Directions & rendezvous, Sunday

***Arriving Sunday*, September 28? 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 or #27 Amsterdam.

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

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.

Camping & lodging

Pilgrims arriving **Thursday** can arrange their own lodgings in Lake George Village, or camp at the step-off location, in Wood Park, reserved for pilgrims. Reserve a space when registering.

Register - and reserve a space to camp at step-off location.
Wood Park, Lake George Village, NY

There is no longer camping at the Martyrs' Shrine. Pilgrims arriving Saturday evening must reserve overnight accommodations locally.

Microtel Inn Wyndham	*Riverside Motel*	*Holiday Inn*
Amsterdam, NY	Fultonville, NY	Johnstown, NY
518/513-1313	518/853-3314	518/762-4686

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!

Pilgrim-servants of the Company of St. René Goupîl help meet material needs of pilgrims: baggage & personnel transport, Mass & campsite set-up, first-aid, food & water service, port-a-johns, shuttling, etc. To volunteer, e-mail *CSRG* Director Eric McWhirter, or dial 484-560-9515.

Rendezvous – Friday, September 26

Brigades reform at 6:00 A.M. at Wood Park, 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.

Check-in ***Thursday afternoon & early evening is required.***
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 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 – i.e., your additional meals & drinks
- » a cup & spoon for tea/coffee/soup/instant breakfast cereal
- » a flashlight and fresh batteries
- » changes of clothes – **stored in water-proof wrapping**
  Veterans recommend Thorlos®, CoolMax®, Smart-Wool® socks.
  Nota bene: cotton socks *not* advised!
- » light shoes & warm jacket – 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/

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a traditional, walking pilgrimage

to

Our Lady's Shrine of Martyrs

St. Isaac Jogues & Companions

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Theme of Pilgrimage 2025

Restoring True Devotion to Mary, Mother of Hope
"Woman, behold thy son." *Jn. xix:26*

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 September 26-28

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, meeting up with newcomer 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.

(Though permissible, pilgrims electing to arrive Friday or Saturday evening at camp must arrange all their own transportation, etc.)

Sunday, September 28

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 Ft. Hunter and 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 *i.a.* they attend Holy Mass; no shorts, sleeveless shirts, tank-tops, or bare midriffs. They should drink plenty of water and make provisions for inclement weather. They craft & 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, confessing, singing, playing, learning catechism – in camp. They also walk short distances along the way, and join in the final events Sunday.

See the website for details, including group & family rates and discounts. How to afford pilgrimage the *traditional* way.

Listen & learn

Songs of Pilgrimage – including a Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary – are on CD & cassette. Read this post to order yours – and the Pilgrims' Handbook. E-mail about bulk-orders.

Assistance & transportation

Water, first aid & transportation are provided throughout by pilgrim-servants of the *Company of St. René Goupîl*.

For pilgrims to recover vehicles at events' end, organizers provide shuttle-service Thursday (only) from Auriesville Shrine to the check-in location and lodgings in Lake George Village. Pilgrims request this service *after* registering. See this **FAQ**.

Company volunteers also transport pilgrims' baggage from camp to camp. They escort the column along the way, providing rides for weary pilgrims; or, in emergency, bring them to medical care.

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

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

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.*

Bivouacs, provisions, lodgings

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

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 prepare bivouacs along the way that include portable toilets, fresh water, and remote electrical supply. Only families & seniors are permitted RVs, but there are no hook-ups.

Pilgrim-servants prepare an agapē meal & festivities Sunday after holy Mass under the pavilion in the meadow, across from the gift shop. Pilgrims may *no longer* camp Sunday night at the Martyrs' Shrine. Pilgrims drive themselves to local lodgings.