

Directions & rendezvous, Sunday

Arriving Sunday, October 1? There are two options.

For both, pilgrims arrive at Auriesville Shrine and park in cafeteria lot. [Option A](#): Pilgrims shuttle (last departure 11:30 A.M.) to the rendezvous point in the field. [Option B](#): they walk out to meet pilgrims at Ft. Hunter, along rail-trail; last departure 1:00 P.M.

Search online for directions to Martyrs Shrine, via I-90 (NY State Thruway) exit #28 Fonda-Fultonville.

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

[Register](#) for Sunday at no fee – and ask for help to car-pool.

Liturgical schedule

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

Solemn high Mass 3:15 P.M. Sunday crowns events in the Coliseum Church, Auriesville

(Holy Mass is no longer offered Monday.)

Camping & lodging

For pilgrims arriving **Thursday**:

[Cramer's Point Motel](#) [register - to camp at step-off location](#)
Lake George Vlg, NY Wood Park, Lake Geo. Vlg, NY

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

Pilgrims may camp at the Martyrs' Shrine after obtaining written permission from Events Coordinator beth@ourladyofmartyrsshine.org.

<i>Travel Port</i>	<i>Riverside Motel</i>	<i>Holiday Inn</i>
Fultonville, NY	Fultonville, NY	Johnstown, NY
518/853-3411	518/853-3314	518/762-4686

Call motels for directions, rates, and reservations.

For more about camping/lodging or special transportation needs, plans & services Thursday through Sunday, check the blog <https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/blog/>

Calling all volunteers!

The [Company of St. René](#) helps meet material needs of pilgrims: baggage & personnel transport, Mass & campsite set-up, first-aid, food & water service, port-a-johns, etc.. [To volunteer, e-mail](#) CSRG Vice-Director Paul Audino, or dial 518-248-6390.

Rendezvous – Friday, September 29

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 & early evening

How to [get to check-in](#)? See FAQ's – including special transport needs & services for pilgrims Thursday evening/Friday morning. <https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/blog/>

Equipment — more than 1 day

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

- √ **a small backpack to carry throughout, containing:**
 - » your lunch for the day & small bottle of water/beverage
 - » revitalizing snacks – dried fruit, chocolate bars, nuts etc.
 - » a light coat, warm jacket, or thick 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 – i.e., your additional meals & drinks
 - » a cup & spoon for tea/coffee/soup/instant breakfast cereal
 - » a flashlight
 - » changes of clothes – **stored in water-proof wrapping**
Veterans recommend Thorlos®, CoolMax®, Smart-Wool® socks.
Nota bene: cotton socks *not* advised!
 - » light shoes – for the evening
 - » toilet paper & toiletries
 - » night clothes & bug repellent
 - » sleeping bag – stored **in water-proof sack** & thick ground sheet

√ **a functional tent** – in **water-proof** sack. (Notify organizers if you lack one. Set up tent at home to test functionality before pilgrimage.)

Pilgrims bringing more than essentials must arrange to transport their extra baggage themselves, or leave it in their vehicles.

What do registration & its fee cover? See <https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/blog/?p=7670> FAQs before registration, see <https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/blog/?p=6714>

Register online. <https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/registration/>

28th annual



A.D. 2023

29 September - October 1

Friday - Sunday

a traditional, walking pilgrimage

to

Our Lady's Shrine
of Martyrs

St. Isaac Jogues & Companions

Auriesville, New York



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Theme of Pilgrimage 2023

Restoring True Devotion to Mary, Queen of Heaven & Earth

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 25 to 40), under a patron saint. Brigades are formed by laymen who sing hymns, recite the holy Rosary and other prayers, and assist chaplains to direct meditations. Pilgrims live according to the mandate of Our Lord & the fellowship of the Holy Ghost – friendship and prayer sustaining each on his spiritual way.

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

Liturgical rites are celebrated in the traditional Roman usage, the 1962 missal – the *forma extraordinaria*. Glorious instrument of prayer, the traditional Roman rites stress the universal character of the Church. Holy Mass is offered in a solemn manner each day, most especially Sunday.

For more information, see the pilgrimage blog at <http://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/blog/>.

Can't travel? Ask pilgrims to [remember you in prayer en route](#), [obtain a plenary indulgence from home](#), or [sponsor a pilgrim](#).

Schedule in overview

The pilgrimage offers a few ways to participate.

Friday – Sunday 29 Sept – Oct 1

From the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament (aka Lake George, NY) to the Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville.

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

Traditional Roman Mass, confessions, fellowship – every day.

Transportation & TLC provided throughout for weary pilgrims.

Walking daily two weeks prior to event, 3-5 miles, recommended.

Pilgrims may join at camps Friday or Saturday evening.

Sunday, 1 October

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

Or, join the 'stroller brigade' to walk the last couple miles to & from [Ft. Hunter](#) back to the Shrine along the Mohawk River on the rail-trail.

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

Pilgrims wear hats, sturdy walking shoes & modest clothing, remembering they attend Holy Mass after; no shorts, sleeveless shirts, tank-tops, or bare midriffs. 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 walk short distances with other pilgrims en route, and join in the final events Sunday.

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

Listen & learn

[Songs of Pilgrimage](#) – including a Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary – are on CD & cassette. Use the [webform](#) to order yours – and the [Pilgrims' Handbook](#). [E-mail](#) NCCL about bulk-orders.

Assistance & transportation

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

[Company volunteers](#) transport weary pilgrims and those who can no longer walk, or, in emergency, bring them to hospital.

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

Pilgrims must carry bottled water, and prepare for their own basic first-aid: 'blister-kits', aspirin, etc.

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

Bivouacs, provisions, lodgings

Pilgrims must make their own provisions for nine meals to picnic: three each day, Fri, Sat & Sun.

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

Pilgrim-organizers 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 Sunday night at the Martyrs' Shrine, but there is no hook-up or water on site. Pilgrims must [obtain written permission](#) from the Events Coordinator at the Shrine. beth@ourladyofmartyrsshine.org Alternately, pilgrims drive themselves to [local lodgings](#).