

May 6, 2018

Upcoming Events

May 4-6

Boy Scout Encampment

Sat May 5 "Quest for God" Retreat

7 pm Mass in Coliseum:

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

Contact: Peter Derwey

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May 10

6pm Mass

Ascension Thursday

Contact: Shrine

May 26

6:30pm Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

June 9

9:30 – 1:30

Annual Martyrs Mini Retreat

Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Fr Rendell Torres

St Kateri and the Eucharist:

Beth Lynch

Visitor Center

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June 30

9:30 – 4:30

Catholic Lawyers/Physicians

Mini Retreat

Multiple Presenters

Visitor Center

Contact:

<https://albanyclg.eventbrite.com>

July 7

9:00 – 12:00

**Catholic Business Executives and
Professionals Networking Breakfast**

Speaker: Andy Heck

of Alpine Haus

Visitor Center

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SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARTYRS

Auriesville, New York

**The Holy Ground of the North American Martyrs
and Birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

What's New in 2018



The ground of our faith is unchangeable. So too is the truth of love and sacrifice. This speaks to us on the holy ground of Auriesville. As the Church uses water, incense, and candles to engage our senses in spiritual worship, we use the ground to enrich our prayer and grow in holiness. Walk it. Kneel upon it. And celebrate the good changes that do occur, especially in liturgy:

We ask you early to save the date of Saturday, September 22nd. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger is bringing the diocesan-wide Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress to Auriesville. "In our Catholic tradition, a 'Eucharistic Congress' is a special gathering led by the bishop focused on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. The day will include Mass, Adoration and procession, fellowship, shrine tours, activities for children, and inspirational speakers. . . ." (<https://www.rcda.org/offices/prayer-and-worship/hearts-aflame>).

Our 3pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form, that is, the Latin Mass. The North American Martyrs celebrated this form, and St Kateri was received into it. Latin/English missals will be available for use during Mass.

We follow the Mass by what the priest is doing rather than saying, all of which is pictured in the missal. "The spoken words are veiled behind a sacred language, and also hidden in silence. The chants of the Sanctus are followed by profound silence, the silence of the disciples who did not raise their voices in defense of Our Lord during his passion. . . .As [the priest] prays quietly in Latin, we pray in silently in English. . . Watch and listen in silence and let your prayer arise. Treat this time like a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament." (<https://onepeterfive.com/suggestions-for-those-new-to-the-latin-mass>).

Expect to see more visiting priests at the Shrine, including Fr. Terry Brennan, Shrine chaplain and board member from New Mexico, and Fr. Brian Maxwell from Vermont. Both will be with us for extended visits at various points this summer. Based on availability of many visiting priests, opportunities for confession, adoration, and daily Mass times will be posted on our Facebook page and website. We are blessed by the many priests from both far and near who recognize the sacredness of this holy ground and generously come to bring the sacraments to us.

(Con't on back)

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What's New (con't)

Other changes include Our Lady of Martyrs Grotto by internationally acclaimed sculptor, Timothy Schmalz (<https://www.sculpturebytps.com>) which is expected this summer. Preview his work by visiting the "The Homeless Jesus" at the Monument to the Unborn near the Coliseum, and several other sculptures in the Gift Shop.

The Gift Shop has expanded beyond the palisade partition in the Visitor Center. New items include St. Kateri & St. Isaac Jogues statues, tiny charms of saints, Mystic Monk Coffee, and scented soaps by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. For our bibliophiles, there are more new and used books. There is a great selection of greeting cards including work by local artists (see an enlargement of "Ravine Cross" in the St. Isaac Jogues venue in the museum).

The Saints of Auriesville Museum has added the story of Christian Hurons who were captured with St. Isaac Jogues and martyred in the Mohawk Valley. A new exhibit of photos of the Shrine's beginnings show travel by barge and railroad, a muddy rutted Rt 5S, crowds of pilgrims kneeling in the grass at the 1894 Martyrs Chapel with clothing to the neck, wrists, and ankles.

April at the Shrine

Students from St Mary's Institute in Amsterdam picked up mounds of sticks- the fallout from a windy winter. Fr Jeffery L'Arche (R), pastor of St. Mary's, celebrated Mass in the Kateri Chapel.



Vietnamese Pilgrimage

Fr Bao Nguyen, S.J. (L), a frequent pilgrimage leader to the Shrine from Boston, celebrated Mass at the high altar in the Coliseum with his deacon and three sisters (R) who had just professed their final vows.



Chinese pilgrims from Ontario were here in April, as were buses of pilgrims from Divine Mercy Sunday in Stockbridge.

Seasons

By Beth Lynch, Pilgrimage Coordinator/Museum Manager

Since we were last together, the Church celebrated Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and a bit of Ordinary Time. How apt is her wisdom in these definitive liturgical seasons; they each give a focus for reflection, prayer, and purpose.

Does it seem there is a reluctance to leave one season for the next? In the velvety darkness of Advent, we are making straight the way of the Lord to soft candlelight and *O Antiphons*. And suddenly bells and chimes are heralding the Nativity. Soon after, we acknowledge of the need of atonement for the times and the ages; there are many attachments to loosen, and hearts to soften. Yet the Exsultet is being proclaimed and the aroma of lilies are absolutely everywhere.

This might be a sort of "tangled up in purple" of Advent and Lent. How can we ever be purely ready to greet the Lord whether in the *Verbum Caro Factum Est* in the manger in Bethlehem, or in his Risen beatific state on the road to Emmaus? Yet he comes, unstoppable as the tides of the ocean or the change of seasons. Such is His gracious mercy and boundless love.

It is fitting that the May-October season of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine begins in the rebirth of Spring and concludes with the harvest of Autumn. Hope manifests during Spring in melting snow, green shoots, and lengthening days. Then the Holy Spirit of Pentecost is lighted within us; we sing, proclaim, evangelize and minister anew. Pilgrims and friends, sacraments and novenas, Adoration and Holy Mass bloom into the colors and graces of our Shrine season. What comes to fruition by October - with God's grace, the intercession of Our Lady of Martyrs, and the inspirational witnesses of the North American Martyrs and St. Kateri - is a bountiful harvest of souls strengthen in faith and joined in love.