

**End June 2020**

**Mass Schedule**

9:30 am Sundays

inside the Coliseum.

Celebrant: Fr Brian Lehnert.

No registration is required.

Maintain social distancing.

Ok to remove mask when seated.

1 family unit / person per pew.

Communion either on tongue or in hand.

Details on Side 2, also on our website and Facebook page.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Every 2 weeks, Fr Lehnert will schedule dates / times to accommodate various schedules.

Sat June 27, Thurs July 2, & Mon July 6 will be at 10-11 am in Martyrs Chapel (vestibule to Kateri Chapel).

Future schedule TBA.

**July 5, Sunday**

Visitor Center/Gift Shop and Saints of Auriesville Museum will open for the season. Masks and social distancing required.

VC/GS: Sun, Mon, Wed

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

518.853.3939

Select items can also be purchased online.

[info@ourladyofmartyrsshine.org](mailto:info@ourladyofmartyrsshine.org)

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

Museum: Fri-Tues 11am – 4pm.

Closed Wed and Thurs.

Addition 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

## Hoc Est Enim Corpus Meum

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, has been celebrated by the Church since the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Hymns for the liturgy and the Divine Office were written by St. Thomas Aquinas and include those so familiar to us in celebrating the Holy Eucharist: *Tantum Ergo*, *O Salutaris Hostia*, and *Pange Lingua*. The Feast and hymns were known to our Martyrs, and St. Isaac Jogues



named what is now Lake George “Lac du Sainte Sacrament,” the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament, having canoed there on the Feast of Corpus Christi in 1646. Today, one of the tour boats bears the original name.

The Solemnity this year was the first of the Shrine’s 2020 season celebrated inside the Coliseum, by celebrant Father Brian Lehnert (photo above). It was attended by over 400 people. All maintained social distancing and wore face masks where indicated. Still, in this huge Coliseum Church that seats 6500, there was space remaining.

Catholics experienced a painful hunger being deprived of the Eucharist during the many weeks of the pandemic lock down. St. Isaac Jogues’ deprivation lasted 17 months while held captive here at Auriesville. This was a special feast day to echo the saint’s prayer of thanksgiving upon reception of the Holy Eucharist: “It was then I began to live again. It was then that I tasted the sweetness of my deliverance.”

**A history lesson in our VC phone number 853-3939:**

There are 8 North American Martyrs; 5 were martyred in Ontario, Canada; 3 were martyred at Auriesville. St. Isaac Jogues was 39 years old when he was killed. The Saints are watching over us!

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# On the Grounds. .

## PROTOCOLS ( right)

## STATUES (below)

Sparkling clean statuary is thanks for a volunteer who brought detergent, bleach, and elbow grease. The lovely gardens, floral selections, and planting are done by landscaper Joel Caraher.

**OUR LADY OF MARTYRS SHRINE  
COLISEUM MASS PROTOCOLS**

Thank you all for your cooperation which allows us the blessing of receiving our Lord in the Eucharist.

**Entry:**  
Enter through any of the 72 open doors beginning 1 hour prior to Mass. Follow the blue arrows on the floor to walk clockwise around the top perimeter. Aisles and pews are roped off and can only be entered on your right. Only one quarantined unit per pew. If there is someone already in a pew, please kindly find another open one! Please remain seated in your pew before Mass. The perimeter around the sanctuary will not be available. If all 140 available pews are filled, pilgrims will be allowed to stand in one of 60 designated open doorways for Mass. If pews are available you will be asked to sit. Roped off pews and taped off aisles are not available!!

**Face Coverings:**  
Per NYS, face coverings must be worn inside the Coliseum by those over the age of 2 who are medically capable of doing so, while NOT seated.

**Bathrooms:**  
Bathrooms will be open during Mass. Please maintain appropriate 6 feet social distancing while in use.

**Communion:**  
Communion will be distributed section by section. An usher will direct you. Please approach the priest with your face covering up. Simply lower it to receive when it is your turn and then pull it back up after reception before walking back to your seat. Pilgrims should bring their own hand sanitizer to use in their pew before approaching the priest. Per universal Church law you may choose whether you receive in the hand or on the tongue. Father will wear a mask and sanitize after each quarantined group. Father is not permitted to distribute the Host in a pyx.

**There will not be:**  
hymnals or hand-outs, filled holy water fonts, Sign of Peace, entrance, offertory or recessional processions, or a collection (stationary touch-free donation bins will be available).

**Exit:**  
At the conclusion of Mass please exit out of one of the open doors at the top of your seating section. We kindly ask that pilgrims do not congregate in the church or the parking lot after Mass and maintain 6 ft. social distancing at all times when on the grounds or in the Church.

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL OR EXPERIENCING ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19!**



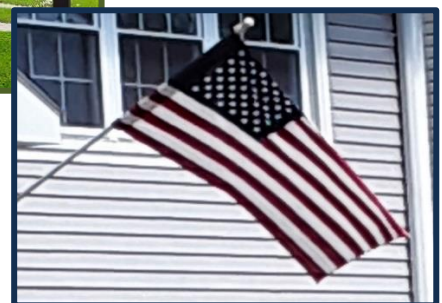
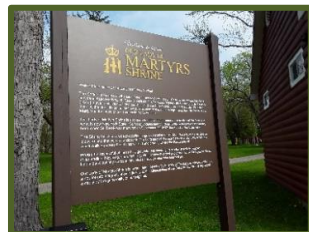
## SIGNS



Gift Shop sign can be seen from both directions on Noeltner Road. At the entrance to the grounds at the Three Crosses and at the Coliseum are identical signs that note: welcome, brief history, and the disallowance of jogging, biking, etc. through the Holy Grounds ( please remember to pick up after your dogs). Saints of Auriesville Museum is clearly marked on the 'exit' road that cars drive from the Coliseum. The picnic pavilion (L) has long been the location of family gatherings and pilgrimage pot luck luncheons. For decades, Shrine patrons of the Constantine family have had their annual family reunion there, at times walking from Amsterdam. Joe was a short-order cook as a teen

at the pavilion concessions. It now bears the names of the late Joseph and Gilda Constantine.

Thank you to the Constantine family for your years of love and support of the Shrine!



***Wishing Everyone a Safe, Happy July 4<sup>th</sup> !!  
And Pray for America!***