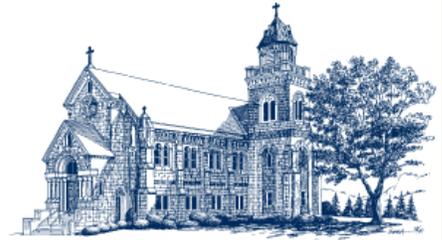


National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

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Official promoters of the authentic Divine Mercy message since 1941

Important Pilgrimage Information

Thank you for your desire to visit the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy. The Shrine is a truly special place nestled in the Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts. Whether this is your first time visiting or a repeat visit, we pray that your time of prayer and worship here is truly blessed with God's mercy.

We pray that you encounter the merciful love of God on your pilgrimage. Here is some important information to know for planning your visit to the National Shrine:

Bus groups: You must verify availability for the date you wish to visit the Shrine by calling the pilgrimage office at 413-298-1119 or emailing the Pilgrimage Coordinator at pilgrims@marian.org.

(1) What are the steps to register my bus/group to visit the National Shrine?

1. Click [here] to register your group.
2. Please select your pilgrimage date and fill out the rest of the form. If you are able to help with the daily expenses of the Shrine, there is an opportunity to give a suggested donation of \$100. Once the form is filled out, you will receive a confirmation of your trip via email.
3. Please email the Shrine pilgrimage coordinator at pilgrims@marian.org to receive further information for planning your pilgrimage and visiting the Shrine.

(2) Groups coming by bus/motor coach:

If your group speaks only a language other than English, please notify the pilgrimage coordinator of this **in advance**. Most Confessions and Masses at the Shrine are in English. On occasion, we will have priests who speak different languages to hear Confession or celebrate bi-lingual Mass.

We ask that you please unload all pilgrims in the big parking lot near the Divine Mercy statue. To keep everyone safe, please do not load or unload pilgrims in front of the Shrine chapel. Due to Massachusetts state law, buses are not allowed to idle for more than 5 minutes or however long it takes for pilgrims to disembark.

There is a lounge available near the big parking lot for your bus driver should he or she choose to stay on Eden Hill during the day.

It is very important that the group coordinator has the cell phone number of the bus driver as well as each pilgrim on the trip.

The Shrine chapel is surprisingly small! On busy days, all services will be held outside at the Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine. Please prepare accordingly for this possibility (see "weather" section below).

(3) General group information

All groups of 15 or more need to register with the Pilgrimage Coordinator (please see number 1).

We ask that you join in the existing Mass and devotional schedule, especially if you do not have a priest accompanying your group.

If your pilgrimage group speaks only a language other than English, please notify the pilgrimage coordinator of this **in advance**. Most Confessions and Masses at the Shrine are in English. On occasion, we will have priests who speak different languages to hear Confession or celebrate a bi-lingual Mass.

Free maps and schedules are available once you arrive and can be picked up at the gift shop and Shrine reception area.

(3) Handicap parking

For those with a state-issued handicap permit, there is handicap parking available in designated areas right in front of the Shrine chapel.

(4) Weather: What should we wear and bring?

Given the rural terrain of Eden Hill, we advise pilgrims to dress with sturdy, comfortable walking shoes and appropriate outerwear. Weather on the Hill is variable, so it is wise to bring rain gear, umbrellas, layers of clothes, etc. We advise you to check the weather for the Stockbridge area the week before your trip to be prepared. The Shrine is not air conditioned and can get quite hot during the day.

(5) Restrooms

There are restrooms available in a number of locations on the property: in the two large buildings near the parking lot when you arrive, in our gift shop, and in the basement of the Shrine church building in Memorial Hall. There are also family restrooms available with a baby-changing station in the Shrine building. Restrooms are also available in the back of the Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine. On special event days with larger gatherings, there are Port-a-Potties available.

(6) Accessibility

The Shrine Chapel, restrooms, and gift shop are handicap accessible. A public elevator is available in the National Shrine chapel building. We recommend for pilgrims to bring their own walkers, wheelchairs, hearing augmentation devices, and other necessary medical items. Currently the Shrine does not provide these items.

(7) Golf Cart Availability

A golf cart driven by a Marian brother or Shrine volunteer will be available for elderly pilgrims, those with mobility issues, or other medical needs on bus pilgrimage days.

(8) Are there tours available for my family/group?

Formal tours are not regularly given. However, a priest, brother, or volunteer is available to give a tour on bus pilgrimage days of the Shrine and/or grounds. For individuals or small groups coming by car, please contact the pilgrim office at least two weeks in advance of your trip to see about availability.

(9) Food

We invite pilgrims to bring their own coolers and/or bagged lunches to enjoy during the day. In the warmer months, there is a sheltered outside area with picnic tables available for your use. In the cooler months, Memorial Hall in the basement of the Shrine is available for your use. For bus groups, you can order lunches from Elm Street Market in downtown Stockbridge (413-298-3634) which will deliver directly to your group. We ask pilgrims not to cook or reheat any food on Shrine property.

Unfortunately, we do not have a cafeteria or restaurant available on Eden Hill. We do have beverage and snack machines located on the basement floor of the Shrine.

(10) Clergy

Please click [here](#) for clergy information.

(11) Hours of Operation

Shrine Reception 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (open 7 days a week) 413-298-3931

Gift Shop 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (open 7 days a week) 413-298-1112

Pilgrimage Office 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (M-F)* 413-298-1119

***Varies during pilgrimage season; use email for quickest response at pilgrims@marian.org**

(12) Directions

From downtown Stockbridge: at the four-way intersection, proceed up Pine Street past the tennis courts. At the fork in the road, continue straight up the hill. As you enter the property you will see a sign that says "Welcome to Eden Hill." Please continue up the hill to the top; there you will see a large bronze statue of the Divine Mercy. Please turn right into the big parking lot and follow the signs to park your vehicle in one of the designated parking spots. If the blacktop is filled, the area behind the blacktop (which looks like grass) is airport mix available for vehicles.

GPS location & address: 2 Prospect Hill Road, Stockbridge, MA 01262

Please know that we are a small Shrine with limited staff and volunteers. We will do our best to accommodate your requests and help in making your pilgrimage a fruitful one. Please contact the Pilgrimage Office if you have any questions or concerns.

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We look forward to your pilgrimage at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy & wish you safe travels throughout your journey!

"Pilgrimage is a joyous community experience that leads one before the Lord, to seek His face, to experience the joy of His house." (Pope St. John Paul II)