

July 2020

Mass Schedule

9:30 am Sundays
inside the Coliseum.

Celebrant: Fr Brian Lehnert.
Face coverings required while
not seated.

Kindly maintain social
distancing guidelines at all
times.

Please go to our Facebook page
at Auriesville Shrine under the
Events Section for detailed
protocols and directions

Tues July 14

St Kateri Feast Day

In the Coliseum:

6:00 – 6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Mass

Museum open till 6:30pm:

**St Kateri movie (on continuous
loop) and exhibits.**

**Info on Visitor Center, Gift
Shop, & Museum:**

**Masks and social distancing
required inside.**

Hours:

Visitor Center/Gift Shop

Sun, Mon, Wed

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

518.853.3939

Select items can also be
purchased online.

info@ourladyofmartyrsshine.org

<https://www.ourladyofmartyrsshine.org/giftshop>

Saints of Auriesville Museum:

Fri-Tues 11am – 4pm.

Closed Wed and Thurs.

**Additional hours (and Wed
Thurs) might be available for
prescheduled pilgrimages).**

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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

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day July 14

The late Bishop Donald Pelotte (1945-2010) was the first Native American bishop in the U.S. He had a connection to St Kateri who was also “first” - the first Native American to be canonized who is from what it now the United States. Bishop Pelotte did not live to see her canonization but his words about her beatification are accurate and insightful for canonization as well.



“The catalyst person for our indigenous people is Kateri. There are 375 different tribes in the U.S., and many went to her beatification [1980]. *That was the sparking moment.* While she was a young Mohawk, her mother an Algonquin, she has transcended her roots and has become a Navajo, a Laguna, a Zuni. You can go to any reservation in the country, and you are going to find a statue or photograph of Kateri.

“That is the beauty of when the Church raises up someone in beatification or canonization as a model. She then transcends her roots to become for those people someone to look up to, young and old. That is the uniqueness of Kateri for our country.”

St Kateri is a powerful intercessor, and can likely help each of us find our uniqueness in the eyes of Our Lord, St Kateri’s beloved spouse. Perhaps she can help you find your own “sparking moment.”

Attached is a novena July 6-14. To each of the nine days is ascribed a “love” of St Kateri: love of Jesus, the Cross, the Eucharist, humility, chastity, charity, the Church, creation, and heaven.

Join us in celebrating St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the humble Indian maiden who took her first breath and her first steps here at Auriesville in 1656. See side bar at left for schedule.

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Another Work of Art Honoring St Kateri

The exquisitely notched sculpting known as “tramp art,” originated with the “hobos” of the Great Depression who whittled and carved on any media they could find – discarded cigar boxes, wooden food crates, etc.

The Saints of Auriesville Museum exhibits two tramp art creations of Michael Lavery. One was commissioned as a 7-foot shrine to St Kateri in memory of Robert Minasi and donated to Auriesville in 1994. The other is a back pack of wood, beautifully carved and notched, and decorated with feathers, beads, reflective colors, and even a statuette of St. Kateri. Mr. Lavery made a 2000- mile trek from Auriesville to Denver for World Youth Day 1993 carrying the 50-pound mini-shrine on his back to have it blessed by Pope John Paul II.

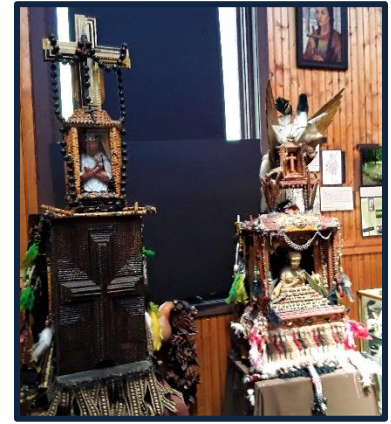


Photo above (L) back pack created and carried by Mr. Stutter; (R) back pack created and carried by Mr. Lavery.



Photo above, left to right: Andy Stutter, the late Dr. Anne M. Scheuerman (Kateri historian extraordinaire), Michael Lavery wearing their back packs at World Youth Day 1993.

We were thrilled to receive a call from Mary Bayham, friend of Andy Stutter, an artist-colleague and traveling companion of Mr. Lavery. Ms. Bayham wanted to donate Mr. Stutter’s back-pack-tramp-art to the museum as well! It, too, was created to honor St. Kateri in wood, feathers, beads, crosses, and St. Kateri statuette. The two back packs are pictured in the museum, likely for the first time since World Youth Day 27-years ago. Many thanks to Ms. Bayham, Mr. Stutter, and Mr. Lavery for their devotion to our beloved St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

“Is the Shrine Open?”

It is a familiar question and one without a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer. Covid-19 mandates and protocols continue to impact the Shrine. Monitoring and cleaning restrooms, chapels, Visitor Center and Museum is quite burdensome, especially with a scaled-back staff. Thus, the Coliseum is open only for 9:30 am Sunday Mass, restrooms on the grounds open only during Mass, and Kateri Chapel is closed except for pilgrimages. Visitor Center/Gift Shop is open during limited hours (10:30am – 2:00pm) just three days per week (Sun, Mon, Wed).



And we praise God for what he has provided!! We have a wonderful priest, Father Brian Lehnert, with us for the 2020 season to give us the Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Holy grounds and Ravine are open from dawn to dusk, and people repeatedly express that the grounds have never looked so beautiful. The Saints of Auriesville Museum is open five days per week. When unable to pray in the Coliseum, visit the Martyrs Chapel (L), the 1894 structure dedicated to the Martyrs. It serves

as a vestibule to the Kateri Chapel where the Tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament is visible through the windows. It is a lovely, quiet place to make a Holy Hour, put our trust in the mercy of Jesus Christ, through the intercession of Our Lady of Martyrs and the Auriesville Saints.