

July 28th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

A Ministry of the Marians of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy
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*Livestream from
the National
Shrine*

Daily Devotions
Daily Mass
9:00am

Chaplet of Divine
Mercy
3:00pm

Rosary for Life
5:00pm

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Videos posted on our Web-
site daily:
shrineofdivinemeracy.org

Dear Pilgrims,

We welcome you to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy. Please join us for any upcoming events at the Shrine along with doing a personal pilgrimage during this year. Feel free to visit our Gift Shop and stroll our beautiful grounds during your visit here. May God bless you.

*Sincerely in Jesus and Mary Immaculate,
Fr. Matthew Tomeny, MIC
Shrine Rector*



Daily Schedule

Monday- Saturday 8:00am, 9:00am & 2:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 2:00pm

Please note:

2pm Mass on Saturday does NOT fulfill Sunday obligation

Confessions Available

Monday thru Friday 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Saturdays and Sundays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

3:30pm - 4:15pm



The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

Upcoming Events

August 2024

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| 8/2 | First Friday Devotions at 8pm | ay |
| 8/3 | First Saturday Talks and Devotion at 11am
Encuentro Latino | / |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• see flyer on page 8 and 9 for more information | |
| 8/10 | Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am | |
| 8/15 | <i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 9 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>• see flyer on page 11 for more information | |
| | Marian Week Begins | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marian Week August 15-22• see flyer on page 12 for more information | |
| 8/17 | Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am | |
| 8/22 | <i>Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | |
| 8/24 | Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am | |
| 8/27 | Healing Mass | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• see flyer on page 14 for more information | |

September 2024

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| 9/6 | First Friday Devotions at 8pm |
| 9/7 | First Saturday Talks and Devotion at 11am |

For more information please visit the **Shrine Calendar**
found on our website: <https://www.shrineofdivinemeracy.org>

Pope

Francis



Address at The Angelus

July 29, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good Morning!

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 6:1-15) recounts the parable of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish. Seeing that a large crowd had followed him to Lake Tiberias, Jesus turned to the Apostle Philip and asked him: "How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" (v. 5). The few *denarii* that Jesus and the apostles had were in fact not enough to feed that multitude. And then came Andrew, another of the Twelve, leading a young lad to Jesus, who made all that he had available to them: five loaves and two fish. But certainly, Andrew says, this is not enough for that crowd (cf. v. 9). He was a good lad! Courageous. He too could see the crowd and the five loaves but he says: "I have this: If you need it, take it". This boy makes us think.... What courage.... Young people are like this. They have courage. We must help them express this courage. And yet, Jesus ordered his disciples to ask the people to sit down. He then took the bread and the fish, gave thanks to the Father and distributed it (cf. v. 11) and everyone was able eat their fill. Everyone ate as much as they wanted.

With this Gospel passage, the liturgy inspires us to keep our gaze on Jesus, who, in last Sunday's Gospel passage according to Mark, upon seeing "a great throng ... had compassion on them" (Mk 6:34). That boy too with the five loaves had understood this compassion and said: "Poor people! I have this...". His compassion moved him to offer what he had. Indeed today, John shows us again that Jesus is attentive to people's primary needs. The parable describes a concrete fact: the people were hungry and Jesus engaged his disciples so that this hunger could be satisfied. This is the concrete fact. Jesus did not only offer this to the crowd — he offered his Word, his solace, his salvation, ultimately his life —, but he certainly did this too: he took care of the food for the body. And we, his disciples, cannot ignore this. Only by listening to the peoples' most simple requests and being close to their practical existential situation can one expect to be listened to when speaking about higher values.

God's love for a humanity that is hungry for bread, freedom, justice, peace and, above all, his divine grace, never fails. Even today, Jesus continues to feed, to make his presence alive and comforting, and he does so through us. So the Gospel invites us to be available and hard working, like that youth who, realizing he had five loaves, says: "I contribute this, then you will see [to it] ...". Faced with the cry of hunger — all types of "hunger" — of many brothers and sisters in every part of the world, we cannot be detached and calm spectators. The proclamation of Christ, Bread of eternal life, requires a generous commitment of solidarity toward the poor, the weak, the least ones, the defenceless. This action of closeness and charity is the best test of the quality of our faith, both at the personal level and at the community level.

Then at the end of the story, Jesus, when everyone had eaten their fill, Jesus told the disciples to gather up the leftovers so that nothing would be wasted. And I would like to suggest to you this sentence that Jesus uttered: "Gather the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost" (v. 12). I am thinking about the many hungry people and how much leftover food we throw away.... Let each of us think about this: where does the food that is left over from lunch go, from dinner, where does it go? What is done with the leftover food in my house? Is it thrown away? No. If you have this habit, I will give you some advice: speak to your grandparents who lived through the post war period and ask them what they did with the leftovers. Never throw away leftover food. Either heat it again or give it to someone who can eat it, to someone who needs it. Never throw away leftover food. This is a piece of advice and also an examination of conscience: what do we do with leftovers at home?

Let us pray to the Virgin Mary so that programmes dedicated to development, food and solidarity may prevail in the world and not those of hatred, weapons and war.

Excerpt from Angelus Address given by Pope Francis on July 29, 2018

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2018/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20180729.html

Picture: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/pope-francis-unique>

Coat of Arms: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en.html>

**All my strength is in
You, O Living Bread. It
would be difficult for
me to live through the
day if I did not receive
Holy Communion. It is
my shield; without
You, Jesus, I know not
how to live.**

Excerpt from
St. Faustina's Diary #814

Picture from *Mass Attendance: A Wake-Up Call*: www.thedivinemercy.org

Proper Attire Inside the Church



"Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much. Woe to women lacking in modesty."

Our Lady of Fatima to Sr. Lucia

Out of respect for Our Lord and to preserve others from any near occasions of sin, we ask that you dress in a spirit of modesty when entering the Church.

Dress Code Guideline:

For Women:

- No** shorts, spandex, or skirts above the knees.
- No** leggings or athletic wear.
- No** low cut, backless or spaghetti strap dresses. All dresses should fall to knee length or below.
- No** tank tops, bared midriffs or halter tops; no tight fitting, low cut or backless tops.

If you should choose to wear a shoulder baring dress or top, please bring a covering for when you enter the Church.

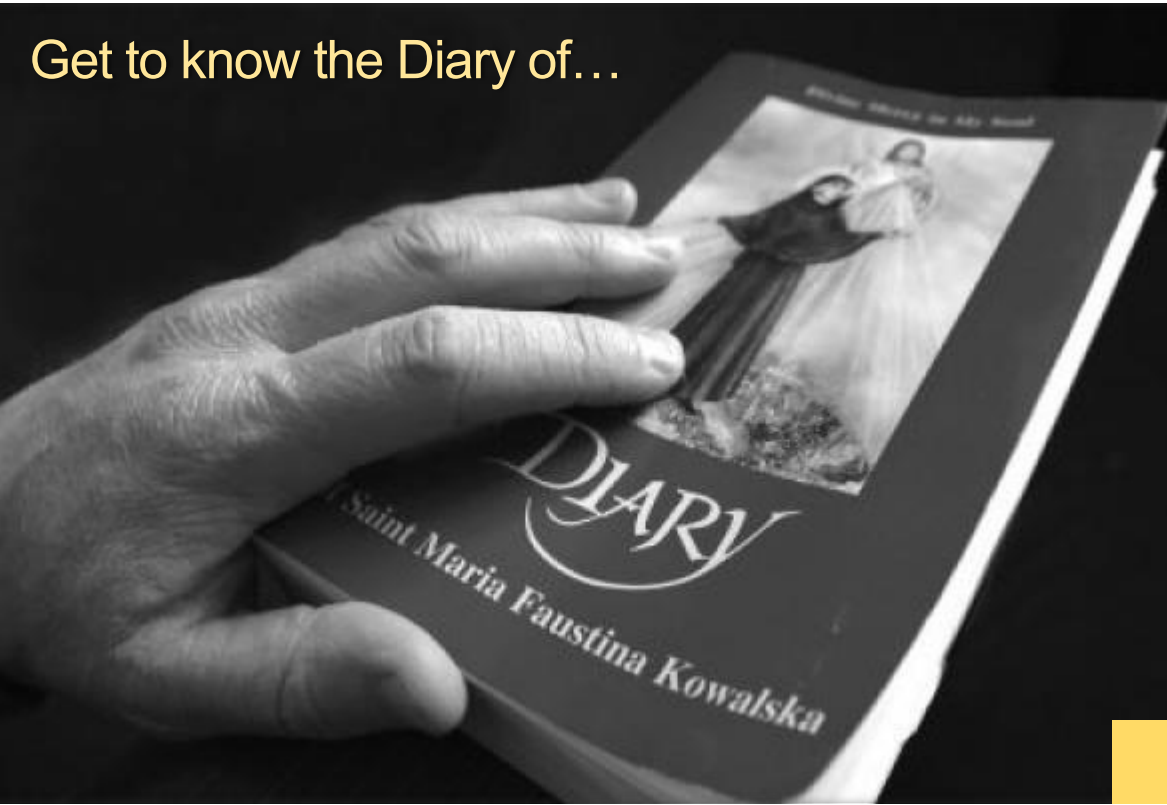
For Men:

- No** shorts
- No** tank tops
- No** baseball caps
- No** flip flops

"Christian girls, think also of this: the more elegant you will be, and the more pleasing, if you dress with simplicity and discreet modesty."

— The Forgotten Virtue: Modesty in Dress

Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina

“I know the full power of Your Mercy, and I trust that You will give me everything Your feeble child needs.”

July 9, 1937. This evening, one of the deceased sisters came and asked me for one day of fasting and to offer all my [spiritual] exercises on that day for her. I answered that I would.

From early morning on the following day, I offered everything for her intention. During Holy Mass, I had a brief experience of her torment. I experienced such intense hunger for God that I seemed to be dying of the desire to become united with Him. This lasted only a short time, but I understood what the longing of the souls in purgatory was like.

Application: O my Jesus, You know that I desire to love You with a love that no soul has ever before loved You with. I would like the whole world to be transformed into love for You, my Betrothed. You feed me with the honey and milk of Your Heart. From my earliest years, You reared me for Yourself alone, so that I would know how to love You now. You know that I love You, because You alone know the depth of the sacrifice I offer You each day.

The Lord said to me, **I want to give myself to souls and to fill them with My love, but few there are who want to accept all the graces My love has intended for them. My grace is not lost; if the soul for whom it was intended does not accept it, another soul takes it.**

January 10, 1937. I asked the Lord today to give me strength in the morning so that I could go to receive Holy Communion. My Master, I ask You with all my thirsting heart to give me, if this is according to Your holy will, any suffering and weakness that You like — I want to suffer all day and all night — but please, I fervently beg You, strengthen me for the one moment when I am to receive Holy Communion. You see very well, Jesus, that here they do not bring Holy Communion to the sick; so, if You do not strengthen me for that moment so that I can go down to the chapel, how can I receive You in the Mystery of Love? And You know how much my heart longs for You. O my sweet Spouse, what's the good of all these reasonings? You know how ardently I desire You, and if You so choose You can do this for me.

On the following morning, I felt as if I were perfectly well; the faintings and the weaknesses ceased. But as soon as I returned from the chapel, all the sufferings and weaknesses immediately returned, as if they had been waiting for me. But I had no fear of them at all, because I had

been nourished by the Bread of the Strong. I boldly look at everything; even death itself I look straight in the eye.

Every morning during meditation, I prepare myself for the whole day's struggle. Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is. I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion. This Bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and the courage to do whatever the Lord asks of me. The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him who lives in me — it is the Eucharist.

O my Jesus, the misunderstandings are so great; sometimes, were it not for the Eucharist, I would not have the courage to go any further along the way You have marked out for me.

+ Oh, how painful it is to Me that souls so seldom unite themselves to Me in Holy Communion. I wait for souls, and they are indifferent toward Me. I love them tenderly and sincerely, and they distrust Me. I want to lavish My graces on them, and they do not want to accept them. They treat Me as a dead object, whereas My Heart is full of love and mercy. In order that you may know at least some of My pain, imagine the most tender of mothers who has great love for her children, while those children spurn her love. Consider her pain. No one is in a position to console her. This is but a feeble image and likeness of My love.

+ Jesus came to the main entrance today, under the guise of a poor young man. This young man, emaciated, barefoot and bareheaded, and with his clothes in tatters, was frozen because the day was cold and rainy. He asked for something hot to eat. So I went to the kitchen, but found nothing there for the poor. But, after searching around for some time, I succeeded in finding some soup, which I reheated and into which I crumbled some bread, and I gave it to the poor young man, who ate it. As I was taking the bowl from him, he gave me to know that He was the Lord of heaven and earth. When I saw Him as He was, He vanished from my sight. When I went back in and reflected on what had happened at the gate, I heard these words in my soul: **My daughter, the blessings of the poor who bless Me as they leave this gate have reached My ears. And your compassion, within the bounds of obedience, has pleased Me, and this is why I came down from My throne — to taste the fruits of your mercy.**

O my Jesus, now everything is clear to me, and I understand all that has just happened. I somehow felt and asked myself what sort of a poor man is this who radiates such modesty. From that moment on, there was stirred up in my heart an even purer love toward the poor and the needy. Oh, how happy I am that my superiors have given me such a task! I understand that mercy is manifold; one can do good always and everywhere and at all times. An ardent love of God sees all around itself constant opportunities to share itself through deed, word and prayer. Now I understand the words which You spoke to me, O Lord, some time ago.

Where there is genuine virtue, there must be sacrifice as well; one's whole life must be a sacrifice. It is only by means of sacrifice that souls can become useful. It is my self-sacrifice which, in my relationship with my neighbor, can give glory to God, but God's love must flow through this sacrifice, because everything is concentrated in this love and takes its value from it.

Today during meditation, God gave me inner light and the understanding as to what sanctity is and of what it consists. Although I have heard these things many times in conferences, the soul understands them in a different way when it comes to know of them through the light of God which illumines it.

Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God. God never violates our free will. It is up to us whether we want to re-

Join the Marian Fathers for a full day of celebration
dedicated to the Latino pilgrims!

Encuentro Latino 2024

Saturday, August 3

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY
in Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Special Guests



Catechesis:
Gloria Diaz



Our Lady of Guadalupe
pilgrim image:
Vivian Mestey



Principal Celebrant:
**Fr. Dante
Agüero, MIC**



Puppet show:
Fr. Andy Davy, MIC



Masters of Ceremonies:
Alberto Rosario



Naida Costa



Music:
Saint Michael the Archangel
Ministry



Folk Dancing:
Las Guadalupanas

Schedule of the Events

- 9:30 am:** Latino music
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
- 9:45 am:** Our Lady of Guadalupe pilgrim image
Vivian Mestey
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
- 10:00 am:** Testimony
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
- 10:15 am:** Catechesis — God is Merciful
Gloria Diaz
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
- 11:00 am:** Holy Mass
Principal Celebrant: Fr. Dante Agüero, MIC
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
- 12:45 pm:** Puppet show, ethnic folk dancing
(next the food tent)
- 2:00 pm:** Rosary and Procession
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
- 3:00 pm:** The Hour of Great Mercy and Chaplet of the
Divine Mercy, Benediction with Blessed
Sacrament, blessing of religious articles,
and raffle of a Divine Mercy image.
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
- 9:00 am — 5:00 pm:**
- ✦ Gift Shop, Candles Shrines, Lourdes Grotto and Oratory
 - ✦ Confessions (Spanish and English)
 - ✦ Kids crafts
 - ✦ Oil in Honor of Saint Faustina

Food Sold All Day
All Encuentro Latino events will be in Spanish

For more information to register a bus, or to volunteer, please **CALL: 1-800-462-7426, Ext. 3**
or visit us at: LaDivinaMisericordia.org/encuentrolatino • ShrineofDivineMercy.org/encuentro

Please note: Buses must be registered for this event. To locate us by GPS use this address: 11 Pine Street, Stockbridge, MA 01262.



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¡Únase a los Marianos en un día especialmente
dedicado a los peregrinos latinos!

Encuentro Latino 2024

Sábado, 3 de agosto

SANTUARIO NACIONAL DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA
en Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Invitados especiales



Catequesis:
Gloria Díaz



Nuestra Señora de
Guadalupe peregrina:
Vivian Mestey



Celebrante Principal:
**Padre Dante
Agüero, MIC**



Show de títeres:
Padre Andy Davy, MIC



Maestros de ceremonia:
Alberto Rosario



Naida Costa



Música:
Ministerio San Miguel
Arcángel



Bailes Folklóricos:
Las Guadalupeñas

Presentaciones espirituales

9:30 am: Música Latina

(Santuario al aire libre Madre de Misericordia)

9:45 am: Información de la Virgen de Guadalupe peregrina
Vivian Mestey

(Santuario al aire libre Madre de Misericordia)

10:00 am: Testimonio

(Santuario al aire libre Madre de Misericordia)

10:15 am: Catequesis — Dios es Misericordioso
Gloria Díaz

(Santuario al aire libre Madre de Misericordia)

11:00 am: Santa Misa

Celebrante Principal: Padre Dante Agüero, MIC
(Santuario al aire libre Madre de Misericordia)

12:45 pm: Show de títeres, baillables folklóricos y
piñatas (al lado de la carpa de comida)

2:00 pm: Rosario y procesión

(Santuario al aire libre Madre de Misericordia)

3:00 pm: Hora de la Gran Misericordia y Coronilla
a la Divina Misericordia, bendición con el
Santísimo Sacramento, bendición de artículos
religiosos y rifa de la imagen de la
Divina Misericordia.

(Santuario al aire libre Madre de Misericordia)

9:00 am — 5:00 pm:

- ⊕ Tienda de artículos religiosos, Capillas de velas,
Gruta de Lourdes y Oratorio
- ⊕ Confesiones (español e inglés) ⊕ Manualidades para niños
- ⊕ Aceite en Honor de Santa Faustina

COMIDA A LA VENTA TODO EL DÍA

Para información, sobre registración de autobús, o como registrarse para ser voluntario, llame al 1-800-462-7426, Ext.3

También puede visitarnos en nuestra página de Internet:

LaDivinaMisericordia.org/encuentrolatino • ShrineofDivineMercy.org/encuentro

No se aceptarán autobuses que no estén registrados antes del evento. Dirección para GPS: 11 Pine Street, Stockbridge, MA 01262



1-877-948-4



National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

Assumption Triduum

Entrust your intentions to the care of Mother Mary
as we celebrate her Glorious Assumption.

To **ENROLL** your loved one,
please follow the link below:

[https://forms.shrineofdivinemeracy.org/novenas/
novena.php?nid=55&redirect=sodm](https://forms.shrineofdivinemeracy.org/novenas/novena.php?nid=55&redirect=sodm)

Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday
Aug. 15, 2024**

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
(Livestreamed)
- 1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions
- 1:30 p.m. Rosary for Life
- 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Hour of Great Mercy:
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - Benediction
 - Blessing of Religious Articles
 - Blessing with a Relic of St. Faustina



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Marian Week



Annual celebration beginning on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and culminating on The Queenship of Mary.

**Thursday, Aug. 15 to
Thursday, Aug. 22**



9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

**1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions**

1:30 p.m. Rosary for Life

**2:00 p.m. Holy Mass followed by
Rosary Procession**

3:00 p.m. Hour of Great Mercy:

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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August 22nd

is the Memorial of

The Queenship of Mary



Mary is Queen and Mother because of her humble acceptance of the will of God. When the archangel Gabriel comes to her to ask on behalf of God if she would consent to be the Spouse of the Spirit and the Mother of the eternal Son of the Father, she responded, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38)

So her Queenship was wrought in the marriage of grace and nature in her Immaculate Conception; in her "yes" to God's call which opened the gates of heaven to allow the Word to become flesh and dwell among us; in her quiet maternity of the most extraordinary child in the history of humanity; in her perpetual virginity; in her faithful love and presence in the life of her Son; in her tears during His passion; in the wood and iron of the crucifixion; in the light of the Resurrection; in her patient prayer with the early Church after the Ascension; and finally in her glorious Assumption into heaven. Mary's Queenship is the fruit of much sowing, of much suffering, of much giving to God - everything she had, everything she was, given to God.

She did not see Queenship as something to be grasped, but emptied herself. And, emptying, received Queenship over all.



"I am not only the Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy and your Mother." Our Lady as heard by St. Faustina; excerpt from St. Faustina's Diary 330

THE MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP



invites you to a

HEALING MASS

on the last Thursday of
each month at 7:00 p.m. at the
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Jan. 25th

*Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

Feb. 29th

*Celebrant: Fr. Bob Vennetti, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

April 25th

*Celebrant: Fr. David Gunter, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

May 18th

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT
*with Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

May 30th

*Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

June 27th

*Celebrant: Fr. Michael McNamara
Servants of Christ Ministries, Scituate, MA*

July 25th

*Celebrant: Fr. Maurice Abasilim
Chaplain, Concord Hospital &
The Carmelite Sisters, Concord, NH*

Aug. 29th

*Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Reilly
Rector, Lazarus Center for Healing
Shrine, Wakefield, MA*

Sept. 26th

*Celebrant: Marian Priest
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

Oct. 31st

*Celebrant: Marian Priest
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

The Healing Mass is sponsored by the Mother of Divine Mercy Prayer Group. Our prayer group meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA. Weather-related cancellations will be announced on radio stations WSBS AM 860 Great Barrington; WBEC FM 105.5 Pittsfield; WUPE AM 1110 Pittsfield, & WTIC AM 1080, Hartford, CT.

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Shrine Bulletin Board



Blessed Oil of St. Faustina

Oil blessed in honor of St. Faustina
is available at the Shrine
Reception desk.

A suggested donation of \$5.00
which would go to help support
Shrine Ministries.



The Gift Shop
is
open daily
9:30am -
4:30pm



**We will be
closed for Labor
Day on Monday,
September 2nd**

**DIVINE MERCY PLUS**
VIDEOS LISTEN IN LIVE MY CONTENT

**Pray the Divine Mercy
Chaplet for the Dying**
•LIVE with Fr. Mark Baron, MIC

Fridays, 3 p.m. EDT
**DivineMercyPlus.org**
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UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Tell Congress! Tiny preborn lives are at stake

Proposals in Congress threaten human life, the family, and religious freedom.

The need to accompany and support the increasing number of families struggling with infertility is real. But members of Congress – including many who consider themselves pro-life – are in a rush to promote access to a new national “right” to in vitro fertilization (IVF) and other such technologies that destroy pre-born human lives and treat people like property (like surrogacy, gene editing, and cloning). Some of the current proposals would also threaten Catholic hospitals, charities, schools, and other organizations and people that do not enable or cover these medical procedures. They could even allow minors to receive the procedures despite parents’ objections. Please tell your members of Congress to oppose bills that promote so-called “rights” to IVF and other assisted reproductive technologies (ART) that cause the death of countless human embryos and violate human dignity.

Take Action Now

Follow the link below and let your voice be heard!
Speak up for the defenseless who have not yet any voice
to speak up for themselves.

**[www.votervoice.net/USCCB/
Campaigns/117033/Respond](http://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/117033/Respond)**



MARIANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Faces of Hope

Yes, I want to Help!



How to help

Please visit www.marian.org/ukraine/ to make a donation for Ukraine relief.

One-hundred percent of funds received are sent directly to Ukraine and used to purchase humanitarian aid and medical supplies.

Please do not mail medical supplies to Ukraine! Instead, please contact the Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy: **1-877-380-0727** or e-mail ministry@sprynet.com to answer any of your questions.

Because shipping via container is more cost effective, we prefer whatever monetary donations you can give rather than you sending medical supplies. Please know that boxes previously sent to the Marians or the EADM office were sent to Project C.U.R.E. and will be on future containers.

<https://marian.org/articles/shining-merciful-light-ukraine>



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Please contact Lori Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, at

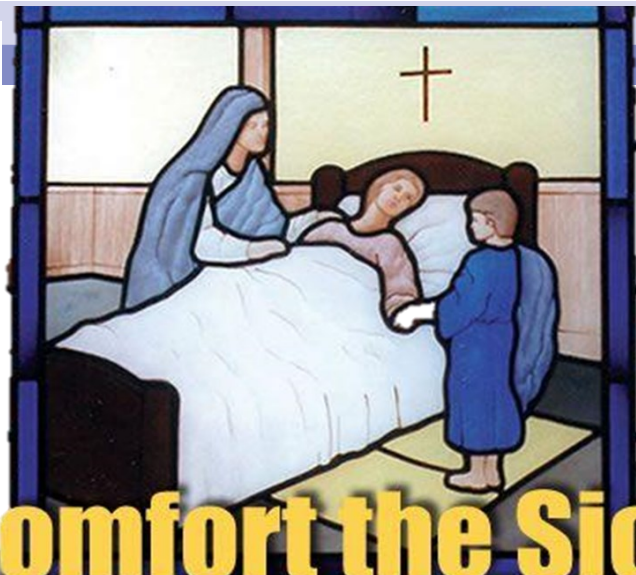
413-443-2994

Or email:

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Visit their website for more information:

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Comfort the Sick

Jesus said to St. Faustina:

"... I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it"

Diary of St. Faustina, 742

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The Image of Divine Mercy

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(Diary 48)

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her:

Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).

At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply:

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist.

Many different versions of this image have been painted, but our Lord made it clear that the painting itself is not what is important. When St. Faustina first saw the original image that was being painted under her direction, she wept in disappointment and complained to Jesus: "Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?" (313).



Jesus, I Trust in You