, Ps 113:1-8, Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11, Psalm 23:1-6, Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast) Revelation 21:9-14, Ps 145:10-13, 17-18, John 1:45-51

Friday: St. Louis IX of France, King, Patron of the Third Order Ezekiel 37:1-14, Ps 107:2-9, Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7, Ps 85:9-14, Matthew 23:1-12

Group rate for 50 persons or more is \$12.
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