



# DIVINE MERCY

The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA 01262 ~ 413-298-3931

Summer 2006

## A Message From The Rector

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Fr. David Lord, M.I.C.

Ave Maria!

Dear Friends,

Ever since I was a little boy, I have always had a tremendous affection for the Blessed Mother. And because my own dear mother died when I was a young man, it seems as though, in a particular way, the Blessed Mother has watched over me and nurtured my vocation. So I quite naturally, then, look up into her eyes of love and thank God for her maternal tenderness.

The highlight of the summer here at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy will be our annual Marian Week celebration. During this special week, which begins on August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, and concludes on August 22 with the Feast of the Queenship of Our Lady, my Marian brothers and I, together with the pilgrims who come to the Shrine, will gather to look up into the eyes of the Blessed Mother and thank God that she is our Mother of Mercy. The Marian Week celebration had its origins here on Eden Hill during the Marian Year of 1954 when our Fathers and Brothers would gather multitudes of faithful people, into the thousands, for candle light Rosary processions, vigils, and prayers in honor of our Blessed Mother. In continuity with the past, we have revived this tradition to help us draw closer to Christ the Lord in the school of His mother to learn from her how to love Him.

One of the most tender moments of Marian Week comes on August 22, when we crown the Blessed Mother's statue with a laurel of summer flowers, which represents our affection and love for her. So come and join us from August 15-22 for our Masses, Rosary processions, and preaching in honor of the mother of Jesus. Come to the Shrine and look up into her eyes of love and thank God for such a mother.

Totus Tuus, O Maria!

*Fr. David, M.I.C.*

Fr. David Lord, M.I.C., Rector  
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

**HERE AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY** in Stockbridge, MA, we have 24 votive lights in the sanctuary. They help us to draw into communion with the Living Christ, the Light of the World.

We now invite you to take part in a very special remembrance opportunity at the National Shrine, the spiritual home of the Association of Marian Helpers. Through an offering, you may have a candle lit as a way of entrusting your special intentions before the Lord.

"Having a candle lit can serve as a sign of your confidence in God's presence in your life," says Fr. David Lord, M.I.C., Rector of the Shrine. "It's also a way of supporting the Shrine, a place where so many people come to receive the Sacraments and to deepen their understanding of God's message of mercy."

Father David notes that the candles are located near the images that are so dear to the Marians, including the image of The Divine Mercy, St. Faustina, St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. Joseph, St. Therese of Lisieux, and Our Lady of Fatima.

The candles are located in the main sanctuary of the National Shrine near the tabernacle, beneath the image of Jesus as The Divine Mercy. Others are located at the altars of St. Faustina, St. Joseph, St. Therese of Lisieux, and Our Lady of Fatima.

The requested offering to have a candle lit is \$70 for a votive light for a week, or \$3,000 for a year.

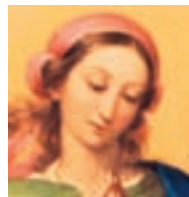
If you are interested, please call Fr. Joseph's Assistant at 1-800-671-2020.



Photo by Felix Carroll

You can be present prayerfully at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy by having Fr. David Lord, M.I.C., light a candle of remembrance for you and your special intention.

## Marian Week



at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

**Assumption August 15 - 22 Queenship of Mary**



# Divine Mercy Sunday 2006



Divine Mercy Sunday is the Second Sunday of the Easter. It was named by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000, and then officially decreed by the Vatican. Although thousands gather each year at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, this very special feast day can be celebrated in your own parish. An exciting new section will be added to the Divine Mercy website this coming autumn to instruct the faithful on celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in your own parish community. To learn more now about Divine Mercy, its history, teachings, St. Maria Faustina, and the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, log on to our website at [www.thedivinemercy.com](http://www.thedivinemercy.com)

Divine Mercy Sunday can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week. It is like a multi-exposure photograph of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Week. Or we can think of it as a converging lens that focuses the light of the Risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world.



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Over 16,000 pilgrims braved rain and wind at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, at the Northeast's largest Divine Mercy celebration. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM, Cap. of Boston celebrated Mass with Bishop Timothy McDonnell of Springfield. For information about celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday 2007 in your own parish go to our website: [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org) or contact the John Paul II Institute at 1-866-895-3236 or e-mail: [JPPII@thedivinemercy.org](mailto:JPPII@thedivinemercy.org).

## Bus Pilgrimages



You are welcome to join the Marians of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in beautiful Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Whether you are coming by private vehicle or chartering a motor coach for your group, the National Shrine is the perfect day trip to enjoy peace, prayer, and

the blessings of The Divine Mercy.

Tours are offered at 3:40 pm daily or by appointment, and although there are no food service facilities at the Shrine, we do offer both indoor and outdoor eating areas and can provide a catered lunch if you choose to request it. Please check the listing of special pilgrimage dates as you may want to attend one or more of these special spiritual days at the National Shrine.

Bus groups are asked to reserve their expected arrival date by pre-registering the group one month in advance. You may request a registration form and further information from the Events and Pilgrimage Planner, Carol Scott-Mahoney at (413) 298-1118 or by downloading information from our website at [www.thedivinemercy.org/tours](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/tours)

## Special Pilgrimage Dates for 2006

<b>June 18</b>	Corpus Christi Sunday w/ Eucharistic Procession (Filipino Heritage & Father's Day)
<b>June 23-25</b>	Youth 2000 New England Retreat on Eden Hill
<b>July 2-Sept 3 (Sundays)</b>	Music on the Lawn Series Begins (every Sunday at 4:00 pm thru Sept. 3)
<b>July 16</b>	Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Italian Heritage Day)
<b>August 15</b>	Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>August 15-22</b>	Marian Week – Rosary, Procession & Preaching daily
<b>August 19</b>	Encuentro Latino (Hispanic / Latino Encounter)
<b>August 22</b>	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>September 9</b>	Feast of St Peter Claver & Haitian Heritage Day
<b>October 5</b>	Feast of St Maria Faustina Kowalska
<b>October 14</b>	Pope John Paul II Cultural Day
<b>November 1</b>	All Saints Day
<b>November 2</b>	All Souls Day Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
<b>December 8</b>	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>December 12</b>	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



## Shrine Schedule

### Mass and Devotions Schedule

#### Holy Mass

Monday-Friday

7:15 am & 2 pm

Saturdays & Holidays 8 am and 2 pm  
(2 pm Sat. Mass does NOT fulfill Sunday's Obligation)

**Sunday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm on Sat.**

Sundays: 10:30 am and 2 pm

**Rosary For Life** ~ Daily 1:30 pm

**Eucharistic Holy Hour of Adoration**

Daily 1:00 pm

**Chaplet of The Divine Mercy** ~ Daily 3 pm

**Confessions** ~ Daily 1-2 pm and 3:30-4:15 pm  
or by appointment.

### Weekly Events

#### Spiritual Reading Group

Mondays at 7 pm

#### The Divine Mercy Cenacle

Tuesdays at 7 pm in Memorial Hall

#### Mother of Divine Mercy Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Thursdays at 7 pm, followed by Holy Mass with music by Heartsong.

### Monthly Events

#### Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception

First Saturday of each month following the 8 am Mass

#### Charismatic Healing Mass

The Mother of Divine Mercy Prayer Group hosts a healing Mass on the last Thursday of every month at 7 pm. Music is provided by Heartsong.

#### Eucharistic Festival of Praise

First Friday of every month at 7 pm. Eucharistic adoration and preaching, music, praise and worship, fellowship.

**For up-to-date information, visit [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org) or call us at (413) 298-3931.**

## MUSIC ON THE LAWN

Sundays  
at  
4 pm



featuring the National Shrine's music director, Bruce Carlson

The highlight of the series will be Bruce Carlson Jr., Shrine Music Director, singing a variety of original compositions including selections from *The National Shrine Presents; Songs from the year of the Eucharist* in a relaxed setting with accompaniment on piano and guitar.

The National Shrine Schola will present "Psalms of the Seasons," a collection of Psalms in various musical settings from the liturgical seasons of the Church.

Also appearing this summer, The Carlson family will be performing a variety of praise and worship music with upbeat contemporary arrangements.

Listeners are invited to bring a picnic supper and enjoy the grounds on Eden Hill. The series begins on July 2 and runs through August 27, 2006, and is open to the public.



## Latino Day 2006

Saturday, August 19th  
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy  
*Celebrate the Church's Diversity with Us!*

- Mass with main celebrant Archbishop Rosendo Huesca Pacheco of Puebla, Mexico
- Procession • Confessions in Spanish
- Children's events • Gift Shop • Food • Music

*For more information or to register, call toll-free 1-800-462-7426, Ext. 3.*

*All events will be in Spanish.*