

Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs

Weekly Bulletin

2005 Shrine Season

June 18, 2005

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 21 - Parkland Gardens/
Kingsway Village, Schenectady
- June 22 - Shrine Mini Retreat
- June 25 - Albany Diocese Vocation
Gathering in the Kateri Chapel
(Fr. Walsh)
- June 26 - Concert - 2 p.m.
"We Are One Body" Sanya Mateyas
- July 3 - Charismatic Healing and
Prayer Service - 1:30 - with
4 p.m. Mass (Fr. McDonough)
- July 9 - Scott Hahn Conference

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A Woman who is
pregnant and in need

Caret/Heartbeat 800-395-HELP
Crisis Pregnancy Helpline 888-4-OPTION
Birthright 800-550-4000
National Life Center 800-848-LOVE
Bethany Christian Service 800-238-4269

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

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

Saturday:

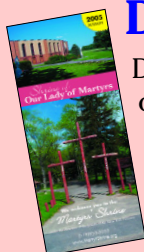
4:00 p.m.
(also 7:30 p.m. in July and August)

Weekdays:

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

DON'T MISS IT!

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



Shrine News

"Being A Servant of God" Day of Prayer – Shrine Mini Retreat

Fr. McGuire will be hosting this mini-retreat and Brother Bender will be presenting. This will take place on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at the Kateri Chapel from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The schedule for the day is Fellowship, Talks, Potluck Lunch, Mass and Prayer. Please bring a dish and call Ferne at the Office to let her know what you're bringing.

In Concert at the Coliseum

Sanya Mateyas will be performing in our Coliseum on Sunday, June 26th at 2 p.m. She was born in Croatia where she is a highly respected vocalist, flutist, and actress. She moved to the United States in 2000 where she joined the Grammy Award winning *Trans Siberian Orchestra* as a vocalist and flutist. While with TSO she recorded, "Christmas Eve and Other Stories", which sold over 1 million copies. Her record, "The Christmas Attic", sold over 500,000 copies. During Lent, she appeared very often on EWTN performing, "I Thirst", the crucifixion story, with her sister Tatiana. She is joined for this concert by her husband, Tiho Borosak, on guitar. Please join us to hear this beautiful music. There is no entrance charge!

Important News – Cancellation

Due to a shortage of available Priests on the weekend of July 2 and 3, the blessing of automobiles after each mass has been cancelled! If you want your car blessed during this week please come to the Gate House with your car and we will try our best to assist you.

Dr. Scott Hahn Conference is Coming Soon!

Dr. Hahn will be speaking on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist (*The Lamb's Supper*) and the Power of Confession (*Lord Have Mercy*) during this conference. It will be from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on July 9. Includes three conference sessions, Benediction, and Vigil Mass. To order tickets, fill out the form found in the Shrine Office, Visitors Center, or Coliseum or at www.KolbeNet.com. Special Pricing for the early bird is June 1 - July 1 Adult Tickets \$17, Religious and Youth under 18 years old \$12; and after July 1 and at the door Adult Tickets \$20, Religious and Youth under 18 years old \$15. Please come and join us for this exciting and dynamic conference.

Gala and Fundraisers New Date

Although our Gala and Fundraiser was cancelled in May, the rescheduled date will be Saturday, September 10th, 2005. Please keep this special dining and entertainment event in mind and support your shrine. More information forthcoming.

75th Anniversary of the Coliseum

Please stay posted for more information on our September Celebration. This will take place on September 24th starting with Mass at 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Hubbard.

Do you want your Loved One Remembered?

A wonderful way is to have one of our new hymnals dedicated and inscribed with their name(s) as a gift from you. A bookplate will be inserted on the inside front cover of a hymnal with their name inscribed on it. One weekend every month, at all Masses, a special prayer will be offered for those persons. For information see the Priest after Mass, go to the Gift Shop, stop by or call the office.

Do you want Your Business Advertised?

This is our first season with a weekly bulletin, we hope to enlarge our Bulletin to fit larger advertising spaces and more news/pictures. With your assistance we can grow. For more information please contact Anna at the Shrine Office on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday or by email at marketing@martyrshrine.org.

Our next novena...

Fathers' Day Novena
June 19 - 27

Intention forms can be found
in the back of the Coliseum.

St. Joseph Statues
\$10.50 and \$12.00

Find it in the Gift Shop
at the Visitors Center

Thank you for
visiting us on the
75th Anniversary
year of the Coliseum



Father's Day Special May 1 - October 23, 2005

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Blessing with the Relics of the Martyrs and Blessed Kateri, and confession followed by the 4 Mass.

ADORATION, BENEDICTION AND ROSARY:

Wednesday:

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. in Kateri Chapel

7 p.m. Benediction

First Friday:

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in Mortuary Chapel

Benediction included

Saturday and Sunday:

3:30 p.m. Benediction

Daily:

3:45 p.m. Blessing with Relics;

Rosary - after Weekday Masses

CONFESSION TIMES:

Daily:

15 minutes before every Mass.

GIFT SHOPS / SNACKS:

Weekends

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekdays

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A large Martyrs gift store is located in the Visitors Center **518-853-3033 ext. 236** and a Kateri gift store with

museum pieces located in in Kateri Center. Found in the stores are Crosses, Rosaries, Books, Pamphlets, Prayer Cards, Statues, Holy Water Fonts and More! Find a snack bar in the Visitors Center!



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

The Desk of Father Murray

It has lately been very hot, but we know that the Lord's cooling love can refresh us with "pleasant coolness in the heat." that line I think was part of the "VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS" we had sung during the Pentecost season. Now we are in the green vestments time of year (time after Pentecost). We can and should expect much good from the Spirit, and her cooling love! Our coming week shows three examples of saints who were great in their day (16th century) and are worthy of honor. Bishop John Fisher and Thomas More were martyrs from England who lived during those stormy "reformation" times. Thomas was a family man married with one son and three daughters. At the time, a chancellor of the king's court wrote works on the defense of the faith. In 1535, Bishop Fisher and Thomas disagreed with King Henry's divorce, causing their beheading. Aloysius Gonzaga came from a wealthy, famous, Italian family, and was no stranger to a courtly and lavish life. However, he rejected much of that wealth and prestige. He entered young Society of Jesus (now named "Jesuit"). He lived an exemplary but short life novice. At age 23, he died, caring for the plague-struck Romans, in 1591. We need such heroes even today. God sends them to us to show us that saints can come from all walks of life, and paint God's beauty in many different colors!

Prayer for Fathers

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for our earthly fathers, those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility for providing loving protection to their families and guidance for their children. We thank you, also, for our priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people. May our earthly fathers imitate the courage of Abraham, Jesse, and Joseph, and all the holy fathers of the past in providing wise counsel to the children you have given to their care. And may our spiritual fathers be guided by the examples of Saints Peter and Paul, all the Apostles and their saintly successors. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for you, for their families, and for all your people throughout the world. We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted fatherhood. May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they receive your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and Our Lord. Amen.

When God Made Fathers

When the good Lord was creating Fathers...He started with a tall frame. A female angel nearby said, "What kind of Father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put the Fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping." God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?" And when God made a Father's hands, they were large and sinewy. The angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on ponytails, or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats." Again God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of the day, yet small enough to cup a child's face." Then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. The angel nearby had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a Father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?" God smiled and said, "A Mother needs a lap. A Father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a child on a bicycle, or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus." God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could not contain herself any longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries. Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?" Again God smiled and said, "They'll work, you'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a horse to Banbury Cross, or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill." God worked throughout the night, giving the Father few words, but a firm, authoritative voice and eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. Then He turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a Mother?" The angel said nothing more. - Erma Bombeck

Shrine Staff Members

Father Murray, *Director*

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Brother Bender, *Jesuit Community Assistant*

Tom Ralph, *Assistant Director*

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