

# Pilgrim notes



## Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs

Auriesville, NY  
March 14, 2010



## Confirmation Retreat

The St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference team will lead an exciting Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 27th, 10am-5pm in the Shrine Visitor Center. Pre-registration is recommended. Cost is \$5 for youth and \$10 for parents, which includes a pizza and soft drink lunch. Mass is at 4pm and parent/sponsors are invited. Call Beth Lynch at 853-3033 ext 223 for more information.

## Mini Retreat

**St. Patrick and More** is the topic presented by Kate Watson for the Mini Retreat on Saturday, March 20th. What better way to celebrate March than with a talk about St. Patrick and a bit of Irish lore. There will also be faith sharing, fellowship, a brown bag lunch, Confessions and Mass. The event begins at 10:00 am in the Visitor Center. Please call Fr. Peter Murray at 853-3033 ext. 222 for more information.

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## A National Prayer of Repentance

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values. We confess that:

- We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism.
- We have worshipped other gods and called it multi-culturalism.
- We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.
- We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.
- We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.
- We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.
- We have killed our unborn and called it a choice.
- We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.
- We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.
- We have abused power and called it political savvy.
- We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.
- We have polluted the airwaves with profanity and called it freedom of expression.
- We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. ...

Amen

Joe Wright

## Accept our Heavenly Father's Offer

... There are many attractions in life, there are many voices saying to us "follow me" or "follow your desires and you will find happiness." But the best and the only real offer of lasting happiness is from God our Father, "All I have is yours." God our heavenly Father is outside the door waiting for us to come to him. For the remainder of Lent let us try to make every effort to answer that invitation from our heavenly Father, "All I have is yours." Each Lent offers the sinner a chance to return home with a confession of sins, where he will find welcome and open-armed love. Such a confession will enable us to hasten toward Easter with the eagerness of faith and love, and it will make possible the rejoicing which today's liturgy assures us in our Lord's words: "There is more joy in heaven over the one sinner who does penance than over the ninety-nine just who do not need penance."

Fr. Anthony Kadavil

