

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

August 21st, 2016 ~ Twenty-first 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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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 1st and 3rd 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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bring Forth



**Peace
and Justice**

Sunday, August 21st, 2016

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

Responsorial Psalm: 117

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline and attempt to learn something from them.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.

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Heaven's Gate

The parable Jesus tells us this Sunday seems a total contradiction of the one he told only four weeks ago. Let us look at these two stories, because our spiritual life is profoundly affected by the difference.

In the earlier parable Jesus told about a man knocking on a friend's door at midnight to borrow some bread. Notice that this is not just anyone, but a friend. The man inside yelled back as follows: "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything."

Jesus continues the story: "I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence."

Doesn't it feel good knowing that constant prayer will get the door open?

We'll hold your feelings back awhile and look at the Gospel for the present Sunday. Here again, someone is knocking on the door late at night. But this time the master of the house says, "I do not know where you are from."

The answer from the outside is, "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets." In other words, if anything, they are casual acquaintances.

"I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!"

Ouch. What about "ask and you shall receive"? As if to rub it in, Jesus applies this Sunday's parable as follows: "There will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see the saved ones – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets – looking down from heaven while you are being cast out!"

Cast out? Wailing? What is going on here? Is Jesus in a bad mood? No. Here is the difference.

The parable from the 17th Sunday specified that God was our friend, and therefore we could ask for whatever we need. If for no other reason, he would open the door just to get the noise stopped. And of course, there was a reason for the late hour: the emergency that a friend had come unexpectedly.

On the other hand, the parable for this Sunday shows people who do not know the home-owner at all. Apparently they know about him only from hearing him teach in the streets! Their knocking comes at midnight only because they were too busy partying to get there earlier.

In light of these two parables, we ask ourselves a question. Are you and I friends to Jesus, or just people who have heard his preaching? God will open the door to us if we are there, not just for the sake of curiosity or pure selfishness.

We must permit ourselves to be friends with God. If we do not open to such a friendship, for whatever reason, God will reluctantly respect our decision; that we are just curiosity seekers who only want a cheap friendship.

So, get to know God now. Start agreeing to the covenant he keeps offering. Do not delay till you get to heaven's gate and have only this to say for yourself: "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets."

~John Foley, S.J.

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, August 20

3:15 - 3:45 PM Dushore Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM Dushore *Joseph Colonna* by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen King

Sunday, August 21

6:45 - 7:00 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:30 AM Mildred *Josephine Gardner* by Joe Soden

9:00 AM Dushore *Bill & Pauline Rouse* by their family

10:45 AM Eagles *Mere Mass for the People*

Monday, August 22

9:00 AM Dushore *Thomas J. Fritsch* by Janet, Janice & Doris Hatch

Wednesday, August 24

9:00 AM Dushore *Francis Bernatavitz* by Sally & Nick Chelap

Thursday, August 25

9:00 AM Mildred *Patrick Flynn* by Bob & Colleen Gaumer

Friday, August 26

9:00 AM Dushore *Leah Hugo* by Francis Tourscher

Saturday, August 27

3:15 - 3:45 PM Dushore Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM Dushore *John Woods & deceased family members* by the family

Sunday, August 28

6:45 - 7:00 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:30 AM Mildred *Fr. Joseph R. Hornick* by Chris & Tracy Keeney

9:00 AM Dushore *Robert & Catherine Lambert* by their children & grandchildren

10:45 AM Eagles *Mere Mass for the People*

DAILY READINGS

Monday ~ *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday ~ *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin*

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday ~ SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday ~ *Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday ~ *Saint Monica*

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday ~ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



Saint John Neumann Shrine

The final Mass at the shrine this summer will be on Sunday, September 4th at 2:30 PM. This will be a Healing Mass.

From the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world of the Second Vatican Council

The foreshadowing of the new age

We do not know the time when earth and humanity will reach their completion, nor do we know the way in which the universe will be transformed. The world as we see it, disfigured by sin, is passing away. But we are assured that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth. In this new earth righteousness is to make its home, and happiness will satisfy, and more than satisfy, all the yearnings for peace that arise in human hearts. On that day, when death is conquered, the sons of God will be raised up in Christ; what was sown as something weak and perishable will be clothed in incorruption. Love and the fruits of love will remain, and the whole of creation, made by God for man, will be set free from the frustration that enslaves it.

We are warned indeed that a man gains nothing if he wins the whole world at the cost of himself. Yet our hope in a new earth should not weaken, but rather stimulate our concern for developing this earth, for on it there is growing up the body of a new human family, a body even now able to provide some foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, though earthly progress is to be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, yet in so far as it can help toward the better ordering of human society it is of great importance to the kingdom of God.

The blessings of human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom – all the good fruits on earth of man's cooperation with nature in the Spirit of the Lord and according to his command – will be found again in the world to come, but purified of all stain, resplendent and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father an eternal and universal kingdom: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." On this earth the kingdom is already present in sign; when the Lord comes it will reach its completion.

Bloodmobile

Monday, August 29th

1:00 – 6:00 pm

St. Basil's Church Parking Lot, Dushore

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection
The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

August 6th & 7th, 2016

\$6,439.21

Care & Education of Priests

\$854.56

August 13th & 14th, 2016

\$4,951.00

Building & Maintenance

\$655.25

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.

August Second Collections

August 20th & 21st ~ Parish Mission Appeal

August 27th & 28th ~ Churches in Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generosity!

Word of Life: "A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk."

~ Pope Francis, Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress, September 24, 2015

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!

Liturgical Ministers for August 27th & 28th

Special Ministers of Communion

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

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

9:00 AM Dushore J. & D. McDonough

Lectors

4:00 PM Dushore K. Homer

7:30 AM Mildred S. Moyer

9:00 AM Dushore D. Hallam, J. Wheeler

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Dushore

7:30 AM Mildred R. Thomas

9:00 AM Dushore B. Tewell, C. Minier

Greeters

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

7:30 AM Mildred R. Hope

9:00 AM Dushore M. & K. Evangelisti, J. Rouse

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

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!

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. 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

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 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).

Know Someone Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

These lazy and often hazy days of summer afford each of us the opportunity to contact those persons whom we know have shown interest in learning about the Catholic faith. **By reason of our baptism into Christ, each of us is obligated to reach out in God's name.**

Help awaken the seed of faith in others! Encourage them to become part of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is a **process** designed for adults who have heard God's word and seek to enter more deeply into the way of faith of the Catholic Church.

For more information please contact Donn Tourscher at 928-9361 or the parish office at 928-8865.

"You are God's love in action. Through you, God is still loving the world. Each time people come into contact with us, they must become different and better people because of having met us. We must radiate God's love."

~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Canonization ~ September 4, 2016

IHM Parish Summer Mass Schedule

Through Sunday, September 4th, 2016, our summer Mass schedule will be as follows:

SATURDAY

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, September 4th ~ 2:30 PM

IHM Youth Group: Many thanks to the members of the IHM Parish Community for their generous support of our recent Habitat for Humanity trip. In total, 40 youth and adult leaders were able to make a positive difference in the lives of many persons in the Franklin, West Virginia area. Tasks included putting up drywall in a new home construction, cleaning and painting townhouses and Habitat offices getting them ready for families to move into and rehabbing the snack shop of a drive-in movie theater that is expected to reopen next summer. Two of our youth, Stef Kramer and Maddie Fritsch experienced first-hand the joy of mission and the camaraderie of those from the Abington Youth Ministry. It was a week of hard work and great spiritual and emotional satisfaction. Thank you again for your support!

2016 Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Bazaar Raffle

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Bazaar Raffle tickets are now available. The tickets are \$15.00 and include 101 cash prizes. There will also be a "Bonanza Drawing" on October 9th, and a "Seller's Appreciation Drawing" will be on the night of the Bazaar, November 6th. A special thanks to Debbie Hill who organized and chaired the Raffle - for more information contact Debbie, 928-8730, or Linda at 928-8408. First drawing will be September 18th. Please return any unpurchased tickets to the rectory so that they may be sold. The Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 8th in St. Francis of Assisi Hall.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Annual
Old Fashion Picnic
Sunday, August 21, 2016 ~ 12:00 – 3:00 PM
St. Mary's Church grounds, Wyalusing
Come join the fun!**

Saint John Neumann Shrine Stations of the Cross

The second anniversary of Father Joe's death is Saturday, September 3rd. To mark his anniversary and honor his service to our parish family, Father Rojas will once again lead us in praying the Stations of the Cross at 1PM on Sunday September 4th at the St. John Neumann Shrine in Sugar Ridge. Considering Father Joe's devotion to the Way of the Cross and his special vocation to visit the sick, there can be no better way to honor his memory and celebrate his life than to pray the Stations of the Cross and celebrate the Healing Mass that will follow in the St. John Neumann Shrine.

Religious Ed Teachers/Aide Needed

The IHM Religious Education Program needs to fill the following positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

Kindergarten Teacher (every other week)

Kindergarten Teacher Aide

First Grade Teacher

Sixth Grade Teacher

If you are interested in sharing the faith with children, please contact Kathleen Clark, DRE at hayes.clark@frontiernet.net or Diane Fowler at the Parish Office, 570-928-8865.

Pontifical Mission Society

Deacon Ed Kelly, Diocesan Director of Missions will be in our parish this weekend on behalf of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith and the 1,150 mission dioceses throughout the world. The second collection this weekend will be for the poorest of the poor in the mission dioceses. Envelopes will also be available for those wishing to become members of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

A Person of Charity

The Kingdom of God will not be restricted to a select few: "People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and will take their place at the feast in the kingdom of God."

Even among the Jews of the Mosaic covenant, who tended to be clannish, the message from God was clear: I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory.

"So go out to all the world and tell the Good News."

Go out to the poor and hungry and tell them to take their place at the feast of the kingdom.

Go out to the oppressed and persecuted and tell them to take their place at the feast of the kingdom.

Go out to the people on death row and tell them to take their place at the feast of the kingdom.

Go out to all the isolated and alienated, the lonely elderly, those dying of AIDS, the prostitutes and pornographers, and tell them to take their place at the feast of the kingdom.

"Bring all your brethren from all the nations as an offering to the Lord: that is the challenge given us by the one who is the way, the truth, and the life."

"The missionary is a person of charity. In order to proclaim to all his brothers and sisters that they are loved by God and are capable of loving, he must show love toward all, giving his life for his neighbor.

The missionary is the 'universal brother,' bearing in himself the Church's spirit, her openness to and interest in all peoples and individuals, especially the least and poorest of his brethren.

As such, he overcomes barriers and divisions of race, cast or ideology. He is a sign of God's love in the world - a love without exclusion or partiality."

(Pope John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio, 1990:89)

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