# The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

# July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Basil the Great Church Dushore, PA



St. John Neumann Shrine Sugar Ridge, PA





St. Francis of Assisi Church Mildred, PA



St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Eagles Mere, PA



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#### Our Pastoral Staff

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#### Summer Mass Schedule Saturday

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

#### Sunday

7:30 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 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.

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016



#### Sunday Readings

#### First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Isaiah instructs the people of Jerusalem to rejoice, because God would restore her prosperity. The people will better understand God's power through their homeland's restoration.

Responsorial Psalm: 66

#### Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Paul describes the sign of the cross of Jesus as all that is significant. Following the old laws is unimportant. Instead, being baptized in Christ and adhering to his ideals is what matters most.

#### Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus sent forth seventy-two disciples to preach his good news, telling them, "the harvest is rich, but the workers few." He also gave them detailed instructions on how to act towards the people. Jesus then reminded them not to be happy because of their power over evil, but to rejoice in the salvation they would achieve.

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Being Sent Out

Jesus is now on the road to Jerusalem. Now we hear him sending disciples out to each town that he intends to visit. And he gives his famous instructions about shaking the dust from their feet.

We too are sent out to spread news of the kingdom, just like the disciples. Not a duty imposed by guilt or command, but – as liturgical spirituality would say – by gratitude for the great goodness of God to each of us and all of us.

But last week Jesus was recruiting in tough

language ("Let the dead bury their dead!"), and now he is giving army-like instructions as to how the seventy-two disciples are to act when they go journeying to the towns ("Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals"). In light of what we saw during Holy Week, are you and I ready to be recruited, to tell about this kind of life-sharing?

When a person cares for you and stays with you, gratefulness is the obvious response. Jesus must have been loved a lot, and it made him act with much gratitude and self-surrender on the cross.

We are to imitate him, so let us look more closely to find what he was responding to. One answer could be a theoretical one about the Trinity, about Jesus being the Christ, close to the Father. Gratitude must be at the heart of the Trinity.

But on Sunday we will have very earthy images. Take a look at the First Reading. It is a beautiful "welcome home" for people who had been exiled from Jerusalem, who had hung up their harps because they could not bring themselves to sing in captivity.

The Lord tells them to "suck fully of the milk of [Jerusalem's] comfort that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! ... As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."

These are Godly, mothering images, immediate, compelling. This is the peace given by God's motherhood. It is the peace that our wild and wooly lives emerge from and can journey back to!

Surely this is what gave Jesus courage on the cross. As a man he had been comforted at the breast of the Holy Spirit. And he had asked that most terrible question, "Why have you forsaken me?" His hope-against-hope, his memory of love, gave him bravery, in a place so enmeshed in sin and danger and death.

Such fullness is what we also receive or at least remember, the one we are loved in, the one we let send us into the world. Even if we cannot recall the fond love that God had for our wriggling, snotty, childish selves, we can still call to mind what we knew of it in the past, as well as in our adulthood at this very moment. Real love, once truly given and accepted, cannot be erased. The comfort that fondled us as babies still nestles near the very center of our selves. We need to look for it.

If we do have to search for it, as Jesus seemed to, then we must wait and hope and pray, and not give up. Jesus did not give up, on the cross or on the road to it.

## Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

#### Saturday, July 2

3:15 ~ 3:45 PM Dushore Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM Dushore Deceased members of St. Basil's School Alumni by St. Basil's Alumni Association

#### Sunday, July 3

6:45 – 7:00 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:30 AM Mildred Wayne Pedro by Dennis & Deborah Hill & family

9:00 AM **Dushore** Rita & Bernard Bagley by their children & Grandchildren

10:45 AM Eagles Mere Mass for the People

Tuesday, July 5

9:00 AM Mildred Fred Moll by the family

Thursday, July 7

9:00 AM Mildred Samuel Wylie by Thomas & Adelene McDaniels

#### Friday, July 8

9:00 AM **Dushore** Esther Rzeszotarski by her daughter, Tracey, & Scott, Bryan, Carmen & Courtney

#### Saturday, July 9

3:15 ~ 3:45 PM Dushore Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM Dushore Paul Gavioli by his wife, Ruth Sunday, July 10

6:45 – 7:00 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:30 AM Mildred Jack Charnitski by the Yavorski family 9:00 AM Dushore John Cosgrove by Maureen Cosgrove 10:45 AM Eagles Mere Mass for the People

2:30 PM Sugar Ridge Mary Richlin by Jim Richlin

#### DAILY READINGS Monday

Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22; Ps 145; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday ~ Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Ps 115; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday ~ Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Ps 105; Mt 10:1-7

#### **Thursday**

Hos 11:1-4,8c-9; Ps 80; Mt 10:7-15 **Friday** 

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday ~ Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93; Mt 10:23-33

Sunday ~ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

In the kindness of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Colonna. Joe was instrumental in cleaning and repairing many of the outdoor statues for our parish. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

#### From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop

A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit

I acknowledge my transgression, says David. If I admit my fault, then you will pardon it. Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me. He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thought upon himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared.

Do you want God to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. Consider the psalm again: If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight. Are you then to be without sacrifice? Are you to offer nothing? Will you please God without an offering? Consider what you read in the same psalm: If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight. But continue to listen, and say with David: A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart. Cast aside your former offerings, for now you have found out what you are to offer. In the days of your fathers you would have made offering of cattle - these were the sacrifices. If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it. These then, Lord, you do not want, and yet you do want sacrifice.

You will take no delight in burnt offerings, David says. If you will not take delight in burnt offerings, will you remain without sacrifice? Not at all. A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart

You now have the offering you are to make. No need to examine the herd, no need to outfit ships and travel to the most remote provinces in search of incense. Search within your heart for what is pleasing to God. Your heart must be crushed. Are you afraid that it might perish so? You have the reply: *Create a clean heart in me*, *O God.* For a clean heart to be created, the unclean one must be crushed.

We should be displeased with ourselves when we commit sin, for sin is displeasing to God. Sinful though we are, let us at least be like God in this, that we are displeased at what displeases him. In some measure then you will be in harmony with God's will, because you find displeasing in yourself what is abhorrent to your Creator.

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

June 25th & 26th, 2016

\$4,191.00

#### **Peter's Pence Collection**

\$661.13

Our estimated budget figures show that our parish offertory 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 see when help is needed.

 Budget goal
 \$5,300.00

 Offertory this week
 4,191.00

 Under goal
 \$1,109.00

#### **July Second Collections**

July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Care & Education of Priests July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Building & Maintenance July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Heat & Eat Fund July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Catholic Relief Services Thank you for your generosity!

Word of Life: "The threats to religious freedom are more subtle (in the West); many people don't even perceive them ... Whereas in other parts of the world ... it's bloody, violent, overt, but in both cases it's a denial of the rights of conscience, it's a denial of the fundamental freedom to relate to one's own God."

~Most Reverend William E. Lori, Chairman

#### Patron of the Week

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#### **Dressing Appropriately**

Even if our churches aren't air conditioned, we need to be conscious of the way we dress for Church.

More than anything else, our dress and attire should suggest our reverence and respect for the special presence of the Lord found in Church.

As delighted as we are to see each and every person here at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, we do offer a gentle reminder to all that modest attire is desired.

We have all been invited to the most important table in town, the Lord's. Let us dress appropriately!

#### <u>Liturgical Ministers for July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup></u> Special Ministers of Communion

4:00 PM Dushore D. Homer, T. Karaban, T. Finan

7:30 AM Mildred H. Clark, J. Walsh

9:00 AM Dushore J. Hawke, D. Fite, T. Hembury

Lectors

4:00 PM Dushore J. Shoemaker 7:30 AM Mildred S. Moyer

9:00 AM Dushore S. Branosky, P. Wylie

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Dushore

7:30 AM Mildred R. Thomas 9:00 AM Dushore S. & Z. Pedro

**Greeters** 

4:00 PM Dushore J. & E. Richlin

7:30 AM Mildred R. Hope

9:00 AM Dushore J. & D. McDonough, T. Karaban

#### 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:

#### Darrin J. Denmon

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#### Air Force Captain Shawn M. McDonald

145 Kings Highway; Apt 307 Dover, DE 19901

**Airforce SSGT Amber Adams** 

#### **Summertime**

You are reminded that there is no vacation from God. Please remember your obligation to attend Mass every weekend and Holyday. It is still a mortal sin to miss Mass (except for inclement weather and illness). Masses on weekends are readily available in most vacation spots. When out of town for the weekend, your parish still needs your weekly tithe for support. Just as you must still pay the cable, electric, and other utilities when you are away on vacation, so too your parish needs your constant continuous support. Enjoy the Summer!

The IHM Parish would like to thank the following local businesses for their support in our Parish Picnic. Fitzpatrick & Lambert P. Dean Homer Funeral Home Lusch Acres Vacation Homes John A. Shoemaker, esq. **Dushore Hotel** Garnet Valley Heating & Air Conditioning Harrington Hotel/220 House McCarty~Thomas Funeral Home 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 prizes, and Banners Patty & Michael Foster: 3 Tents

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

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any 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 volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, 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. accordance with the Commonwealth Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) 1-800-932-0313 electronically 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 wellbeing. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska 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 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:

#### **S**ATURDAY

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

7:30 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

St. John Neumann Shrine Sugar Ridge:

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:30 PM Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:30 PM Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:30 PM

Saint John Neumann Shrine, Sugar Ridge is very much part of many people's summer. The great simplicity of the shrine makes it a place of beautiful pilgrimage and devotion. Masses will be celebrated at the shrine this summer at 2:30

celebrated at the shrine this summer at 2:30 PM on July  $10^{th}$ , August  $7^{th}$ , and September  $4^{th}$ .

#### A Fourth of July Prayer

We lift up our hearts, O God, on this day of celebration in gratitude for the gift of being Americans.

We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all

With flags and feasting, with family and friends, we salute those who have sacrificed that we might have the opportunity to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts.

As we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts, may we also clearly declare our intention to work for the time when all people, regardless of race, religion or sex, will be granted equal dignity and worth.

Come, O gracious God, who led your children Israel from slavery, keep us free from all that might hold us in bondage. Bless our country and join our simple celebration that

we may praise you, our Source of freedom, the One in whom we place our trust. Amen.

~Ed Hays

#### Vacation Bible School PreSchool through 8th Grade Cave Quest ~ Gear up for an Adventure July 25 - 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. Registration forms are available in the entrance of each church and at the parish office.

#### **Youth Group Upcoming Events:**

July 3 - 9th - Habitat for Humanity, Franklin, West Virginia

July 22 - 24 - Steubenville Youth Conference July 25 - 29 - 9:00Am - 12:00 noon — Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed (Youth and Adult). Please call the Parish office if you can help - 570-928-8865

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

The IHM Youth Group is traveling to Franklin, West Virginia from July 3rd through July 9th. Two youth and three adults will join with Abington Youth Ministry from Dallas, PA on their annual mission trip. Those from our parish family are Stefanie Kramer, Maddie Fritsch, Melanie Lambert, Ellen Kramer and Dawn Lambert. In total the group will be comprised of about 40 youth and 6 adults. You have already been so generous in your contributions to support this effort. We now ask that you keep us and the Habitat families in your prayers as we travel and work to provide homes for the people of Franklin. Thank you!

The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Summer Festival
Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
12:00 ~ 5:00 PM
Ham Dinner serving 12 ~5 pm
Adults ~ \$10, Children over 6 ~
\$5, Under 6 ~ Free

#### Please drop off desserts before noon at the Tent

**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:**

Face Painting \* Bouncy castle for kids under 6 \* Plush Toy Wheel \* Big 6 Wheel \* Instant Bingo \* Theme Baskets

Live Polka Music from 3 – 5 pm featuring: John Stevens Doubleshot Polka Band

# Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for *Thursday*, *July 14*, 2016 at 7:00 PM in St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or accessed on the Service and Social Concerns webpage on the Diocese of Scranton's website, <a href="https://www.dioceseofscranton.org">www.dioceseofscranton.org</a>. Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.







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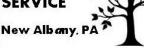
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