

# THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Basil the Great Church  
Dushore, PA



St. Francis of Assisi Church  
Mildred, Pa



St. John Neumann Shrine  
Sugar Ridge, Pa



St. Francis of Assisi Chapel  
Eagles Mere, Pa

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## Our Pastoral Staff

Parish Administrator - Reverend Richard Rojas  
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Director of Liturgical Music - Mrs. Deborah Rojas

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday

4:00 PM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

### Sunday

7:30 AM St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred

9:30 AM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 3:15 - 3:45 PM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

Sundays - 6:45 - 7:00 AM St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred

Or by appointment

**A Welcoming Community:** You enter this Church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both in your going out and your coming in.

**Parish Registration:** You must be a registered member of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish to receive Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Holy Communion, Marriage and to receive sponsor letters from the pastor.

**New Members:** Please stop by or call the parish office and register. (If you are leaving the parish, please notify the office before you leave). Thank you.

**Change of Address:** Please notify the parish office as soon as possible if you have had a change of address.

**Inactive Catholics:** As a welcoming parish, we ask every parishioner to ask God to put in your heart people whose hearts we need to reach out and touch with God's love. "Before you talk to men about God, you talk to God about men." Please, call, write, leave in an envelope in the collection the name, address and phone number of the person. Father would be delighted to meet with them.

#### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to bring non-Catholics into the faith. Anyone seeking information or interested in becoming a part of this community of faith can call the parish office.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month following the 9:30 AM Mass. In order to understand and better appreciate this special sacrament, parents are required to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program, which is held on the last Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM in St. Basil's Rectory. Please contact the rectory to schedule your child's baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples contemplating marriage should notify the rectory at least six months prior to the date to allow necessary time for proper preparation.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Please call the parish for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

**Parish Mission Statement:** We, the Catholic faithful of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, and our Bishop, are called through Baptism to share in the ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. As priest and lay faithful in a rural area, we utilize our energy to serve the spiritual needs of the Kingdom of God to promote a culture of life, justice, and peace to this generation and the generations that follow us.

#### Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continually intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son, Jesus.

(Mention your request)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His for ever and ever. Amen.

# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, June 12th, 2016

## Sunday Readings

### First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13

Because God was displeased with the actions of David concerning Uriah's death in order to marry Bathsheba, God sent Nathan to reprimand David. Nathan reminds David that God anointed him King of Israel and victor over Saul. David realizes his sin against God, but Nathan continues to reveal to David that the child to be born to him shall die.

### Responsorial Psalm: 32

### Second Reading: Galatians 2:16, 19-21

Paul writes of the struggles between Gentiles and Jews who both now profess belief in Christ Jesus. Paul proclaims his life in Christ, working towards unity and faith in the Son of God.

### Gospel: Luke 7:36—8:3

While Jesus was dining at the home of a Pharisee, a woman of the city who was a sinner, came and anointed his feet with oil. Weeping, her tears fell upon Jesus's feet and she dried them with her hair. Because of the woman's respect and love, Jesus forgives her sins. This causes those present at the table to question who he is.

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Courtesy - An embarrassing display.

The occasion was already delicate, to say the least. Jesus had been invited to a private dinner in the house of Simon the Pharisee. This was an honor, but at the same time a dishonor, since Simon ignored the usual courtesies due to a guest in that culture.

What kind of courtesies? Water to cleanse his feet, a kiss of welcome, the anointing of his head.

As dinner went on, "a sinful woman" barged into the house without asking, and sat on the floor right behind Jesus. She began weeping. We are not told why, only that she obviously loved Jesus a lot.

At the dinner, she "began to bathe his feet with her tears." And she actually dried them with her hair. What an embarrassing display.

Finally, she took out a beautifully ornamented flask—which she had brought carefully for this purpose. She spread the precious ointment which it contained upon his feet, giving them repeated kisses.

To the other guests she seemed completely out of control. Simon the Pharisee said under his breath,

*If this man were a prophet he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, She is a sinner.*

Jesus certainly did know. Not only about her sins, but her goodness, which he was seeing. He accepted both tenderly. And then he gave a sharp rebuke to Simon the Pharisee.

*When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment.*

Then, with deft words, he showed that her actions came directly from her loving heart. Here is the important line: Her many sins have been forgiven; that is the reason she has shown such great love. If she had been forgiven only a little bit, her love would be small as a result.

Notice it is not the case that the woman loved Jesus and therefore was deserving of forgiveness. It is just the opposite. He had already forgiven her sins, and as a result she loved him. God's love is always first no matter how sinful we are. It remains personal and present for each of us, if we can let go of our guilt.

It is because we are all so inadequate that his love takes the form of absolution. Usually you and I have it backwards. We think we must get rid of all our sins and become perfect and sinless in order for God to love us. In reality we are already loved to perfection by the good Lord, and we begin to reform as we slowly let that love in. We begin to recognize who we really are. We soften our hearts toward the mess we have made of our lives, because we see that somehow we are loved as we are.

*In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. (1 John 4:1-10)*

Let it happen.

John Foley, SJ

## *Weekly Liturgical Celebrations*

### Saturday, June 11

4:00PM Dushore *John & Delores Jerkes by the family*

### Sunday, June 12

7:30AM Mildred *Mass for the People*

9:30AM Dushore *Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Mucha by the family*

### Monday, June 13

9:00AM Dushore *Deceased members of St. Basil's Class of 1941 by Francis Tourscher & Kitty Carroll*

### Tuesday, June 14

9:00AM Mildred *Gerald J. Doyle by Ronna Lang & Patrick Tabor*

### Thursday, June 16

9:00AM Mildred *Marie Sharrow by Milo & Jeanne Clinton*

10:30 Highlands *Stephen Hoodak Jr. by Helen & Joseph Silner*

### Friday, June 10

9:00AM Dushore *John Cosgrove by Maureen Cosgrove*

### Saturday, June 11

4:00PM Dushore *Deceased members of Nitcznski family by Ron & Dee Kulsicavage*

### Sunday, June 12

7:30AM Mildred *Mass for the People*

9:30AM Dushore *Guy McCarty by his children*

## **DAILY READINGS**

### **MONDAY ~ St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

#### **TUESDAY**

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

#### **WEDNESDAY**

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20-21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

#### **THURSDAY**

Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

#### **FRIDAY**

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

#### **SATURDAY**

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

### **SUNDAY~ TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Zec 12:10-11, 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

From a treatise on the Lord's Prayer by Saint Cyprian, bishop and martyr

*Let your prayer come from a humble heart*

When we pray, our words should be calm, modest, and disciplined. Let us reflect that we are standing before God. We should please him both by our bodily posture and the manner of our speech. It is characteristic of the vulgar to shout and make a noise, not those who are modest. On the contrary, they should employ a quiet tone in their prayer.

Moreover, in the course of his teaching, the Lord instructed us to pray in secret. Hidden and secluded places, even our own rooms, give witness to our belief that God is present everywhere; that he sees and hears all; that in the fullness of his majesty, he penetrates hidden and secret places. This is the teaching of Jeremiah: *Am I God when I am near, and not God when I am far away? Can anyone hide in a dark corner without my seeing him? Do I not fill heaven and earth?* Another passage of Scripture says: *The eyes of the Lord are everywhere observing both good and wicked men.*

The same modesty and discipline should characterize our liturgical prayer as well. When we gather to celebrate the divine mysteries with God's priest, we should not express our prayer in unruly words; the petition that should be made to God with moderation is not to be shouted out nosily and verbosely. For God hears our heart not our voice. He sees our thoughts; he is not to be shouted at. The Lord showed us this when he asked: *Why do you think evil in your hearts?* The book of Revelation testifies to this also: *And all the churches shall know that I am the one who searches the heart and the desires.*

Anna maintained this rule; in her observance of it she is an image of the Church. In the First Book of Kings we are told that she prayed quietly and modestly to God in the recesses of her heart. Her prayer was secret but her faith was evident. She did not pray with her voice, but with her heart, for she knew that in this way the Lord would hear her. She prayed with faith and obtained what she sought. Scripture makes this clear in the words: *She was speaking in her heart; her lips were moving but her voice could not be heard; and the Lord heard her prayer.* The psalmist also reminds us: *Commune within your own hearts, and in the privacy of your room express your remorse.* This is the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Through Jeremiah he suggests this: *Say in your hearts: Lord, it is you that we have to worship.*

My friends, anyone who worships should remember the way in which the tax-collector prayed in the temple along-side the Pharisee. He did not raise his eyes immodestly to heaven or lift up his hands arrogantly. Instead he struck his breast, and confessing the sins hidden within his heart, he implored the assistance of God's mercy. While the Pharisee was pleased with himself, the tax-collector deserved to be cleansed much more because of the manner in which he prayed. For he did not place his hope of salvation in the certainty of his own innocence; indeed, no one is innocent. Rather he prayed humbly, confessing his sins. And the Lord who forgives the lowly heard his prayer.

**Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection**  
***The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish***

**June 4th & 5th, 2016**

\$4,513.55

**Care & Education of Priests**

\$742.25

The current budget figures show that our collection needs to be at or above \$5,300.00 each week to meet all of our financial obligations. We will be publishing in the bulletin where we stand financially so you can help us fulfill our obligations.

Budget goal .....	\$5,300.00
Offertory this week .....	\$4,513.55
Under goal.....	\$786.45

**June Second Collections**

June 11 & 12 ~ Building & Maintenance

June 25 & 26 ~ Peter's Pence

Thank you for your generosity!

**A Prayer for our Military**

God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries; and please watch over and heal my family. Heavenly Father, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in this, our time of need. These things I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please pray for:

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**Airforce SSGT Amber Adams**

**Liturgical Ministers for June 18 & 19**

***Special Ministers of Communion***

4:00 PM Dushore T. Karaban, J. Hatch. R. Tourscher

7:30 AM Mildred K. Bohensky, J. Doyle

9:30 AM Dushore D. Fite, J. & D. McDonough

***Lectors***

4:00 PM Dushore D. Lambert

7:30 AM Mildred R. Gumble

9:30 AM Dushore B. Hawke, M.L. McCamley

***Altar Servers***

4:00 PM Dushore

7:30 AM Mildred R. Thomas

9:30 AM Dushore B. Tewell, C. Minier

***Greeters***

4:00 PM Dushore C. & C.A. Gindele

7:30 AM Mildred R. Hope

9:30 AM Dushore C. & P. Wylie, D. Hallam

**Patron of the Week**

***Bear Fuel***

*Please support our patrons on the back of the bulletin.*

**Word of Life**

"In the wake of the so-called sexual revolution, many have been hurt by their own sins, the sins of others, confusion, and broken relationships and families. ...No wound is so deep, however, as to be out of the reach of Christ's redeeming grace."

—"Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography"

**Harmonies for Homes Annual Recital**

**Featuring: Rachel Choplick, Elly, Kirsten, and Trinity Rojas, and other local talents.**

**June 18th, 2016**

**7:00PM ~ St. Basil's Hall**

**Thank You!**

Thank you to Dick & Josie Silverstrim for their care and attention to detail in tending to the flowerbeds around St. Basil's Church. Thank you also to Debbie Hill and crew for their wonderful work in the flowerbeds at St. Francis of Assisi Church! You help to make our parish shine!





**Senior Liturgy ~  
Sunday, June 12, 2016**

The parish wishes to honor all the graduating high school and college seniors of our parish with a special Eucharistic Liturgy this Sunday, June 12 at the 9:30 AM Mass.

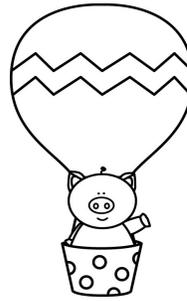
**Altar & Rosary Society News**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00pm in the St. Francis Rectory, Mildred, at which time we shall be viewing a segment of Mother Angelica's TV program entitled "Heaven/Classic Talks." Light refreshments will be served.

**Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee, or a volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious or lay employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Joseph DeVizia at 570-862-7551 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at 570-207-2269



**IHM Parish Summer Festival**

It's time for the IHM Parish Picnic, new this year under the "Big Top":

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from Noon til 5 PM.**

**Dinner** will be an old fashioned Ham Dinner with the fixins and dessert will be those homemade pies baked fresh by our parish bakers. Need those Homemade Pies at the Tent prior to noon. Adults \$10, Children over 6, \$5, Younger ones, FREE!

**Shuttle service** will be available from the Church parking lot on the hour!

There will be a **baking contest** at 1:30. Your chance to win \$50, \$30, \$20!

**Picnic Events include:**

- Bouncy castle for kids under 6
- Plush Toy Wheel
- Big 6 Wheel Winners
- Instant Bingo

**Chicken Barbecue ~ Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** in downtown Dushore. This event kicks off our Parish Picnic!

**Items Needed:**

**Theme Baskets** - There are baskets available in the back of St. Francis and St. Basil's Churches. If you have not taken a basket, please do so today ... Support your parish and donate a fun, or useful gift basket. For parishioners giving lottery tickets or a gift certificate, please in a sealed envelope marked "Theme Baskets". Please place in the collection or take to the parish office in Mildred. The committee will be wrapping baskets the month of June. Early arrivals are greatly appreciated! Please return your Theme Basket by Sunday, June 26. Thank you!

**Basket of Cheer** ~ Wine and liquor is needed for our baskets to be chanced off. Please drop off at the parish office.

Sponsors needed to underwrite the cost of the tent and the outdoor fun!

**Ad Book:** Have you placed your business ad or your family bio? What a clever and economical way to tell your story!

Winners wanted for the **Money Raffle & Pigg...ressive Pig!**

Have not been asked to help out? Call the Parish office today and we can put your talents to good use ... [570-928-8865](tel:570-928-8865).

**Next meeting Tuesday, June 14th in St. Basil's Hall 6:30PM**

The IHM Parish would like to thank the following local businesses for their support of our Parish Picnic.

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We would also like to thank the following businesses who support our parish in providing valuable services and donations:

The Sullivan Review: Ad Book & Raffle Ticket printing  
Hurleys Super Market: Dinner meats  
Jim & Germaine Donahue: Door prizes, pie contest prize, and Banners  
Patty & Michael Foster: 3 tents to keep us comfortable

### IHM Parish Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, our summer Mass schedule will be as follows:

#### SATURDAY

4:00 PM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

#### SUNDAYS

7:00 AM St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred

9:00 AM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

10:45 AM St. Francis of Assisi Chapel,  
Eagles Mere

The Masses for St. John Neumann Shrine in

Sugar Ridge are:

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

These Masses will be held at 2:30 PM

### Youth Group News!

The IHM Youth Group would sincerely like to thank everyone who purchased Memorial Day Flowers! The monies raised will be used of the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Trip from July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>. Due to your great generosity, we sold out! Thank you very much!

#### Upcoming Events:

June 12 - Senior Liturgy at the 9:30 AM Mass.

June 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - International Student Leadership Institute at King's College for those in grades 9 - 12<sup>th</sup>.

June 29<sup>th</sup> - Light the Fire Youth Rally at Misericordia University. This is a high energy, youth-filled day of fun, song, adoration and worship. Please call Dawn or John Lambert to reserve your spot.

July 3 - IHM Parish Festival

July 3 - 9<sup>th</sup> - Habitat for Humanity, Franklin, West

Virginia July 22 - 24 - Steubenville Youth

Conference July 25 - 29 - 9:00AM - 12:00 noon -

**VBS Volunteers are needed ( Youth and Adult)**

**Please call the Parish office if you can help**

**570-928-8865**

### Vacation Bible School

**Cave Quest ~ Gear up for an Adventure  
July 23 – 29 at St. Basil's Hall, Dushore  
9:00 AM to 12:00 noon**

The IHM Parish invites all the children in Sullivan County to join us at Cave Quest. At Cave Quest your kids will find ultimate truth in Jesus! Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts, and playing games. But most important, they'll discover Jesus provides what they truly need in every challenge of life. **Volunteers are needed!!!** For more information, call the IHM Parish Office at [570-928-8865](tel:570-928-8865). **Next VBS meeting Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm St. Basil's Hall, Dushore.**

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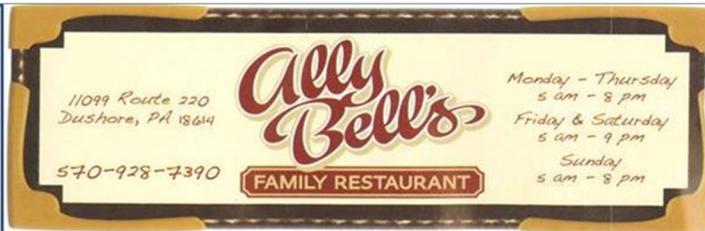
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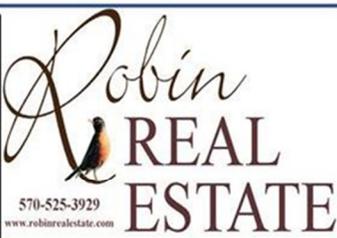
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