

Directions & rendezvous, Sunday

Arriving Sunday, September 25?

Pilgrims arrive at Auriesville Shrine and park in cafeteria lot. Pilgrims shuttle themselves to rendezvous point in the field at lunchtime. [Location to be announced.] Or, pilgrims shuttle pilgrims to [Ft. Hunter, along rail-trail](#); last departure 1:00 P.M.

Directions to Martyrs Shrine: I-90 (NY State Thruway) exit #28 Fonda-Fultonville. [Right after toll onto Riverside Drive](#), then 1.7 mile uphill to stop sign: left onto Rte 5S east, approx. 2 miles to Shrine & Coliseum church.

For Amtrak service to Amsterdam NY call 800/872-7245. Nearest airports: Schenectady and Albany.

Liturgical schedule

Holy Mass every day, *forma extraordinaria*; sacramental confessions; spiritual guidance given by priests & religious.

Solemn high Mass 3:15 P.M. Sunday crowns events.

Holy Mass is also offered 9:00 A.M. Monday, September 26, in the Kateri Chapel, Auriesville.

Camping & lodging

For pilgrims arriving **Thursday**:

[Cramer's Point Motel](#)

Lake George Village, NY
518/668-2292

[Lake George Battleground Park](#)

Campground, Lake Geo. Vlg, NY
800/456-2267 518/668-3348

For pilgrims arriving **Saturday evening** or **Sunday**:

Spaces for RV's, campers & tents at Martyrs' Shrine - water & restrooms; no hook-up's. Camp *gratis*, but notify Shrine in advance. Auriesville: 518/853-3033 beth.lynch@martyrshrine.org

Travel Port

Fultonville, NY
518/853-3411

Riverside Motel

Fultonville, NY
518/853-3314

Holiday Inn

Johnstown, NY
518/762-4686

Call motels for directions, rates, reservations.

For more about camping/lodging or special transportation needs, plans & services Thursday through Sunday, check out www.national-coalition.org/pilgrim/faq.html

Rendezvous — Friday, September 23

Final check-in 5:45 A.M. 'Million Dollar Beach' parking lot, southernmost shore of Lake of the Blessed Sacrament in Lake George Battleground Park. Holy Mass 7:15 A.M. at monument of St. Isaac Jogues; then breakfast, prayers & step-off.

Early-bird check-in Thursday afternoon & evening

How to [get to check-in](#)? See the FAQ's – including special transportation needs & services for pilgrims Thursday evening. www.national-coalition.org/pilgrim/faq.html

Equipment — more than 1 day

Modest clothing for walking through woods & over rugged terrain, long trousers (no shorts) or skirts and well broken-in hiking shoes are a must. Other [essentials include](#):

- √ **a small backpack to carry throughout, containing:**
 - » your lunch for the day & canteen of water/beverage
 - » revitalizing snacks – dried fruit, chocolate bars, nuts etc.
 - » a light coat, warm jacket, or pullover
 - » a poncho to protect from rain
 - » a hat to protect from sun/rain
 - » band-aids, simple medication for blisters, headaches & muscle pain, medicated foot powder, moleskin
 - » pilgrim's booklet – supplied, containing hymns & prayers
 - » a Rosary
- √ **a larger bag transported by the Company of St. René, and retrievable at bivouacs, containing:**
 - » food reserves (your additional meals & drinks)
 - » a cup for tea/coffee/soup/instant hot breakfast cereal
 - » a flashlight
 - » changes of clothes, stored in water-proof wrapping – socks such as Thorlos®, CoolMax®, Smart-Wool® strongly recommended; cotton socks not advised
 - » light shoes – for the evening
 - » toilet paper & toiletries
 - » night clothes & bug repellent
 - » sleeping bag (**in water-proof sack**) & thick ground sheet

√ **a tent (in water-proof sack)** - notify organizers if you have none
Pilgrims bringing more than essentials must arrange to transport their extra baggage themselves, or leave it in their vehicles.

Calling all volunteers!

The [Company of St. René](#) provides for material needs of pilgrims: baggage & personnel transport, Mass & campsite set-up, first aid, food & water service, port-a-johns. [To volunteer](#), contact Company X.O. Michael Ehinger 832/498-7493 mepe@northpole-net.net

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*** Now Friday - Sunday! ***

to the

*Shrine of Our Lady
of the North American Martyrs*

St. Isaac Jogues & Companions

Auriesville, New York



Company of [St. René Goupil](#)

with the

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<http://Pilgrimage.stblogs.com/>

Theme of Pilgrimage 2011

*Restoring True Devotion to Mary,
Immaculate Model of the Church, Our Mother*

But what will they be like, these servants, these slaves, these children of Mary? They will be ministers of the Lord who, like a flaming fire, will enkindle everywhere the fires of divine love. They will become, in Mary's powerful hands, like sharp arrows, with which she will transfix her enemies. They will be as the children of Levi, thoroughly purified by the fire of great tribulations and closely joined to God. They will carry the gold of love in their heart, the frankincense of prayer in their mind and the myrrh of mortification in their body. They will bring to the poor and lowly everywhere the sweet fragrance of Jesus, but they will bring the odour of death to the great, the rich and the proud of this world

St. Louis De Montfort, *True Devotion to Mary*; I, ch. 1, art. 4., nos. 56-58

Prayer during the Pilgrimage

Pilgrims of all ages walk in 'brigades' (groups of 15 to 35), under a patron saint. Brigades are formed by laymen who sing hymns, direct meditations, recite the Holy Rosary and other prayers. Pilgrims live according to the mandate of Our Lord & the fellowship of the Holy Ghost – friendship and prayer sustaining each pilgrim on his spiritual way.

Priests & religious lead the pilgrims along the way, hear confessions, give private spiritual counsel, teach.

Liturgical rites are celebrated in the traditional Latin usage, the 1962 Roman missal – the *forma extraordinaria*, in accord with Pope Benedict XVI's *motu proprio*, "*Summorum Pontificum*". Glorious instrument of prayer, the traditional Roman rite stresses the universal character of the Church. Holy Mass is offered in a solemn manner each day, most especially Saturday.

Check out <http://Pilgrimage.stblogs.com/> for more.

Schedule in overview

The pilgrimage offers 'NEW days & ways' to participate.

NOW Friday – Sunday! September 23 – 25

Sixty-two miles from the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament (aka Lake George, NY) to the Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville.

Pilgrims walk 62 miles in three days through the Adirondacks, camping each night en route and joining fellow pilgrims Sunday at lunch for continuation to Auriesville.

Traditional Roman Mass, confessions, fellowship – every day.

Transportation provided throughout for weary pilgrims.

3 to 5 miles walking daily 2 weeks prior to event, recommended. Pilgrims can also join at camps, Friday or Saturday evening.

Sunday, September 25

Newcomers join the column in the field, at lunch, and [walk the last leg](#) to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville.

Or, join the 'stroller brigade' south of the Mohawk River on the rail-trail at [Ft. Hunter](#), to walk the last couple miles to the Shrine.

Holy Mass 3:15 P.M. in the Coliseum Church, Auriesville crowns Pilgrimage.

Pilgrims wear hats, sturdy walking shoes & modest clothing, remembering they attend Holy Mass after; no shorts. They should bring plenty of water, make provisions for inclement weather and are encouraged to carry holy images, banners & flags – but no signs as in demonstration.

Something for everybody

Children & parents – seniors, too – may join *for more than one day* in '[modified pilgrimage](#)': praying, singing, playing, learning catechism – in camp. They also (may) walk short distances with other pilgrims en route, and join in the final events Sunday.

See the website or contact NCCL for details, including [family rates](#) and [discounts](#).

Can't travel? *Ask pilgrims to remember you in prayer en route, obtain a plenary indulgence from home, or sponsor a pilgrim.* See national-coalition.org/pilgrim/pilgwotrvi.html.

Listen & learn

The [Songs of Pilgrimage](#), including a Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary are on CD & tape. To order, write NCCL coalition@fast.net, or use the form at national-coalition.org/pilgrim/order.html.

Assistance & transportation

Water, first aid & transportation are provided all three days by volunteers of the [Company of St. René Goupil](#).

The *Company* transports weary pilgrims and those who can no longer walk, or, in emergency, brings them to hospital.

Those pilgrims not reasonably expected to meet the physical demands of long-distance walking and penitential vigils & camping are asked to join the 'modified pilgrimage'.

Pilgrims must carry their own canteens, and prepare for their own basic first aid: 'blister-kits', aspirin & the like.

ALL PILGRIMS PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN RISK, MUST OBTAIN THEIR OWN & SPOUSE/CHILDREN'S PERSONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE, & [MUST SIGN RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM](#) ON REGISTRATION FORM.

For pilgrims to recover vehicles at events' end, organizers provide [shuttle-service Thursday \(only\) from Auriesville Shrine to lodgings in Lake George Village](#). Pilgrims [request this service after registering](#). See FAQ's, national-coalition.org/pilgrim/faq.html.

Bivouacs & provisions

Pilgrims must make their own provisions for nine meals to picnic: three each day, Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

Organizers supplement suppers with hot soup in the evening, and hot water & bread with jam at breakfast. Pilgrims supply their own powdered coffee, hot chocolate, tea bags, instant hot breakfast cereal, et cetera.

Company volunteers help prepare bivouacs along the way. Friday & Saturday's privately owned campsites are equipped with running water, toilets, a few showers and wash basins, with remote electrical supply only.

Pilgrims may camp Saturday & Sunday evening at Martyrs' Shrine, but facilities are limited (and volunteers do not set up bivouacs). Pilgrims may request transport, or drive themselves to [local lodgings](#).