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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 8 (Saturday) 7 pm Stage Play
"Saint Among the Mohawks"
- October 8 @ 1:30 pm (Sunday)
Rosary Day - Franciscan Friars of the
Renewal (concluding with 4 p.m. Mass)
- October 15 (Sunday)
Shrine Celebration of the Feast of the
North American Martyrs
- October 22 (Sunday)
World Mission Sunday
- October 29 (Sunday)
Closing of the 2006 Shrine Season
- October 28th (Saturday) Mini Retreat
Glenn Smith, speaker
- November 25th (Saturday) Mini Retreat
- December 30th (Saturday) Mini Retreat
- January 27th (Saturday) Mini Retreat
- February 25th (Saturday) Mini Retreat
- March 31st (Saturday) Mini Retreat
Speakers will be announced.
Mini retreats will be held in the Shrine
Visitor's Center from 10 am to 2 pm.
For more details call Ferne at the office.

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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"Saint Among the Mohawks"

Presented at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs is a New Rendition of the "Saint Among the Mohawks", a play by Father McGuire, S.J.

An Historical Drama about Father Isaac Jogues in the Mohawk Valley.

Sunday, October 8, 2006 at 7 pm at the Shrine Visitor's Center.
Admission is \$10 Adults and \$8 Seniors.

Septemberfest Winners!

By: Tom Ralph

September 1.....Mary Pikul, Hagaman, NY
September 2.....James Clary, Amsterdam, NY
September 3.....David Cooper, Gloversville, NY
September 4.....Oluta Donovan, Little Falls, NY
September 5.....Fr. Richard Severson, Wilton, NY
September 6.....B. Cawley, Tolovana Park, OR
September 7.....Mary Kennelly, Kingston, NY
September 8.....Beatrice Cole, Hogansburg, NY
September 9.....John Turner, Amsterdam, NY
September 10...Gerald Schulster, Long Beach, CA
September 11...Hans Herting, Canajoharie, NY
September 12...Archie Cellini, Schenectady, NY
September 13...Claude Venditti, Scotia, NY
September 14...Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Squeglia, Johnstown, NY
September 15...Sr. Therese Jones, Sparkill, NY
September 16...Phyllis Marotta, Amsterdam, NY
September 17...James Drew, Hampton Bays, NY
September 18...Donald McCullough, Albany, NY
September 19...J.A. Daniello, Rome, NY
September 20...John Bellicose, Schenectady, NY
September 21...Dorothy Domkowski, Amsterdam, NY
September 22...Carl. W. Siegle, Johnstown, NY
September 23...Ernest & Rita Mancini, Schenectady, NY
September 24...Beth DeRosa, Johnstown, NY
September 25...Bob Costello, Amsterdam, NY
September 26...Patricia Dragonetti, Reston, VA
September 27...Dorothy Morgan, Methuen, MA
September 28...Natalie m. DeRocco, Amsterdam, NY
September 29...John E. Kolodziej, Amsterdam, NY
September 30...Doris Conway, West Harwich, MA

Keep up with the Shrine during the winter by subscribing to the Pilgrim...they will be delivered to your mail box!

Adoration: On Tuesdays, the Adoration will be held in our Kateri Chapel and will start at 4:45 p.m. and will end at 7 p.m. Come Join us for Adoration and Prayer, this is a way to meet Jesus.



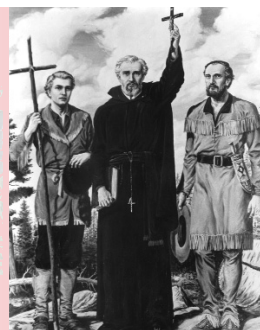
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Novena of Masses

in Honor of the
North American Martyrs
October 11 - 19

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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. (Kateri Chapel)

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.

Please Welcome this weekend

• Franciscan Friars
of the Renewal
thanks to all the visitors!

The greatest honor God can do a soul is not

At a Crossroad the Martyrs' Shrine in 2006

by Father Murray, S.J. and Father McGuire, S.J.

When somebody hears the word "Shrine" at least for the devout, one thinks of a quiet place dedicated to prayer and spiritual renewal. This has been and still is true with the Shrine here at Auriesville. It is dedicated after all to the holy martyrs, Isaac Jogues, René Goupil and John LaLande; and to all the North American Martyred ones. This is a dedication dear to our older generation. It is a long-held tradition here, and continues to attract many.

However, we find radically different — almost startling, other dimensions too. First, the Shrine continues to be a crossroads for the searching, the unchurched devout, and the "inquiring" young who may seem to have little in the way of concrete ideas of what to do with their lives. Yet, here they search. And, at times, we find ourselves exploring along with them, as we found out at a recent Penance Service for some young "Confirmandi" (about 25) that we held here on a rainy and overcast Sunday afternoon. . . what a good group! All around 15-years-old, all giving up several hours to learn what the Holy Spirit might be asking of them!

Others carry on the traditions of the National pilgrimages: you know, the Polish, Italians, Haitian, Irish and other cultures with their food, their language liturgy (in some cases), their music and their awesome devotion as they surrender to adoration, confession, prayer and ceremonial in many different ways.

Different drums are echoing through our valley. More than any other place we are literally overwhelmed with the confession-seekers, the weekend curiosity-folks, the leather jacket motorcyclists, the Latin Mass lovers (and that one group, the NCCL, learned again what tired feet means, after a long march here from the Lake George area!), the young blackrobed clerics from Mexico, Ecuador, China, Nigeria, India and even Harlem, N.Y. And the Canadians that come, sometimes, by the busload! It is like no other spot, and shows a frenetic rhythm at times; then, for followup, try matching the hush of a truly beautiful sunset-strewn evening or a quiet, foggy, dream-like morning, at the brink of Wonder.

What is the Holy Spirit saying to the churches these days? What is the Spirit saying to us, here along the Mohawk in the Albany diocese? We must be watchful, to try and learn what more we might do. We must be a rare mixture of the sacred and the secular, the valiant faithful and the searching young people, the old and the young! Come and see — be part of our new millennium of hope and outreach, here at Auriesville!

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.

Pilgrim entry deadline is Monday at noon. Call Anna 518-853-3033 ext. 224.

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Stage Play

By: Father McGuire, SJ

French Jesuit Missionaries in the New World.

A Stage Play about Father Isaac Jogues and a Mohawk Warrior.

These Frenchmen did not want to Europeanize or form French Christians out of the Mohawks. They wanted to bring them freedom as Mohawks through the love of Jesus Christ.

Using the basic narrative from the highly praised documents called "Jesuits Relations and other Allied Documents". We reenact the drama behind the story.

In the play we have a true historical figure who tomahawked Jogues and later on repented and became a Christian, we make him a symbolic warrior called Akonsa. Along with most of his tribe he resisted viciously the teaching of these white men who wore strange long black robes and invaded their land. Ultimately he killed Jogues.

He was a Zen like warrior defending his land but the endurance, patience and love of Isaac during his captivity affected even his killer. Historically he repented and was baptized becoming (in my story) an extraordinary Mohawk Christian.

One would wonder about these Jesuit Blackrobes. How could these men with astute book learning and a very cultured French background leave their family and move into the midst of another world. In the land where the mountains, the forest, the rivers, the fields, the bark covered canoes and longhouses and where they hunt the deer, the bow and arrow and tomahawk reigned supreme.

Jesus Christ was a God totally absurd and unacceptable to violent, powerful Mohawk Akonsa. He appeared to be a weak God, tortured and pinned to a tree by his enemies whom he forgave and did not seek revenge. A Mohawk could never worship that type of weak deity.

However grace and the prayerful, heroically enduring Jogues began to get through to Akonsa. But it was the sickness, the small pox which devastated his tribe and the starvation with the crop failures which occurred at Jogues' return that brought his death. He even left a "demon" box containing his Mass vestments that drove the bear claw and their witch doctor to have him killed.

In the play, Akonsa afterwards encounters a Huron brave who defeats him in battle but does not kill him. He is a Christian and teaches him more about Jesus. His power over nature, his healing of the sick, his raising of the dead, his cleansing of the Temple where His enemies feared him, he showed that compassion was not weakness but strong love. He taught him about his being a carpenter, a keeper of sheep, a fisherman, one who would know about crops, who loved the birds of the sky, the sunrise and sunsets, and had an extraordinary mother. He loved women and children. He ate with rough people and would laugh with them. But most of all he had a divine Father who sends down a God-Spirit to give them power and courage. All these things Akonsa loved. He breaks down and for the first time cries out in anguish asking for forgiveness. Jogues appears to him and he experiences forgiveness and becomes like Kateri Tekakwitha, another possible Saint Among the Mohawk. The drama ends with a prayer for peace among the tribes and nations. This story is almost 400 years old but it is still in our day reenacted again and again.

Blessing Prayer for Cars

Lord, Holy protector and source of all Blessings,
We call down Your holy power of blessing upon
this automobile.

This machine, part of your ever-unfolding creation, is to carry them on
their journeys of life. May they use it with care!

Bless and shield all who ride in this car from harm and injury.

May they be careful to drive with diligence and to show respect for
Your gift of Life — with awareness of the rights and safety of all who
use the streets and roads of our land. (May they also be aware of the
need for beauty during the journey of life: and openness, spiritual
adventure and service to others).

May the blessing of your Divine name, Father Son and Holy Spirit, rest
upon this car and its riders and remain forever. Amen!

Off Season

Gift Shop Hours

The Shrine Gift Shop will be closed
from Oct. 30th to Nov. 17th.

It will reopen on Nov. 18th from
10 am - 4 pm Sat. and Sun. until
December 17th.

Check the website for the early
spring schedule to see if the gift shop
will open earlier than May.

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 128:1-6, Hebrews 2:9-11,

Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Galatians 1:6-12, Psalm 111:1-2, 7-10, Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: Galatians 1:13-24, Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15, Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14, Psalm 117:1-2, Luke 11:1-4

Thursday: St. Seraphin of Montegranaro Galatians 3:1-5, Luke 1:69-75, Luke 11:5-13

Friday: Galatians 3:7-14, Psalm 111:1-6, Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: Galatians 3:22-29, Psalm 105:2-7, Luke 11:27-28

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