

May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

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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www.shrineofdivinemercury.org
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Marians: www.marian.org

*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:
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

CALL TO ACTION!



IT'S TIME TO SPEAK OUT AGAIN IN OPPOSITION TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has been following two bills that would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts. House Bill 2505 and Senate Bill 1486, "*An Act relative to End-of-Life Options.*" At present HB 2505 is in the Joint Committee on Healthcare Finance and SB 1486 is in Senate Ways and Means. However, the bills may come to the floor for a vote at any time.

Working together, **we can join health care professionals, disability groups, senior citizens, the infirmed and countless individuals** in saying **NO** to assisted suicide and to stop the legislation from moving forward this session.

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you contact your elected officials:

- 1.) **A DEADLY PRESCRIPTION** - The bill would allow a physician to provide a lethal drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death.
NOTE - The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2.) **NO REAL SAFEGUARDS** - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a "burden" may be subject to undue influence by others to make the choice of PAS.
- 3.) **MISPLACED PRIORITIES** - The primary focus of **elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying** – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

Your Voice Matters – Please call today!

Please call or email your elected State Senator and State Representative to voice your opposition. They represent you and should know your views on this topic. You can do this by logging onto www.macatholic.org or scan QR code below. Follow the links to find contact information for your individual State Senator and State Representative via address and zip code link. Stay informed by signing up to receive alerts.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630. We will provide you the legislative contact information.





The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

Upcoming Events

May

- 5/24 Pentecost Sunday**
- 5/25 Memorial Day**
- Gift Shop Closed
- 5/28 Healing Mass at 7pm**
- See flyer on page 10 for more information
- 5/29 Outdoor Stations of The Cross**
- See flyer on page 9 for more information
- 5/30 Solemnity of the 66th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine**
- Rededication of the Shrine of St. Philomena**
- See flyer on page 11 for more information

June

- 6/4 Forty Hours' Devotion Begins**
- See flyer on page 13 for more information
- 6/5 Outdoor Stations of The Cross**
- See flyer on page 9 for more information
- First Friday Devotions at 8pm**
- See flyer on page 12 for more information

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

THIS IS A TEMPLE OF THE LORD

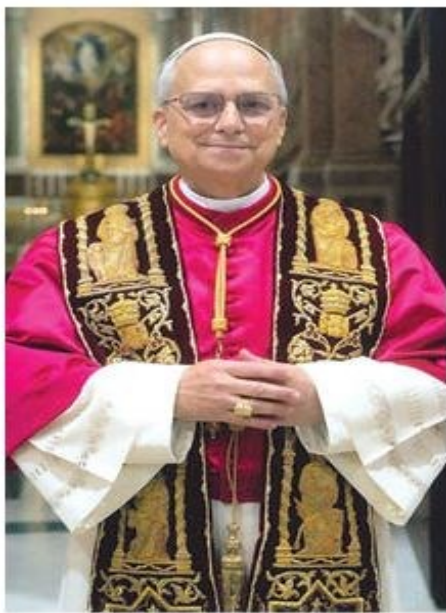


MODESTY IN DRESS

**In respect of our Lord Jesus Christ and
the dignity of the Human Person.**

Temporary apparel available at Reception if needed.





Leo PP. XIV
8 maggio 2025



WISDOM OF *Pope Leo XIV*

GENERAL AUDIENCE

St. Peter's Square

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters,

“The day has dawned upon us when..., glorified by his ascension into heaven following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit” (Saint Augustine, *Serm.* 271, 1). Today, too, what took place in the Upper Room takes place anew in our midst. Like a mighty wind that overtakes us, like a crash that startles us, like a fire that illuminates us, the gift of the Holy Spirit descends upon us (cf. Acts 2:1-11).

As we heard in the first reading, the Spirit accomplished something extraordinary in the lives of the Apostles. Following Jesus’ death, they had retreated behind closed doors, in fear and sadness. Now they receive a new way of seeing things, an interior understanding that helps them to interpret the events that occurred and to experience intimately the presence of the Risen Lord. The Holy Spirit overcomes their fear, shatters their inner chains, heals their wounds, anoints them with strength and grants them the courage to go out to all and to proclaim God’s mighty works.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that in Jerusalem at that time there was a multitude of people from various backgrounds, yet “each one heard them speaking in his own native tongue” (v. 6). In a word, at Pentecost, *the doors of the Upper Room were opened because the Spirit opens borders*. As [Benedict XVI](#) explained: “The Holy Spirit bestows understanding. The Spirit overcomes the ‘breach’ that began in Babel, the confusion of mind and heart that sets us one against the other. The Spirit opens borders... The Church must always become anew what she already is. She must open the borders between peoples and break down the barriers between class and race. In her, there cannot be those who are neglected or disdained. In the Church there are only free men and women, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ” ([Homily for Pentecost](#), 15 May 2005).

Here we have an eloquent image of Pentecost, one that I would like to pause for a moment and reflect upon with you.

The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves. The Holy Spirit comes to challenge us, to make us confront the possibility that our lives are shrivelling up, trapped in the vortex of individualism. Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning “social” media, we risk being ever more alone. Constantly connected, yet incapable of “networking”. Always immersed in a crowd, yet confused and solitary travellers.

The Spirit of God allows us to find a new way of approaching and experiencing life. He puts us in touch with our inmost self, beneath all the masks we wear. He leads us to an encounter with the Lord by teaching us to experience the joy that is his gift. He convinces us, as we just heard in Jesus' words, that only by abiding in love, will we receive the strength to remain faithful to his word and to let it transform us. The Spirit opens our interior borders, so that our lives can become places of welcome and refreshment.

The Spirit also opens borders in our relationship with others. Jesus tells us that this Gift is the love between him and the Father that comes to dwell within us. We then become capable of opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, overcoming our rigidity, moving beyond our fear of those who are different, and mastering the passions that stir within. The Spirit also transforms those deeper, hidden dangers that disturb our relationships, like suspicion, prejudice or the desire to manipulate others. I think too, with great pain, of those cases where relationships are marked by an unhealthy desire for domination, an attitude that often leads to violence, as is shown, tragically, by numerous recent cases of femicide.

The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, brings to maturity within us the fruits that enable us to cultivate good and healthy relationships: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (*Gal 5:22*). In this way, the Spirit broadens the borders of our relationships and opens us to the joy of fraternity. This is also a critical yardstick for the Church. For we are truly the Church of the Risen Lord and disciples of Pentecost if there are no borders or divisions among us; if we are able to dialogue and accept one another in the Church, and to reconcile our diversities; and if, as Church, we become a welcoming and hospitable place for all.

Finally, *the Spirit also opens borders between peoples.* At Pentecost, the Apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict but rather a shared patrimony from which we can all draw, and which sets us all on journey together, in fraternity.

The Spirit breaks down barriers and tears down the walls of indifference and hatred because he "teaches us all things" and "reminds us of Jesus' words" (cf. *Jn 14:26*). He teaches us, reminds us, and writes in our hearts before all else the commandment of love that the Lord has made the center and summit of everything. Where there is love, there is no room for prejudice, for "security" zones separating us from our neighbors, for the exclusionary mindset that, tragically, we now see emerging also in political nationalisms.

It was on the feast of Pentecost that [Pope Francis](#) observed: "In our world today, there is so much discord, such great division. We are all 'connected', yet find ourselves disconnected from one another, anesthetized by indifference and overwhelmed by solitude" ([Homily](#), 28 May 2023). The wars plaguing our world are a tragic sign of this. Let us invoke the Spirit of love and peace, that he may open borders, break down walls, dispel hatred and help us to live as children of our one Father who is in heaven.

Brothers and sisters, Pentecost renews the Church and the world! May the strong wind of the Spirit come upon us and within us, open the borders of our hearts, grant us the grace of encounter with God, enlarge the horizons of our love and sustain our efforts to build a world in which peace reigns.

May Mary Most Holy, Woman of Pentecost, Virgin visited by the Spirit, Mother full of grace, accompany us and intercede for us.

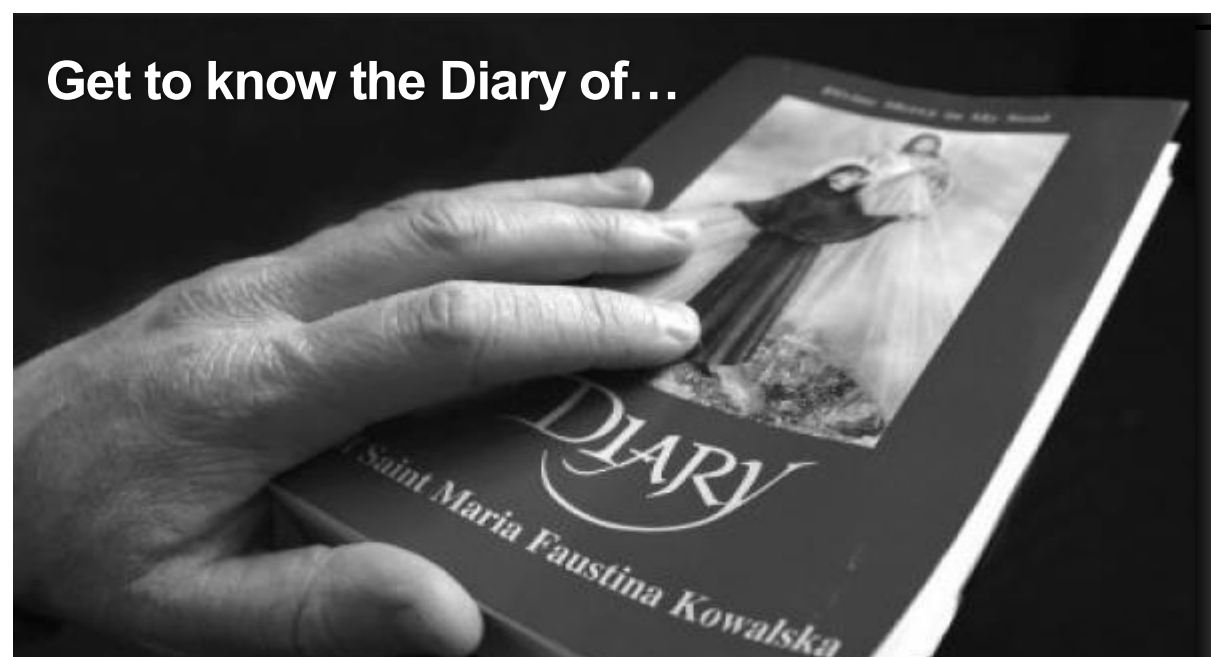
Picture of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from **ShopMercy**:

<https://shopmercy.org/pope-leo-xiv-prayer-card.html>

Homily of the Holy Father Leo XIV on Sunday, June 8, 2025:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250608-omelia-pentecoste.html>

Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina

“IT FOLLOWS FAITHFULLY THE FAINTEST BREATH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; IT REJOICES IN THIS SPIRITUAL GUEST AND HOLDS ONTO HIM LIKE A CHILD TO ITS MOTHER.”

God is love, and His Spirit is peace.

+ A noble and delicate soul, even the most simple, but one of delicate sensibilities, sees God in everything, finds Him everywhere, and knows how to find Him in even the most hidden things. It finds all things important, it highly appreciates all things, it thanks God for all things, it draws profit for the soul from all things, and it gives all glory to God. It places its trust in God and is not confused when the time of ordeals comes. It knows that God is always the best of Fathers and makes little of human opinion. It follows faithfully the faintest breath of the Holy Spirit; it rejoices in this Spiritual Guest and holds onto Him like a child to its mother. Where other souls come to a standstill and fear, this soul passes on without fear or difficulty.

June, 1936. Conversation with Father A. [Andrasz]

“Know that these are hard and difficult things. Your principal spiritual director is the Holy Spirit. We can only give direction to these inspirations, but your real director is the Holy Spirit. If you yourself have decided to leave, Sister, I neither prohibit nor order you to do so. You take the responsibility for yourself. I say this to you, Sister: you can begin to take action. You are capable of doing so, and therefore you can do so. These things are indeed probable; all you have told me up to now [before perpetual vows in Cracow in 1933] speaks in favor of taking action. Still, you have to be very careful in all this. Pray much and ask that I be given light.”

It so happened that I fell again into a certain error, in spite of a sincere resolution not to do so — even though the lapse was a minor imperfection and rather involuntary — and at this I felt such acute pain in my soul that I interrupted my work and went to the chapel for a while. Falling at the feet of Jesus, with love and a great deal of pain, I apologized to the Lord, all the more ashamed because of the fact that in my conversation with Him after Holy Communion this very morning I had promised to be faithful to Him. Then I heard these words: **If it hadn't been for this small imperfection, you wouldn't have come to Me. Know that as often as you come to Me, humbling yourself and asking My forgiveness, I pour out a superabundance of graces on your soul, and your imperfection vanishes before My eyes, and I see only your love and your humility. You lose nothing but gain much...**

Soul: O my merciful Lord, there are secrets in my heart which no one knows or will ever know except You because, even if I wanted to reveal them, no one would understand me. Your minister knows some because I confess to him, but he knows only the bit of these mysteries that I am capable of revealing; the rest remains between us for eternity, O My Lord! You have covered me with the cloak of Your mercy, pardoning my sins. Not once did You refuse Your pardon; You always had pity

on me, giving me a new life of grace. To prevent doubts, You have entrusted me to the loving care of Your Church, that tender mother, who in Your name assures me of the truths of faith and watch-est lest I wander. Especially in the tribunal of Your mercy does my soul meet an ocean of favors, though You did not give the Fallen Angels time to repent or prolong their time of mercy. O my Lord, you have provided saintly priests to show me the sure way.

Oh, how numerous are the instances of forgiveness about which no one knows!

O Jesus, I want to bring souls to the fount of Your mercy to draw the reviving water of life with the vessel of trust. The soul desirous of more of God's mercy should approach God with greater trust; and if her trust in God is unlimited, then the mercy of God toward it will be likewise limitless. O my God, Who know every beat of my heart, You know how eagerly I desire that all hearts would beat for You alone, that every soul glorify the greatness of Your mercy.

On the evening of the last day before my departure from Vilnius, an elderly sister¹³¹ revealed the condition of her soul to me. She said that she had already been suffering interiorly for several years, that it seemed to her that all her confessions had been bad, and that she had doubts as to whether the Lord Jesus had forgiven her. I asked her if she had ever told her confessor about this. She answered that she had spoken many times about this to her confessors and... "the confessors are always telling me to be at peace, but still I suffer very much, and nothing brings me relief, and it constantly seems to me that God has not forgiven me." I answered, "You should obey your confessor, Sister, and be fully at peace, because this is certainly a temptation."

But she entreated me with tears in her eyes to ask Jesus if He had forgiven her and whether her confessions had been good or not. I answered forcefully, "Ask Him yourself, Sister, if you don't believe your confessors!" But she clutched my hand and did not want to let me go until I gave her an answer, and she kept asking me to pray for her and to let her know what Jesus would tell me about her. Crying bitterly, she would not let me go and said to me, "I know that the Lord Jesus speaks to you, Sister." Since she was clutching my hand and I could not wrench myself away, I promised her I would pray for her. In the evening, during Benediction, I heard these words in my soul: **Tell her that her disbelief wounds My heart more than the sins she committed.** When I told her this, she began to cry like a child, and great joy entered her soul. I understood that God wanted to console this soul through me. Even though it cost me a good deal, I fulfilled God's wish.

+Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.

+Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice but do not believe in My Goodness.

Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy.

You, who are the dispenser of My mercy, tell all the world about My goodness, and thus you will comfort My Heart."

May 26, [1938 — Feast of the Ascension]. Today I accompanied the Lord Jesus as He ascended into heaven. It was about noon. I was overcome by a great longing for God. It is a strange thing, the more I felt God's presence, the more ardently I desired Him. Then I saw myself in the midst of a huge crowd of disciples and apostles, together with the Mother of God. Jesus was telling them to... **Go out into the whole world and teach in My name.** He stretched out His hands and blessed them and disappeared in a cloud. I saw the longing of Our Lady. Her soul yearned for Jesus with the whole force of Her love. But She was so peaceful and so united to the will of God that there was not a stir in Her heart but for what God wanted.

I saw the Lord in beauty and splendor, and He said to me, **My daughter, peace be with you.** He blessed me and disappeared, and my soul was filled with gladness and joy beyond words.

Guided Outdoor *Stations of the Cross*

Led by the Marians
every Friday

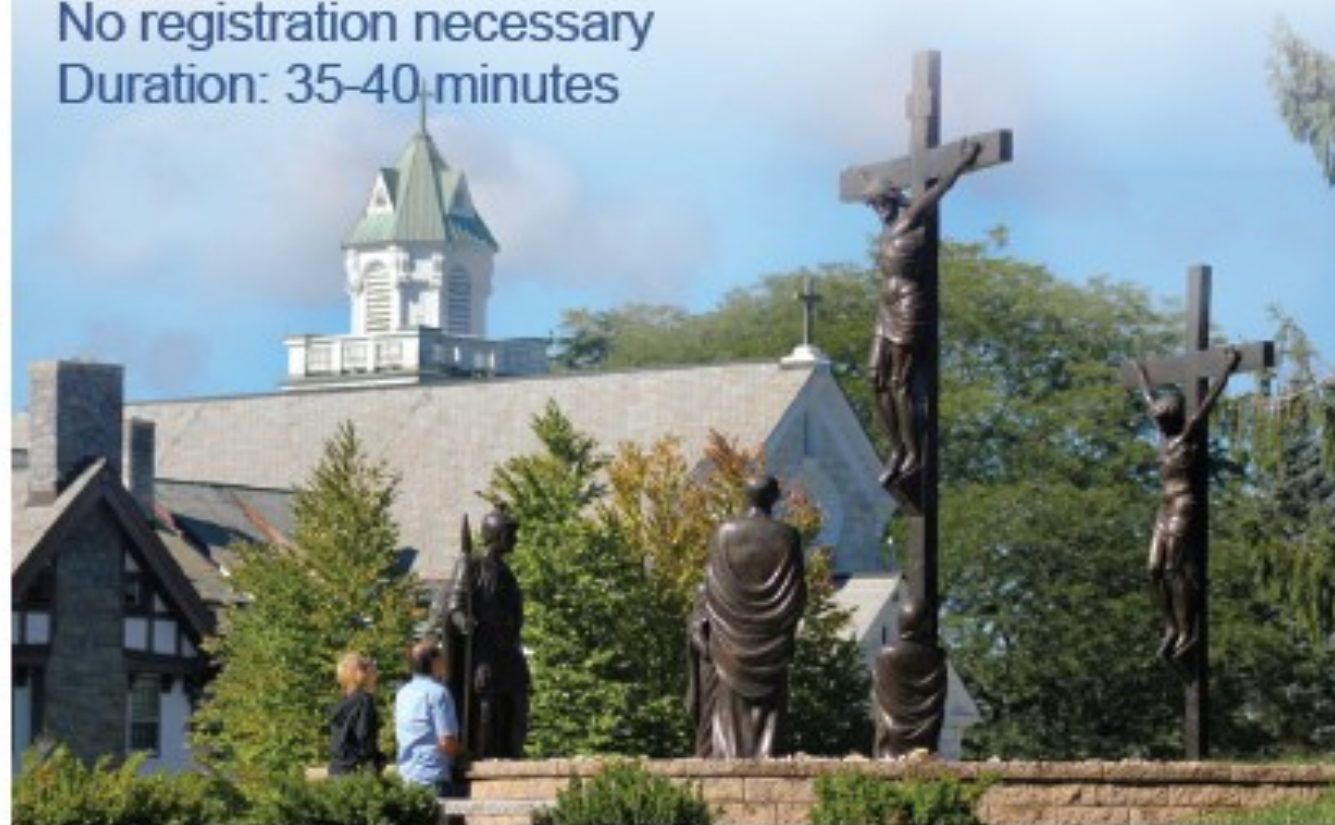


Meet in front of the National Shrine at 10:50 a.m.

(weather permitting)

No registration necessary

Duration: 35-40 minutes



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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**



January 29th

Celebrant: Fr. Jason Lewis, MIC

February 26th

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Callea, MIC

March 26th

Celebrant: Fr. Bob Vennetti, MIC

April 30th

Celebrant: Fr. Daniel Klimek, MIC

May 28th

Celebrant: Fr. Tyler Mentzer, MIC

June 25th

Celebrant: Fr. Gabriel Cillo, MIC

July 30th

Celebrant: Fr. Gabriel Cillo, MIC

August 27th

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC

September 24th

*Celebrant: Fr. Tom Reilly
Healing Ministry,
Archdiocese of Boston*

October 29th

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC

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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Rededication of the Shrine of St. Philomena

Saturday

May 30, 2026

3:45 p.m.

St. Philomena, a fourth-century virgin and martyr, is among the most beloved saints in the Catholic Church.

She is the patron saint of infants, babies, purity, youth, the ill, and anyone seeking assistance with difficult or impossible cases.

Please join us as we rededicate our outdoor Shrine to St. Philomena and install a second-class relic for veneration. Prayers and blessings will be offered for her intercession.
All are welcome!

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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.



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40 Hours of *Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament*

from **JUNE 4, 1 p.m.**
to **JUNE 6, 8 a.m.**

If you are
able to commit
to an hour of devotion,
please contact our
Coordinator of Volunteers,
Agnes Bourque, at
Volunteers@Marian.org.

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Motorcycle Blessing

June 6, 2026

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**Food is available for purchase starting at 11 a.m.
Blessing will take place after the 2 p.m. Mass.**

CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, June 7



Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9:00 a.m., *10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass

**Followed by Corpus Christi Procession*

1:00 & 3:30 p.m. Confessions

1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

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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Shrine Bulletin Board



Blessed Oil of St. Faustina

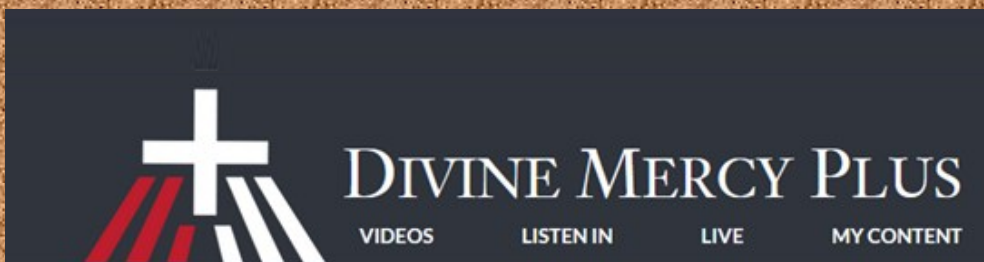
Oil blessed in honor of St. Faustina is available at the Shrine Reception desk.

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



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

Find us at:
www.divinemercury.org



Fridays, 3 p.m. EDT

 DivineMercyPlus.org
Facebook & Instagram

Volunteering is a wonderful way to share your gifts and God's Mercy with our pilgrims. Please follow the link below to learn more about volunteering at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.

www.shrineofdivinemercury.org/get-involved/



Do you feel called to a religious vocation?

VOCATION DIRECTOR

“I’m so glad you’re here.”

Father Donald Calloway, MIC, welcomes you to the Marian Vocation Office in the Marian House of Studies, Steubenville, Ohio.

Just by coming to this page, you’ve shown that you are open to wherever our Lord is calling you.

Whether or not your vocation is as a religious—and whether or not you’re called to the Marians of the Immaculate Conception—I’m here to help you.

Please look through the information we have prepared for you in the Vocation section. If you would like to

glad to send you printed information on the Marians of the Immaculate Conception.

From my own experience, I can tell you that my Congregation is totally consecrated to Mary Immaculate, faithful to authentic Church teaching, obedient to the Pope and Magisterium, and intensely Eucharistic.

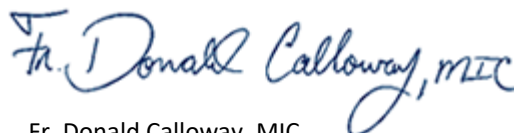
Please feel free to call or email me. You also might want to come to a Vocation Retreat.

You may ask or tell me anything in confidence. You will not receive any phone calls or materials without your request.

Discerning a vocation takes prayer, time, and guidance. Please use this prayer to help you consider where God is calling you.

May our Merciful Savior bless you and guide you.

In the love of Mary Immaculate.



Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC
Vocation Director
<https://marian.org/vocations>



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VOCATION PRAYER

*Hail Mary, full of grace;
all generations call you blessed.*

*Hail Mother of God, when asked by the angel
to bear the Son of the Most High,
filled with faith, you responded:
“Let it be done unto me.”*

*Holy Mother of Jesus,
at the wedding feast at Cana,
you prompted your Son to perform His first sign.*

*Be with us as we discern our life’s work
and guide us in the way we are called to follow
in the footsteps of your Son.*

*Holy Mother of the Savior,
at the foot of the Cross
you mourned the death of your only Son.*

*Bless and embrace the loving parents
of all priests,
deacons, brothers and sisters.*

*Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd,
turn your motherly care to this nation.*

*Interceded for us to the Lord of the harvest
to send more laborers to the harvest
in this land dedicated to your honor.*

*Queen of Peace, Mirror of Justice,
Health of the Sick
inspire vocations in our time.*

*Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew
in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim
the good news of everlasting life.
Amen.*

*Prayer from the United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops*



MARIANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

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Visit their website for more information:

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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>

The Image of Divine Mercy

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 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).

In answer, she heard these words: "Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace" (313).



Jesus, I Trust in You