

# *The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish*

## *September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ~ Twenty-third 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**

Parish Administrator ~ Reverend Richard Rojas  
Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Kathleen Clark  
Administrative Assistant ~ Ms. Diane Fowler  
Director of Liturgical Music ~ Mrs. Deborah Rojas

### **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!

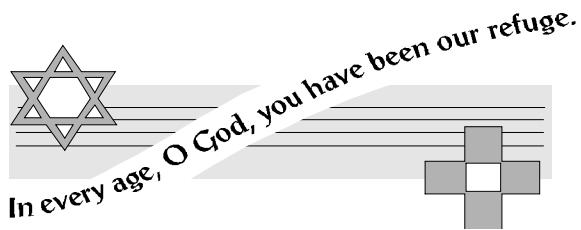
Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continually intercede on our behalf,  
please present my need before your loving Son, Jesus.

(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.

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Sunday Readings

### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

### Responsorial Psalm: 90

### Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

### Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in St. Basil's Hall from 8:00 to 9:15 AM. Kindergarten registration is now open. Parents can print a registration form from the website or contact Kathleen Clark at 570-928-8952 for more information.

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### What's to Hate?

In the Gospel reading, Jesus recommends hatred – of your mother and father, of your wife (or husband), in fact, of your very life.

What's to hate about these people? How can Jesus say that unless you hate them, you can't be his disciple? Didn't he command us to love our neighbors as ourselves? How can you hate your life if you love yourself?

Well, think of St. Thomas More. Henry VIII of England wanted his marriage to his wife annulled so that he could marry another woman, Anne. When the Pope wouldn't agree to what Henry wanted, Henry declared himself supreme head of the Church in England. More was Chancellor of England then, and Henry wanted More to support him in all this. Henry wanted More to sign the Oath of Supremacy declaring Henry the Supreme head of the Church in England.

More saw that Henry's passion for Anne was moving Henry to betray his wife and bring scandal on the Church. And More wouldn't support him. He wouldn't sign the Oath.

So More resigned his chancellorship and went home. But Henry pursued him. First, he stripped More of his income and property, and then he imprisoned him. More's wife was frantic. More's children were heart-broken. They thought that More's life hung in the balance, and they were right.

Couldn't More have just signed that Oath? His wife would have had him home. His children would have rejoiced at his return. He would have kept his property. He would have kept his life.

But he would have lost his life in keeping it. He would have betrayed the Lord he loved if he had signed that Oath.

So More lost all his possessions. He left his wife and children behind and went to prison. And finally he went to his death, for love of the Lord. This is the kind of hatred of life and loved ones that the Lord is talking about. More loved his family and his life, but he let go of everything for the love of Christ.

Because he maintained his integrity and did not let Henry push him into evil, More was true to the Lord he loved and to himself. He could not have loved himself or his wife or his children or his neighbors better than he did.

~Eleonore Stump

# Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

## Saturday, September 3

3:15 ~ 3:45 PM Dushore Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 PM Dushore *Fr. Joseph R. Hornick by Dave Kule & family*

## Sunday, September 4

6:45 – 7:00 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation  
7:30 AM Mildred *Marie Sharrow by Joseph Lang*  
9:00 AM Dushore *Erik Hausmann by the family*  
10:45 AM Eagles Mere *Mass for the People*  
2:30 PM Sugar Ridge *Joseph Cullen by the Original Eight Hunting Club*

## Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

9:00 AM Dushore *Ernest & Ethel Menold by their Mountain family*

## Wednesday, September 7

9:00 AM Dushore *Sandra Gulich by Bob & Mary Getz*

## Thursday, September 8

9:00 AM Mildred *Anna Decker by Lee Ann Wolfe*  
10:30 AM Highlands *Rev. Francis P. Skitzki by Fr. Rojas*

## Friday, September 9

9:00 AM Dushore *Barbara Place by Sylvia Richlin*

## Saturday, September 10

3:15 ~ 3:45 PM Dushore Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 PM Dushore *Bernadette & Nathan Weaver by Pat Klein & Lyndeana Stoddard*

## Sunday, September 11

6:45 – 7:00 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation  
7:30 AM Mildred *Wayne Pedro by Alberta Pastusic & daughters*  
9:00 AM Dushore *Mass for the People*

## **DAILY READINGS**

### **Monday**

I Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5; Lk 6:6-11

### **Tuesday**

I Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149; Lk 6:12-19

### **Wednesday**

I Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45; Lk 6:20-26

## **Thursday ~ THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

### **MARY**

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13; Mt 1:1-16,18-23

### **Friday ~ Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

I Cor 9:16-19,22b-27; Ps 84; Lk 6:39-42

### **Saturday**

I Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116; Lk 6:43-49

## **Sunday ~ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

### **TIME**

Ex 32:7-11,13-14; Ps 51; 1Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

*The Sanctuary Candles in St. Basil's and St. Francis of Assisi Churches are burning in loving memory of Bernadette & Nathan Weaver by the family*

## **From the Imitation of Christ**

*I taught my prophets*

My son, says the Lord, listen to my words, the most delightful of all words, surpassing all the knowledge of the philosophers and wise men of this world. *My words are spirit and life* and cannot be comprehended by human senses alone.

They are not to be interpreted according to the vain pleasure of the listener, but they must be listened to in silence and received with all humility and great affection.

And I said: *Blessed is the man whom you teach, Lord, and whom you instruct in your law; for him you soften the blow of the evil day,* and you do not desert him on the earth.

The Lord says, I have instructed my prophets from the beginning and even to the present time I have not stopped speaking to all men, but many are deaf and obstinate in response.

Many hear the word more easily than they hear God; they follow the desires of the flesh more readily than the pleasure of God.

The world promises rewards that are temporal and insignificant, and these are pursued with great longing; I promise rewards that are eternal and unsurpassable, yet the hearts of mortals respond sluggishly.

Who serves and obeys me in all matters with as much care as the world and its princes are served?

Blush, then, you lazy, complaining servant, for men are better prepared for the works of death than you are for the works of life. They take more joy in vanity than you in truth.

Yet they are often deceived in their hope, while my promise deceives no one, and leaves empty-handed no one who confides in me. What I have promised I shall give; what I have said I will fulfill for any man who remains faithful in my love unto the very end. I am the rewarder of all good men, the one who rigorously tests the devoted.

Write my words in your heart and study them diligently, for they will be absolutely necessary in the time of temptation. Whatever you fail to understand in reading my words will become clear to you on the day of your visitation.

I am accustomed to visit my elect in a double fashion, that is, with temptation and with consolation. And I read to them two lessons each day: one to rebuke them for their faults; the other to exhort them to increase their virtue.

*He who possesses my words yet spurns them earns his own judgment on the last day.*

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

**August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**\$5,088.00**

**Churches in Eastern Europe**

**\$911.93**

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.....	<u>5,088.00</u>
Under goal .....	\$ 212.00

### **September Second Collections**

September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Care & Education of Priests  
September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Building & Maintenance  
September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Special Collection for Louisiana flooding victims

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Word of Life:** “God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world ... Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign.”

~ Pope Francis, “Prayer of Remembrance”

Ground Zero Memorial, New York, September 25, 2015

### **Patron of the Week The Sullivan Review**

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

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

St. Basil's Hall, Dushore

8:00 to 11:00 AM

#### ***Roast Beef Dinner***

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

St. Basil's Hall, Dushore

4:00 – 7:00 PM

Come on out and let the Knights do the cooking!

### **Liturgical Ministers for September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Special Ministers of Communion**

4:00 PM Dushore	J. Hatch, T. Finan, T. Karaban
7:30 AM Mildred	J. Doyle, J. Walsh
9:00 AM Dushore	J. Tourscher, T. Hembury

#### **Lectors**

4:00 PM Dushore	R. Green
7:30 AM Mildred	S. Moyer
9:00 AM Dushore	J. Lambert, M. L. McCamley

#### **Altar Servers**

4:00 PM Dushore	R. Thomas
7:30 AM Mildred	B. Tewell, C. Minier
9:00 AM Dushore	

#### **Greeters**

4:00 PM Dushore	C. & C. A. Gindel
7:30 AM Mildred	R. Hope
9:00 AM Dushore	B. & J. Hawke, 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:

#### **Darrin J. Denmon**

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#### **Natalie Dymond**

9030 Moccasin Lake, San Antonio, TX 78245

#### **Matthew J. Dailey**

114 East Cochran Ave, Unit 110  
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#### **Air Force Captain Shawn M. McDonald**

145 Kings Highway; Apt 307  
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#### **Airforce SSGT Amber Adams**

### **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 9<sup>th</sup>, and a “Seller’s Appreciation Drawing” will be on the night of the Bazaar, November 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Please return any unpurchased tickets to the rectory so that they may be sold. The Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in St. Francis of Assisi Hall.

### **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](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 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.

### **Altar & Rosary Society News**

Our Bake Sale on August 13<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Everything was sold out by 1 PM and we made \$375.00! Thanks to all who purchased and made donations as well. Our next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis of Assisi Rectory Office in Mildred at 6:00 PM.

### **JOIN THE CHOIR, SEPT 8, 6:30P.M. MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!**

Fall is in the air! And so is the sound of PRAISE! Choir rehearsal will resume Thursday, September 8, 6:30 P.M. Already a member? Ask a friend to come sing with you! If you are not a member, but you like to sing -- do people regularly turn to you after Mass and compliment your singing? Do you remember your high school choir with fondness? Were you in the parish choir in the past? There is room for you! Please consider the ministry of music as your offering and participation in the Mass and call me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing our returning members soon! Blessings and peace in the Lord, Deb Rojas, Director of Liturgical Music, 617-633-6084

### **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)

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](mailto:hayes.clark@frontiernet.net) or Diane Fowler at the Parish Office, 570-928-8865.

### **2016 DIOCESAN CONGRESS "REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS"**



Revolution of Tenderness

#### DIOCESAN CONGRESS 2016 "REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS"

'Year of Mercy' Concert with Dan Schutte  
Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM-9:00PM  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

Congress Celebration: Worship, Workshops and more!  
Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00-5:00PM  
University of Scranton

It is time, again, to register for the Diocesan Congress!

Look for full program description and details for registration with check or credit card online at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org), or call the Diocesan Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 for more information. We'll see you there!



## Interfaith Prayer Experience for Peace in our Communities

In the wake of a number of tragic moments in cities around the country, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a National Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities on September 9<sup>th</sup>, the feast of Saint Peter Claver. It is hoped that this will provide one way of helping to nurture open, honest, and civil dialogue in our communities struggling with violence in many forms. The immediate focus for this day is on coming together in prayer as the foundation for future dialogue and healing within our communities.

At the invitation of the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, the Diocese of Scranton will host an **Interfaith Prayer Experience for Peace in our Communities on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:10 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter.** All are welcome to join with people of many faith backgrounds to pray together for peace and to renew our commitment to actions of faith response as peacemakers.

### Collection for flooding victims in Louisiana

The recent storms in Louisiana may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina are our sisters and brothers. As a people of God, let us come to their aid. Our prayer and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for an **emergency collection on the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted Catholic dioceses. Join the Church in being a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world. Please give generously!

## Prayer for Students and Teachers

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.

Look upon these students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

You and I have been created for greater things.

We have not been created to just pass through this life without aim. And that greater aim is to love and be loved.

Give yourself fully to God, who will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in his love than in your weakness.

Never think that a small action done to your neighbor is not worth much. It is not how much we do that is pleasing to God, but how much love we put into the doing.

~ Mother Teresa

**Born:** Agnes Gonxha Bajaxhiu on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, Macedonia

**Died:** Mother Teresa on September 5, 1997 in Calcutta, India

**Beatified:** October 19, 2003 by Pope John Paul II

**Canonized: September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis**

**Attention:** Next weekend, September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, we will return to our regular weekend Mass Schedule, which is as follows:

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

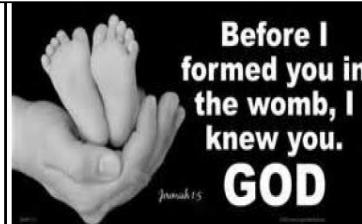
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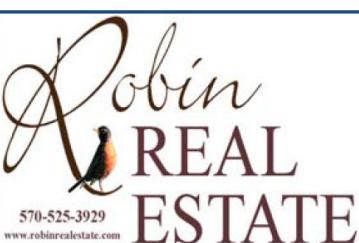
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