

Late August 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.**

**The Coliseum is open only for
the 9:30 Sunday Mass. The
Martyrs Chapel can be accessed
for private prayer.**

**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:

11am – 3:30pm.

Closed Wed and Thurs.

518.366.5694

beth@ourladyofmartyrsshine.org

<https://www.ourladyofmartyrsshine.org/saints-of-auriesville-museum>

**Watch our Facebook page for dates
and times for Confessions. Father
Lehnert offers the sacrament at
various times to accommodate a
range of schedules.**

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARTYRS

Auriesville, New York

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

August in the Coliseum

Thank you to all the pilgrims who continue to journey to the Shrine for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. It is for God's glory that 250 to 450 people attend each week, and maintain social distancing. Masks are required when up and about, including while in line for Communion, but not while seated in pews.

Given the massive capacity of the Coliseum that can seat 6500, there is ample space even with every third pew roped off. The Shrine's grounds crew does well in directing people to open pews.

Celebrant Father Brian Lehnert wears a face mask. He sanitizes his fingers as needed. A member of Shrine staff accompanies him with a sanitizing station (a table on wheels) of towels, water, and sanitizer as he brings the Eucharist to each seating section.



Communicants may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, as pictured above on the Feast of the Assumption on August 15. Andrew Baaki stands by to assist Father with the sanitizing station.

Collections are not taken up at Mass this season to decrease transference of the Covid-19 virus. Thanks to all who generously contribute via the donation boxes. During the several weeks remaining in the Shrine's 2020 season, we look forward to seeing you at Mass, as we continue to pray for families impacted by the virus, for health care workers caring for them, and all those working on a cure/vaccine. Jesus, we trust in you!

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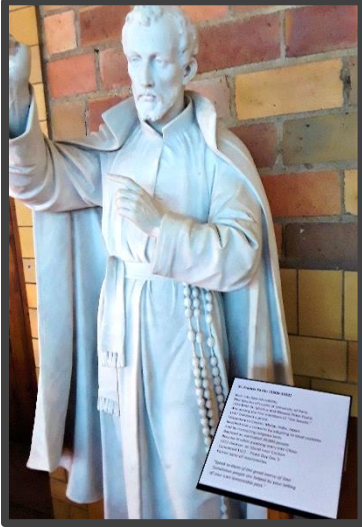
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Also in the Coliseum. . .

There is a white statue of St. Kateri inside the Coliseum entrance from the grounds. A gentleman devoted to her draped it with an intricate design of multicolored beads. We have missed them for several years. A pilgrim recently arranged for their return. Thank you, and God bless you!



Along the inside perimeter of the Coliseum are white marble statues of Jesuit Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Isaac Jogues, Francis Xavier, Aloysius Gonzaga, Peter Claver, John Berchmans, Peter Canisius, and Stanilaus Kostka.

They are from the former Jesuit novitiate, St. Andrew-On- Hudson in Hyde Park, which was sold to the Culinary Institute of America in 1970. Father Thomas Egan, of happy memory, former Shrine director, purchased them a few years later. We have added a brief bio of each saint. All are welcome to take a look and get acquainted.



Pilgrimages

As most have seen from our website, the Shrine made the difficult decision to cancel pilgrimages in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

“ Instead of taking the easier route and remaining closed for this season, the Shrine is following the more difficult path of staying open in a limited capacity in compliance with all applicable New York State requirements, which includes allowing visits by individuals and families on the grounds and in the open air Martyrs Chapel, limited museum and gift shop hours, and one Mass per week on Sundays at 9:30am by a priest who is staying at the Shrine on sabbatical, all subject to and in compliance with all applicable safety protocols and guidelines. In light of all of current New York State requirements, group pilgrimages and events by outside groups, and public Mass by visiting priests, however, are not able to be permitted for the duration of this Shrine season. It was our hope that New York State restrictions would have eased at this point, but that has not been the case. We thank you very much for your understanding. We hope that everyone will continue to enjoy and be blessed by visits to the Shrine this season on an individual and family basis. We look forward to once again receiving group pilgrimages and events in 2021.”



(L) Visitors review the time line of Shrine history in the museum.

(R) Sculptures by Timothy Schmalz in the Gift Shop.

