

# Pilgrim notes



## Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs

Auriesville, NY  
November 22, 2009

*Note:*

**There will be no Mass on Friday, November 27th.**

**Gift Shop is closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27.**

## Shrine Directors Meet

Father Peter Murray recently returned from the annual National Association of Shrine and Pilgrimage Apostolate Convention held in San Antonio, Texas. This year about twenty shrines were represented, geographically from Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts to Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Portland, Oregon. Included during the event was a lively discussion on "Jesus and the Meaning of Pilgrimage," led by former president of NASPA Father Lou Studer, O.M.I. Of his experience, Father Peter stated, "This was one of the best conferences yet; and not the least of its charms was the historic and beautiful ambiance of the city of San Antonio itself."

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## Christ the King's Lesson of Service

Christ has come to serve and to be of service to others. Hence, we are called to his service - service to the truth. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus saying that the reason for his coming--the reason that he was born--was to be of service to the truth. The truth Jesus teaches us is that God his Father is also our loving and forgiving Father, so we are all His children, forming one body. Hence, whatever we do for His children, and our sisters and brothers, we do for Him. We are called to be a people who reach out to embrace the enemy and the stranger, a people called to glory in diversity, a people who will endlessly forgive, a people who will reach out in compassion to the poor and to the marginalized sectors of our society, a people who will support one another in prayer, a people who realize that we are called not to be served, but to serve. In other words, servant-leadership is the model that Christ the King has given us.



## The Law of Love

Citizens of Christ's kingdom are expected to observe only one major law--the law of love, "Love one another as I have loved you." On this great Feast of Christ the King, let us resolve to give him the central place in our lives and promise to obey his commandment of love by sharing what we have with all his needy children, reaching out in compassion to the poor and to the marginalized sectors of our society, and supporting one another in prayer.

## New Shrine Gatherings

Beginning on Sunday, November 29, the Shrine will host a Gathering after the 11:30 am Mass. The Shrine will provide beverages and requests that families prepare their favorite morning pastry or goodie to share with others. It will be a wonderful time to relax and socialize with fellow worshipers. The gathering will also be held on Sunday, December 27 and then after a Mass during the regular Shrine season. Fattening or not, bring your favorite treat!

## Christmas Concert

The very wonderful Shrine Christmas Concert will be on Friday, December 11th at 7:00 pm in the Visitor Center. The theme is Christmas Around the World featuring Music Director Jenna Poling, Shawn Beebie, Paul Whitney, Amanda Pitcher and "Voices of the Shrine." A surprise guest will make a special appearance. Also, scrumptious desserts and beverages will be available. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for ages 12 and under. Tickets are now available in the Shrine Gift Shop. Get into the holiday spirit with this favorite Shrine evening!

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