**Annual Divine Mercy Pilgrimage Sept. 18, 2025**

**Dear St. Luke’s Parishioners and Neighbors,**

Please save the date, invite your friends and families, and sign up as soon as you can to reserve your places.

Here is an update on our **Annual Divine Mercy National Shrine Pilgrimage. Neighboring parishes are now invited to join us for the day on our rented luxury bus/coach.**

We are not only blessed to have the beautiful **National Shrine of Divine Mercy** close by in western Massachusetts, but we can **celebrate this 2025 Jubilee Year as a Pilgrim to the**[**National Shrine of The Divine Mercy**](http://shrineofdivinemercy.org/) which is celebrating its 65th anniversary, and is an official [**"sacred place-pilgrimage site"**](https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/welcome-jubilee-year-hope)for which we can obtain the [**special Jubilee indulgence**](https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/jubilee-indulgence-national-shrine). Not coincidentally, 2025 is also the 25th jubilee ofSt. Faustina, canonized in 2000 as the patron saint of Divine Mercy, an Apostle of Mercy, and the Secretary of God’s Mercy. For more info on our pilgrimage, please see [**https://www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/visit\_planning**](https://www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/visit_planning).

**For your convenience, this year we have rented a private luxury coach. You can ride with us for only $25 per person or you can still go on your own. Please see one of us to reserve your seat as soon as you can and get your tickets. See** [**https://silverfoxcoach.com/Silver**](https://silverfoxcoach.com/Silver) for more info on the best bus company around.

We will leave**St. Luke the Evangelist Church on Thursday September 18th at** 10 am from our Parking Lot behind the church at 70 West Main St. Westboro and return about 6 pm. **Our optional schedule**is: 12 Noon Lunch, 1 pm Eucharist Adoration & Confession, 1:30 Holy Rosary, 2:00 Mass, 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of **St. Faustina** relic & blessings of articles, 3:30 Stations of the Cross, and at 4:30 leave the Shrine with our bus.

You can bring your own food, or **food is now available** at the **Eden Hill Café** at the Shrine! [**See their menu here.**](https://www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/eden-hill-caf%C3%A9) Their **Catholic Gift Shop, the largest in Massachusetts,** is open until 4:30 pm. For info on the beautiful sites, please see [**https://www.shrineofdivinemercy.org**](https://www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/), and

[**https://www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/stations**](https://www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/stations) about the unusual life size statues of Jesus, with Whom we will walk!

**Divine Mercy** is now a very important and timely devotion in many ways!. **St. John Paul II said**, *“We are* now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church*, between the gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist.”* **Jesus said,***“prepare the world for My Final coming...Mercy is a sign for the end times …after it will come the Day of Justice.” And***Pope Francis** declared the first **Jubilee Year of Mercy 10 years ago** in 2015 saying, *“Listen to the Spirit that speaks to the whole Church in this****our time, which is the time of mercy****”.*

**Please share this email with others and plan on joining us this year.**If you have any questions, please contact any one of us:

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**Please give any of us $25 in cash or check with your name and email address** (or telephone #) for each ticket to reserve your seat(s) on our private bus. Or send (& make out) to me at Victor Melfa, P.O. Box 994, Westboro, MA 01581, drop off at St. Luke’s Parish Center at 1 Ruggles Street behind our church at 70 West Main St. Westborough, or give to me at 9:30 am after most St. Luke’s weekday Masses.

**Thank you!** And Trusting in God’s Mercy, let us do His Will!

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**FOR SOME BACKGROUIND INFO YOU MAY WISH TO KNOW:**

[**St. Luke the Evangelist**](https://stlukes-parish.org/) **has a unique connection to Divine Mercy** starting with the worldwide **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** in 2015. There have been only 3 **Extraordinary Jubilee Years** in all of Church history. We were chosen as **one of only a few Pilgrimage Parishes in our Diocese** with Special Plenary Indulgences. We began the year with **over 100 of us making the** **33 Days to Morning Glory** **Marian Consecration Retreat**. A group of us then joined over 1000 others with **Bishop McManus for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge**. We now have a beautiful **Divine Mercy Chapel** in our church and recite the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** at the **3:00pm** **Hour of Mercy**during all-day **Adoration** every Tuesday until Holy Benediction at 6pm. And we now have two **Divine Mercy Cenacles;** for info on these, or to join, please contact Judy Savoie at [**jsavoie42@msn.com**](mailto:jsavoie42@msn.com) and see [**https://www.thedivinemercy.org/eadm/cenacle**](https://www.thedivinemercy.org/eadm/cenacle).

Our **vestibule bookcase** has many special books to borrow or keep for a donation, including two by previous leaders of the **National Divine Mercy Shrine**, --the **Second Greatest Story Ever Told, *Now Is the Time of Mercy*** bestselling book by **Fr. Michael Gaitley**, and **Fr. Chris Alar’s** **Understanding Divine Mercy.** The bookcase also has **free rosaries and pamphlets** on: Divine Mercy, the Rosary, Respect Life, the Eucharist, our Faith, and our moral Civic Duties.