

April 20, 2025  
Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of The Lord

# National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



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

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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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[shrineofdivinemercury.org](http://shrineofdivinemercury.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

### April

- 4/26**      **Mercy Weekend Conference- *Living as Pilgrims of Hope***  
• see flyer on page 9 for more information
- Solemnity of the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday**  
• see flyer on page 10 for more information
- 4/27**      **Solemnity of Divine Mercy Sunday**  
• see flyer on page 10 for more information

### May

- 5/2**      **First Friday Devotions at 8pm**  
• see flyer on page 11 for more information
- 5/3**      **First Saturday Talk and Devotions**  
• see flyer on page 11 for more information
- 5/11**      **Mother's Day**  
• see flyer on page 12 for more information
- 5/13**      **Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima**
- 5/26**      **Mother's Day**  
• Gift Shop is Closed
- 5/29**      **Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord**  
• **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

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

# Pope Francis

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
of Easter Homily  
March 30, 2024**



The women go to the tomb at daybreak, yet they still feel the darkness of night. They continue to walk, yet their hearts remain at the foot of the cross. The tears of Good Friday are not yet dried; they are grief-stricken, overwhelmed by the sense that all has been said and done. A stone has sealed the fate of Jesus. They are concerned about that stone, for they wonder: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (Mk 16:3). Yet once they arrive, they are taken aback when they see the amazing power of the Easter event: "When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back" (Mk 16:4).

Dear brothers and sisters, let us stop and reflect on these two moments, which bring us to the unexpected joy of Easter. At first, the women anxiously wonder: *Who will roll away the stone from the tomb?* Then, at a second moment, *looking up*, they see that *it had already been rolled back*.

First, there is the question that troubles their grieving hearts: *Who will roll away the stone from the tomb?* That stone marked the end of Jesus' story, now buried in the night of death. He, the life that came into the world, had been killed. He, who proclaimed the merciful love of the Father, had met with no mercy. He, who relieved sinners of the burden of their condemnation, had been condemned to the cross. The Prince of Peace, who freed a woman caught in adultery from a vicious stoning, now lay buried behind a great stone. That stone, an overwhelming obstacle, symbolized what the women felt in their hearts. It represented the end of their hopes, now dashed by the obscure and sorrowful mystery that put an end to their dreams.

Brothers and sisters, it can also be that way with us. There are times when we may feel that a great stone blocks the door of our hearts, stifling life, extinguishing hope, imprisoning us in the tomb of our fears and regrets, and standing in the way of joy and hope. We encounter such "tombstones" on our journey through life in all the experiences and situations that rob us of enthusiasm and of the strength to persevere. We encounter them at times of sorrow: in the emptiness left by the death of our loved ones; we encounter them in the failures and fears that hold us back from accomplishing the good we mean to do. We encounter them in all the forms of self-absorption that stifle our impulses to generosity and sincere love, in the rubber walls, the real rubber walls, of selfishness and indifference that hold us back in the effort to build more just and humane cities and societies; we encounter them in all our aspirations

for peace that are shattered by cruel hatred and the brutality of war. When we experience these disappointments, do we also have the sensation that all these dreams are doomed to failure, and that we too should ask ourselves in anguish: "Who will roll away the stone from the tomb?"

Yet the same women who bore this darkness in their hearts tell us something quite extraordinary. *When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.* This is the Pasch of Christ, the revelation of God's power: the victory of life over death, the triumph of light over darkness, the rebirth of hope amid the ruins of failure. It is the Lord, the God of the impossible, who rolled away the stone forever. Even now, he opens our hearts, so that hope may be born ever anew. We too, then, should "look up" to him.

The second moment: *let us look up, then, to Jesus.* After assuming our humanity, he descended into the depths of death and filled them with the power of his divine life, allowing an infinite ray of light to break through for each of us. Raised up by the Father in his, and our, flesh, in the power of the Holy Spirit, he turned a new page in the history of the human race. Henceforth, if we allow Jesus to take us by the hand, no experience of failure or sorrow, however painful, will have the last word on the meaning and destiny of our lives. Henceforth, if we allow ourselves to be raised up by the Risen Lord, no setback, no suffering, no death will be able to halt our progress towards the fullness of life. Henceforth, "we Christians proclaim that this history... has meaning, an all-embracing meaning... a meaning no longer tainted by absurdity and shadows... a meaning that we call God... All the waters of our transformation converge on him; they do not pour down into the depths of nothingness and absurdity... For his tomb is empty and the One who died has now been revealed as the Living One" (K. RAHNER, *Wie heisst Auferstehung?*).

Brothers and sisters, Jesus is our Pasch. He is the One who brings us from darkness into light, who is bound to us forever, who rescues us from the abyss of sin and death, and draws us into the radiant realm of forgiveness and eternal life. Brothers and sisters, let us look up to him! Let us welcome Jesus, the God of life, into our lives, and today once again say "yes" to him. Then no stone will block the way to our hearts, no tomb will suppress the joy of life, no failure will doom us to despair. Brothers and sisters, let us lift our eyes to him and ask that the power of his resurrection may roll away the heavy stones that weigh down our souls. Let us lift our eyes to him, the Risen Lord, and press forward in the certainty that, against the obscure backdrop of our failed hopes and our deaths, the eternal life that he came to bring is even now present in our midst.

Sister, brother, let your heart burst with jubilation on this night, this holy night! Together let us sing of Jesus' resurrection: "Sing to him, everything sing to him: rivers and plains, deserts and mountains ... Sing to the Lord of life, risen from the tomb, more brilliant than a thousand suns. All peoples beset by evil and plagued by injustice, all peoples displaced and devastated: on this holy night cast aside your songs of sadness and despair. The Man of Sorrows is no longer in prison: he has opened a breach in the wall; he is hastening to meet you. In the darkness, let an unexpected shout of joy resound: He is alive; he is risen! And you, my brothers and sisters, small and great ... you who are weary of life, who feel unworthy to sing... let a new flame be kindled in your heart, let new vitality be heard in your voice. It is the Pasch of the Lord, brothers and sisters; it is the feast of the living" (J-Y. QUELLEC, *Dieu face nord*, Ottignies, 1998, 85-86).

Easter Vigil Homily given by His Holiness Pope Francis on March 30, 2024

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20240330-omelia-veglia-pasquale.html>

Picture: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/pope-francis-unique> Coat of Arms: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en.html>



**From the Letter of  
THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
TO MSGR. RINO FISICHELLA,  
PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL  
COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION  
OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION,  
FOR THE JUBILEE 2025**

We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, *Pilgrims of Hope*. This will indeed be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. Here I think in particular of the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone. As the Bible teaches, “The sabbath of the land shall provide food for you, for yourself and for your male and female slaves and for your hired servant and the sojourner who lives with you; for your cattle also, and for the beasts that are in your land, all its yield shall be for food” (*Lev 25:6-7*).

The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole. In the realization that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep (cf. *Gen 2:15*), may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home. It is my hope that the coming Jubilee Year will be celebrated and experienced with this intention too. Growing numbers of men and women, including many young people and children, have come to realize that care for creation is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will.

Excerpt from His Holiness, Pope Francis Letter to the President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, for the Jubilee 2025. To read in full please visit link below



*To learn more about the Jubilee Year of Hope,  
Please visit:*

**[WWW.IUBILAEUM2025.VA/EN.HTML](http://WWW.IUBILAEUM2025.VA/EN.HTML)**

# 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.

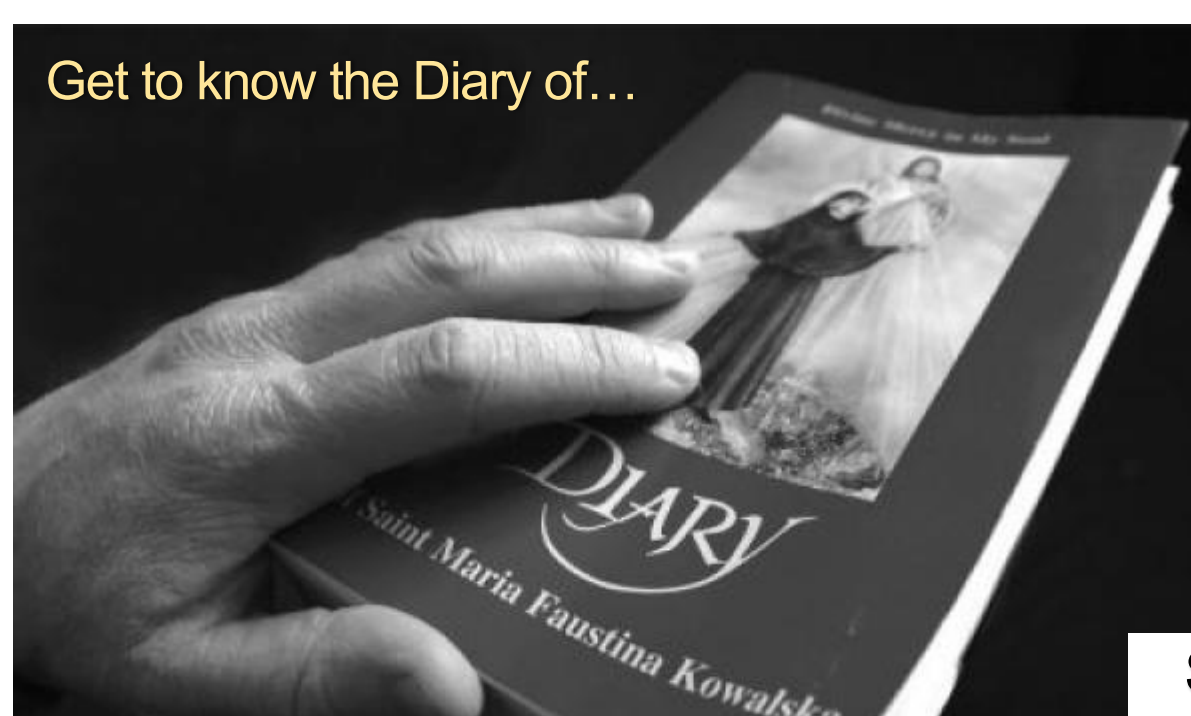
For Men:

- 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

*The wounds on His hands, feet and side were indelible and shining*

Holy Thursday, April 18.

This morning I heard these words: **From today until the [celebration of the] Resurrection, you will not feel My presence, but your soul will be filled with great longing.** And immediately a great longing filled my soul; I felt a separation from my beloved Jesus, and when the moment for Holy Communion came, I saw the suffering Face of Jesus in every Host [contained] in the chalice. From that moment, I felt a more intense yearning in my heart.

On Good Friday, at three o'clock in the afternoon, when I entered the chapel, I heard these words: **I desire that the image be publicly honored.** Then I saw the Lord Jesus dying on the Cross amidst great suffering, and out of the Heart of Jesus came the same two rays as are in the image.

Saturday. During Vespers I saw the Lord Jesus radiant as the sun, in a bright garment, and He said to me, **May your heart be joyful.** And great joy flooded me, and I was penetrated with God's presence, which for the soul is a treasure beyond words.

+The Resurrection. Today, during the [Mass of the] Resurrection, I saw the Lord Jesus in the midst of a great light. He approached me and said, **Peace be to you, My children,** and He lifted up His hand and gave His blessing. The wounds in His hands, feet and side were indelible and shining. When He looked at me with such kindness and love, my whole soul drowned itself in Him. And He said to me, **You have taken a great part in My Passion; therefore I now give you a great share in My joy and glory.** The whole time of the Resurrection [Mass] seemed like only a minute to me. A wondrous recollection filled my soul and lasted throughout the whole festal season. The kindness of Jesus is so great that I cannot express it.

The next day, after Communion, I heard the voice saying, **My daughter, look into the abyss of My mercy and give praise and glory to this mercy of Mine. Do it in this way: Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. I want to give Myself to souls; I yearn for souls, My daughter. On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of my mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them**

+ Easter [April 17, 1938]. During Mass, I thanked the Lord Jesus for having deigned to redeem us and for having given us that greatest of all gifts; namely, His love in Holy Communion; that is, His very own Self. At that moment, I was drawn into the bosom of the Most Holy Trinity, and I

was immersed in the love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, these moments are hard to describe.

When Jesus had given up His last breath, my soul dissolved from the pain, and for a long time I could not come to myself. I found some relief in tears. The One whom my heart had come to love has died. Will anyone understand my grief?

**My daughter, consider the life of God which is found in the Church for the salvation and the sanctification of your soul. Consider the use that you make of these treasures of grace, of these efforts of My love.**

Be adored, O God, in the work of Your mercy,  
Be blessed by all faithful hearts  
On whom Your gaze rests,  
In whom dwells Your immortal life.

O my Jesus, have mercy, sorrowful was  
Your life on this earth,  
And in terrible torment Your work came to an end,  
Hanging stretched out on the wood of the Cross,  
And all this for the love of our souls.

In Your inconceivable love, You allowed Your most  
holy side to be opened,  
And streams of Blood and Water gushed forth from Your Heart.  
Here is the living fountain of Your mercy,  
Here souls receive consolation and refreshment.

In the Blessed Sacrament, You left us Your mercy;  
Your love deigned to arrange it so,  
That, going through life, suffering and toil,  
I might never doubt of Your goodness and mercy.

For even if the whole world's miseries weighed on my soul,  
We must not doubt for even a moment,  
But have trust in the power of God's mercy,  
Because, with graciousness, God receives a contrite soul.

O unspeakable mercy of our Lord,  
Source of compassion and all sweetness,  
Trust, trust, O soul, though you are stained by sin,  
For when you approach God, you will not taste bitterness.

Because He is a living fire of great love,  
When we approach Him with sincerity,  
Our miseries, sins and evil deeds vanish;  
He will settle our debts when we surrender ourselves to Him.

In the evening, over the radio, I heard hymns; that is, psalms, sung by priests.<sup>115</sup> I burst into tears, and all of the pain was renewed in my soul, and I wept sorrowfully, unable to find appeasement in this pain. Then I heard a voice in my soul: **Do not cry; I am not suffering any more. And for the faithfulness with which you accompanied Me in My sufferings and death, your own death will be a solemn one, and I will accompany you in that last hour. Beloved pearl of My Heart, I see your love so pure, purer than that of the angels, and all the more so because you keep fighting. For your sake I bless the world. I see your efforts to please Me, and they delight My Heart.** After these words, I wept no more, but thanked the heavenly Father for having sent us His Son and for the work of the Redemption of mankind.



MERCY WEEKEND CONFERENCE 2025

# LIVING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. • Presentations 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS:



Fr. Mark Baron, MIC  
Director, Association of  
Marian Holders



Very Rev. Chris Alar, MIC  
Provincial Superior,  
Marian Fathers



Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC  
Vicar Provincial & Vocations  
Director, Marian Fathers

# SOLD OUT

The conference is  
now sold out, but  
please join us via  
livestream on



Divine Mercy Plus

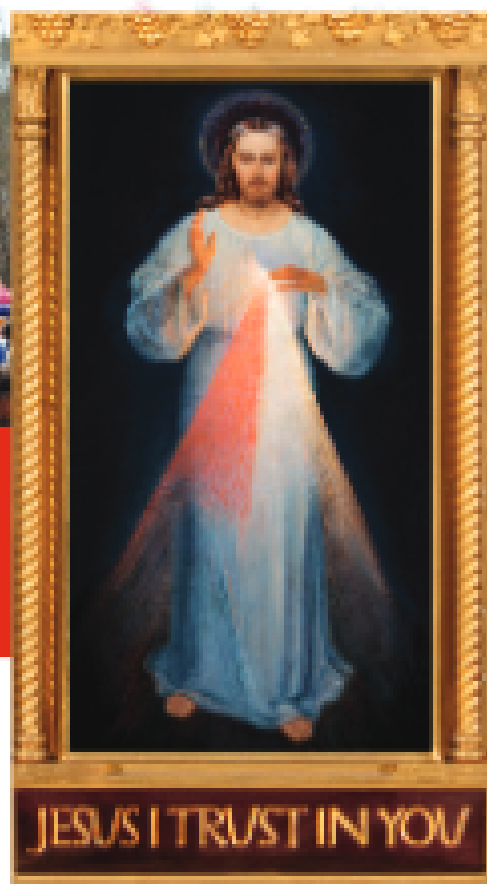
Follow the link below:

<https://divinemercuryplus.org/>

For the complete schedule for Mercy Sunday Weekend at the  
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, visit:  
[www.shrineofdivinemercury.org/Divine\\_Mercy\\_Sunday](http://www.shrineofdivinemercury.org/Divine_Mercy_Sunday)

# DIVINE MERCY

## WEEKEND: APRIL 26-27



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please sign up at  
[ShrineofDivineMercy.org/volunteer](http://ShrineofDivineMercy.org/volunteer)  
or scan this QR Code.



### April 26, 2025

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE VIGIL OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Confessions

3:00 p.m. — Solemn Novena to Divine Mercy  
*(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)*

4:00 p.m. — Vigil Mass  
*(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)*

### April 27, 2025

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

There will be NO 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
or a 2:00 p.m. Mass.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Confessions

1:00 p.m. — Solemn Mass  
*(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)*

Mass will also be broadcast live on EWTN  
starting at 12 Noon EST and available to view on  
Facebook ([DivineMercyOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/DivineMercyOfficial/))  
and [TheDivineMercy.org](http://TheDivineMercy.org)

All buses and groups of 15 or more  
must register in advance.

Use the online form at  
[ShrineofDivineMercy.org](http://ShrineofDivineMercy.org)  
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Join the Marian Fathers as we **Livestream**  
from the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy  
(open to the public)

# *the First Fridays and First Saturdays*

each month making reparation to

*The Sacred Heart  
of Jesus and  
The Immaculate  
Heart of Mary.*

*Livestreaming:*  
**First Fridays**  
8 p.m.

**First Saturdays**  
11:45 a.m.



TheDivineMercy.org  
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# Mother's Day

**Sunday**

**May 11, 2025**

## **Holy Mass**

9:00 a.m.

Holy Mass with Blessing for Mothers

10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass with Blessing for  
Mothers and Mary Crowning

2:00 p.m.

Holy Mass with Blessing for Mothers

## **Confessions**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

## **Devotions**

1:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

1:30 p.m.

Rosary for Life

3:00 p.m.

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Benediction
- Blessing of Religious Articles
- Blessing with a Relic of St. Faustina



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# 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.  
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 WBBB AM 860 Great Barrington; WBEC FM 105.5 Pittsfield; WUPE AM 1110 Pittsfield, & WTIC AM 1080, Hartford, CT.

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**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Celebrant: Fr. Michael Callea, MIC*  
*Musicians: Fablen & Melvia Salomen*

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC*  
*Musician: Joe Lamothe*

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Celebrant: Fr. Tyler Mentzer, MIC*  
*Musician: Alan Bessere*

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Celebrant: Fr. Ray Introvigne*  
*Musician: Joe Lamothe*

**Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Celebrant: Marian Priest*  
*Musician: Alan Bessere*

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Celebrant: Fr. Tom Reilly*  
*Musician: Alan Bessere*

**Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Celebrant: Fr. David Gunter, MIC*  
*Musician: Joe Lamothe*

# Life in the Spirit

## DELIVERANCE MINISTRY RETREAT

SATURDAY, MAY 31

9 am - 1 pm

ST. FAUSTINA CENTER

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA

Walk-in Registrations (No Pre-Registration required)

(Sponsored by the Mother of Divine Mercy  
Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group)

Cost: \$20 | Music: Synergy Praise | Continental Breakfast included; Lunch on your own

### SCHEDULE

(ST. FAUSTINA CENTER):

- 8:00 am Walk-in Registrations
- 9:00 am Introduction, Praise and Worship Music
- 9:15 am Talk #1:  
*What is Deliverance?*
- 9:45 am Renouncement & Deliverance Prayers
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am Talk #2:  
*The Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life*
- 11:30 am Prayers for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

### EXTENDED RETREAT SCHEDULE

(NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY):

- 1:00 pm Confessions
- 2:00 pm Mass
- 3:00 pm The Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
with Benediction
- 3:30 pm Confessions



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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

*Find us* <sup>Ⓐ</sup>

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giftshop.org



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**Pray the Divine Mercy  
Chaplet for the Dying**

**LIVE** with Fr. Mark Baron, MIC

**Fridays, 3 p.m. EDT**



**DivineMercyPlus.org**  
Facebook & Instagram

## Embrace Life! Be A Hospice Volunteer.

Do you have a talent to share?

A contagious passion for just about anything?

Would you like a appreciative audience?

Want an easy way to make a big impact in someone's life?

Do you want to spend your precious free time making a difference in someone's life? This is an opportunity for you. We are currently looking for HOPSICE VOLUNTEERS on a regular, periodic or as needed basis. You can play cards, read papers, or have a nice conversation with patients. We provide training. You must be at least 18 years old to apply.

Please contact Lori Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, at

**413-443-2994**

Or email:

***[ljohnson4@integritus1.org](mailto:ljohnson4@integritus1.org)***

Visit their website for more information:

**<https://hcib.org/>**



*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

**Comfort the Sick**

Excerpt from Comfort the Sick-Part of a Series on Corporal Deeds of Mercy.  
To read in full go to: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/comfort-sick>





# MARIANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*Yes, I want to Help!*



## *How to help*

Please visit [www.marian.org/ukraine/](http://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](mailto:ministry@sprynet.com) to answer any of your questions.

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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