

## Today's Martyrs – June 1942

**Sunday June 1, 1942**



### **Belarus: Maly Trostenets concentration camp**

Grete Forst (aged 63, convert, opera singer, placed on a transport in [Vienna, Austria](#) on [May 27, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: killed)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grete\\_Forst](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grete_Forst)

**Monday June 9, 1942**



### **USSR**

Fr Antoni Jankowski (aged 28, seminary graduate, arrested by the Soviets in [Lviv](#) in the [autumn of 1939](#), sent to a camp; **UPDATE**: ordained after being amnestied as a Polish citizen, became a chaplain in the Polish Armed Forces of the East, later transferred to British command via Iran)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1712>



### **Norway: Falstad concentration camp**

Bishop Arne Fjellbu (aged 51, U.S. citizen, held an alternative ceremony during the [February 1, 1942](#) inauguration of the Nazi-imposed Quisling government; fired from his position by the government on [February 19, 1942](#); imprisoned on [March 19, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: released, banished to Holen)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arne\\_Fjellbu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arne_Fjellbu)

**Tuesday June 10, 1942**



### **Czech Republic: Lidice, Kladno**

Fr Josef Stemberka (aged 33, **shot dead** along with 198 others from his village in reprisal for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, 53 of the remaining village women and 88 of the children were later murdered, most by gassing, 4 forced abortions were performed)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Czech1.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lidice>

**Wednesday June 11, 1942**



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### **Russia: Orel**

Michael Kitzelmann (aged 24, former seminarian, decorated German Army officer, convicted and sentenced to death in an [April 3, 1942](#) court martial for anti-Nazi and antiwar statements including “If these rags win, then I can not and do not want to live anymore” and “At home they tear the crosses out of the schools - here they make us fight against the godless Bolshevism...”; **UPDATE: shot dead** by firing squad, publicly forgave the sergeant who had denounced him)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael\\_Kitzelmann](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Kitzelmann) - with translation

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26078489M/A\\_Noble\\_Treason](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26078489M/A_Noble_Treason) - page 181

**Friday June 13, 1942**



### **Germany: Flossenburg concentration camp**

Br Florian Salga OH (aged 50, Czech national, **died**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Czech1.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm)

**Sunday June 15, 1942**



**Germany: Lubeck**

Fr Hermann Lange (aged 30, arrested for aiding the anti-Nazi activities of Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermann\\_Lange](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermann_Lange)

**Monday June 16, 1942**



**Germany: Dachau concentration camp**

Fr Marinus van Rooijen (aged 44, Dutch citizen, **died**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Netherlands.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm)

**Friday June 19, 1942**



**Germany: Dachau concentration camp**

Fr Titus Brandsma O.Carm (arrested in [the Netherlands](#) on [January 19, 1942](#) while delivering a letter from his bishops to the editors of Catholic newspapers; **UPDATE:** arrived at Dachau)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Titus\\_Brandsma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Titus_Brandsma)

**Saturday June 20, 1942**



**Poland: Auschwitz concentration camp**

Fr Jozef Lempart (aged 26, escaped with three other prisoners in a staff automobile while disguised as SS officers)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kazimierz\\_Piechowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kazimierz_Piechowski)



**Germany: Dachau concentration camp**

Fr Jan Ijsbrands Galama (aged 57, Dutch citizen, **died**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Netherlands.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm)

**Sunday June 21, 1942**



**Germany: Cologne**

Bishop Josef Frings (at his episcopal ordination Mass denounced the persecution of the Jews as "a crime that cries out to heaven")

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josef\\_Frings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josef_Frings)

**Monday June 22, 1942**



**Germany: Dachau concentration camp**

Fr August Froehlich (aged 51, **died**)

**Germany: Lubeck**

Fr Eduard Muller (aged 31, arrested for aiding the anti-Nazi activities of Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/August\\_Froehlich](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/August_Froehlich)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eduard\\_M%C3%BCller\\_\(martyr\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eduard_M%C3%BCller_(martyr))

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**Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp**

Sr Sophia Eismont OP (aged 42, arrested in [Ryazan](#) on [August 15, 1933](#), sent to [Moscow](#); sentenced on [February 19, 1934](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Bamlag](#); arrested on [February 2, 1935](#), sent to [Ukhtpechlag](#); transferred to [Vorkutlag](#) in 1938; **UPDATE**: released)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0250>

**Wednesday June 24, 1942**



**Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp**

Fr Heinrich Konig (aged 42, arrested on [September 30, 1941](#) in [Gelsenkirchen](#); arrived at [Dachau](#) on [December 5, 1941](#); **UPDATE**: [died of a deliberately untreated infection caused by medical experimentation](#), the experiment was prompted by the attack on Reinhard Heydrich)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich\\_K%C3%B6nig\\_\(Priester\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich_K%C3%B6nig_(Priester)) - with translation

**Thursday June 25, 1942**



**Germany: Dachau concentration camp**

Fr Felix Gredler (aged 49, Austrian national, [died](#))

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Austria.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.htm)

**Saturday June 27, 1942**



**Poland: Niedzwiedzice**

Fr Leon Bujnowski (aged 51, went into hiding in [Gormel, Belarus](#) in 1922 after being accused of 'opposing the seizure of church valuables', arrested, convicted; sent to Poland in a prisoner exchange in 1924; **UPDATE**: arrested by the Germans)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0187>



**Czech Republic: Prague**

Bishop Gorazd aka Matej Pavlík (arrested after he attempted to deflect blame for harboring the assassins of Reinhard Heydrich from others to himself, tortured)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorazd\\_\(Pavl%C3%ADk\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorazd_(Pavl%C3%ADk))

**Sunday June 28, 1942**



**Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp**

Fr Frantisek Schubert OSA (aged 40, Czech citizen, monastery abbot, arrested in [Prague](#) on [August 26, 1939](#), released, re-arrested, moved between [Pankrac prison](#) and [Oranienburg](#) and [Dachau Concentration Camps](#); **UPDATE**: [died of tuberculosis and heart failure](#))

[https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustin\\_Schubert](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustin_Schubert) - with translation

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