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The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

*July 16th, 2017~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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| St. Basil the Great Church  Dushore, PA  St  St. John Neumann Shrine  Sugar Ridge, PA |  | St. Francis of Assisi Church  Mildred, PA  St. Francis of Assisi Chapel  Eagles Mere, PA  St |  |  |  |

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**Our Pastoral Staff**

Parish Administrator ~ Reverend Richard Rojas

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**Summer Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

4:00 PM St. Basil’s Church, Dushore

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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 ~ 7:00 – 7:15 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 relocating to a new parish, please notify the office before you move.) 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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, July 16th, 2017

**Sunday Readings**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

**Responsorial Psalm: 65**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23**

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are “as nothing,” Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23**

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground – “the man who hears the message and takes it in” … “bears a yield of a hundred-fold.”

**DAILY READINGS**

**Monday**

Ex 1:8-14,22; Ps 124; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

**Tuesday ~ *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest***

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday**

Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Ps 103; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday ~ *Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr***

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday ~ *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest***

Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday ~ *Saint Mary Magdalene***

Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

**Sunday ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

**Speaking in Parables**

In the Gospel Reading, Christ explains why he speaks in parables to the crowds. The knowledge of these things has been granted to you, Christ tells his disciples, but it hasn’t been granted to them.

But if God can give the gift of knowledge, why wouldn’t he give it to everyone? Why would a loving God hide knowledge from some people?

To see the answer, think about gifts. If you give a gift to someone you love, then what you give is intended to do that person good. It isn’t a gift if what you are giving will harm him or hurt him, and you know that it will.

But knowledge can hurt rather than help if the recipient isn’t ready to receive it. Good counselors are skilled in knowing the times when their clients are able to bear some knowledge, some insight into their situation and themselves. Till their clients are ready, good counselors hesitate to impart such insight for fear of making their clients worse, rather than better with it. To force knowledge on a person not ready to see it is stupid or cruel or both. It isn’t loving.

And that is why Christ speaks in parables. Among those who come to him, there are some people who want to hear him but are not willing to be counted among his disciples, at least not yet. Christ’s parables give those people what they can receive, given that they are not yet ready to receive him. They can learn something from the parables even so.

But to those who come to Christ ready to receive him and willing to be counted as his disciples, he can give the gift of knowledge straightforwardly. In receiving him, those people are also ready to receive the knowledge Christ can give.

And here it is worth noticing that Christ speaks in parables to everybody who comes to him. But some people care enough about him and his words to want more than they can get from those parables alone. They take him as their teacher and want to learn from him. That is why they come to him to ask him to explain the parables he was telling them as well as all the others. The people who want more understanding are the people who count as his disciples.

As Christ says, to those who have more, because they want more, more will be given.

~Eleonore Stump

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

**Saturday, July 15**

3:15 ~ 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Robert Mitchell by Abe & Bettyann*

*Goodyear*

**Sunday, July 16**

7:00 – 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Joe, Kathleen & Francis Cullen by the family*

10:45 AM **Eagles Mere** *Betty & Frank Coffey by the Beaugard*

*Family*

2:30 PM **Sugar Ridge** *Deceased members of the Knights of*

*Columbus by the Knights of Columbus*

**Monday, July 17**

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Mr. & Mrs. James Robinson by Mary*

*Eleanor McMahon*

**Tuesday, July 18**

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Stephen Soden by Joe Soden*

**Wednesday, July 19**

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Sandra Gulich by Mary Lou Murray*

*& family*

**Thursday, July 20**

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Rita Krowiak by family*

10:30 AM **Darway** *Rev. Thomas D. McLaughlin by Fr.*

*Rojas*

**Saturday, July 22**

3:15 ~ 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Rita & Bernard Bagley by their children &*

*grandchildren*

**Sunday, July 23**

7:00 – 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Agnes Yarchak by Hayes & Kat Clark*

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Pat Hallam by her husband, Dick*

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

**Attention: Daily Mass on Tuesday and Thursday will be said in St. Basil’s Church, Dushore this week due to the painting of the interior of St. Francis of Assisi, Mildred, which will begin on Monday.**

**Mary Magdalene**

**July 22**

Mary Magdalene was one of Christ’s disciples and was present when he died. Early on the morning of the resurrection, she was, according to Saint Mark’s account (16:9), the first to see the risen Lord. By the twelfth century particularly, devotion to Saint Mary Magdalene was widespread in the western Church.

**From a homily on the Gospels by**

**Gregory the Great, pope**

*She longed for Christ, though she thought he had been taken away.*

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and did not find the Lord’s body, she thought it had been taken away and so informed the disciples. After they came and saw the tomb, they too believed what Mary had told them. The text then says: *The disciples went back home,* and it adds: *but Mary wept and remained standing outside the tomb.*

We should reflect on Mary’s attitude and the great love she felt for Christ; for though the disciples had left the tomb, she remained. She was still seeking the one she had not found, and while she sought she wept; burning with the fire of love, she longed for him who she thought had been taken away. And so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed, as the voice of truth tells us: *Whoever perseveres to the end will be saved.*

At first she sought but did not find, but when she persevered it happened that she found what she was looking for. When our desires are not satisfied, they grow stronger, and becoming stronger they take hold of their object. Holy desires likewise grow with anticipation, and if they do not grow they are not really desires. Anyone who succeeds in attaining the truth has burned with such a love. As David says: *My soul has thirsted for the living God; when shall I come and appear before the face of God?* And so also in the Song of Songs the Church says: *I was wounded by love;* and again: *My soul is melted with love.*

*Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?* She is asked why she is sorrowing so that her desire might be strengthened; for when she mentions whom she is seeking, her love is kindled all the more ardently.

*Jesus says to her: Mary.* Jesus is not recognized when he calls her “woman”; so he calls her by name, as though he were saying: Recognize me as I recognize you; for I do not know you as I know others; I know you as yourself. And so Mary, once addressed by name, recognizes who is speaking. She immediately calls him *rabboni,* that is to say, *teacher,* because the one whom she sought outwardly was the one who inwardly taught her to keep on searching.

**Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection**

***The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish***

**July 8th & 9th, 2017**

$5,304.00

**Building & Maintenance**

$684.00

July Second Collections

*July 29th & 30th ~ Catholic Relief Services*

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**Word of Life** – “If someone we know has received a prenatal diagnosis, let us ask the Holy Spirit to work through us. May the families of these little children be strengthened and comforted by our affirmation of the truth that their child’s life – however long or short – is worth living.”

~*Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**Homebound Communion Ministry**

Did you know that each Thursday morning we distribute communion to the homebound and nursing homes? If you know of anyone who would like to receive this sacrament, please call the parish office at 570-928-8865.

Please remember when you enter the Church that you are entering sacred space. Before Mass many people are praying the Rosary or other forms of prayer. Please be respectful and enter with reverence and silence or whisper if necessary so as not to interrupt those praying.

**Summer Mass Schedule**

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 in Sugar Ridge are:

Sunday, August 6th

Sunday, September 3rd. *(Healing Mass)*

*This schedule is in effect until Sunday, September 3.*

***Liturgical Ministers for July 22nd & 23rd***

***Special Ministers of Communion***

4:00 PM Dushore T. Finan, t. Karaban, R. Farrell

7:30 PM Mildred J. Doyle, J. Walsh, K. Bohensky

9:00 AM Dushore D. Fite, J. & D. McDonough

***Lectors***

4:00 PM Dushore J. A. Shoemaker, R. Green

7:30 PM Mildred S. Moyer

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

***Altar Servers***

4:00 PM Dushore

7:30 PM Mildred R. Thomas

9:00 AM Dushore C. Minier

***Greeters***

4:00 PM Dushore J. Harney

7:30 PM Mildred R. Hope

9:00 AM Dushore C. & P. Wylie

**IHM Requiem Choir**

The IHM Requiem Choir has begun its ministry of assisting at funeral liturgies.  Rehearsals will begin an hour prior to the funeral Mass.  This is a unique way to serve, to sing, and to especially minister to those who are grieving.  Please email Deb Rojas at [reformedrojas@yahoo.com](mailto:reformedrojas@yahoo.com) or call 617-633-6084 to receive information of upcoming funerals.

**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**

PMB 155; P O Box 30800, Honolulu, HI 96820

**PVT Stephen MacElhaney**

“Punisher” 5th Platoon 1-7bFABN

P O Box 35524, Wainwright, Alaska 99703

**Natalie Dymond**

9030 Moccasin Lake, San Antonio, TX 78245

**Matthew J. Dailey**

114 East Cochran Ave, Unit 110

Clovis, NM 88101

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**Respecting Creation**

The parable of the sower is a story about the fruitfulness of the earth. It assures us that the harvest will come in spite of the many obstacles that stand in the way. In the end, the rocks and birds and trampling feet cannot nullify the fact that “the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.”

Paul talks about the salvation of the world, pointing out that “the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.”

Meanwhile, “all creation groans and is in agony”: we pollute the clear air and the fresh water; we drive plants and animals to extinction; we clear-cut forests and we strip-mine, leaving ugly scars in the land.

The opening prayer calls on us “to reject what is contrary to the gospel.” Isn’t it contrary to the “good news” to waste and destroy God’s creation? The Creator has “greatly enriched the land.” How dare we impoverish it!

*The commitment of believers to a healthy environment for everyone stems directly from their belief in God the Creator, from their recognition of the effects of original and personal sin, and from the certainty of having been redeemed by Christ. Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God.*

*~*Pope John Paul II, *World Day of Peace Message,* 1990:16

-Gerald Darring

**Knights New Assembly Celebration Event**

The Knights of Columbus St. John Neumann Assembly #979 will hold a special Mass at the **St. John Neumann Shrine in Sugar Ridge on Sunday, July 16 at 2:30 PM.**  Celebrant will be Father Richard Rojas with pastors from the other parishes in the Assembly (Canton, Troy, and Towanda) invited as co-celebrants. This Mass is open to all Knights and their families and all parishioners. Following the Mass there will be a picnic on the grounds with hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. We ask that those attending bring a dish to pass. All are invited! Please contact Frank Socha (570)772-6524

**Fund Raising Needed for St. Francis of Assisi**

The Finance Council has advised the renovation of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred. The cost of this need will be $8,500.00.  In accordance with the council, the following needs to be addressed:

**Painting of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred, interior**. A proposal has been submitted from Robert A. Ritterbeck, Inc. Mr. Ritterbeck is familiar with our churches. In the past, he has painted the interior of both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Basil’s Church. Because the interior of a church is a holy and sacred space, a professional in this area is required. He will begin painting the end of this month.

Anyone interested in donating money toward this project can contact the parish office. The names of the donors will be posted in the bulletin. Memorials can also be made in remembrance of a loved one or family.

**Vacation Bible School ~ July 24th ~ 28th**

**St. Basil’s Hall, Dushore**

*Come join us for our ecumenical Vacation Bible School! Registration forms are available in the entrance of each Church.*

*Items needed:*

*~ Old, but usable Nail polish, all colors*

*~Cord (string) to make necklaces*

*~Clean jars with lids (pint or quart)*

*~Glitter*

*~Old (clean) t-shirts. Can have holes on front/sleeves; using backs and necks to make capes*

*~Small bottles of water (8, 10, 12 oz. Can also use empty bottles*

*~Spray paint (left over/new)*

*~Hardware washers (for necklaces)*

*Donations to be dropped off at Zion Lutheran Church office*

![..\..\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Clipart\Publisher\BL00921_.WMF](data:None;base64,)**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 PM on August 6th and September 3rd. All are welcome. For directions or more information, please contact the rectory at 928-8865.

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Summer Picnic 2017 Thank You**

We would like to thank in abundance the following individuals:

**Jackie Battin:** Theme Baskets

**Hurley’s Supermarket**: Food donations

**John Krakoski:** Picnic Sponsors

**Mark & Karen Evangelisti:** beer tent

**Germaine & Jim Donahue:** setting up, prizes

**Dinner Help:** Tootie, Deb, Rosemary, Jeannie and helpers

**The Sullivan Review:** printing Ad Book

**Knights of Columbus:** chicken barbecue, set up and tear down

Additionally, we would like to thank:

cooks, decorators, gamers, theme basket donators, bakers, booth workers, ticket sellers, for a wonderful picnic!

Totals from the picnic will be in upcoming week’s bulletin.

**Congratulations to the following winners!**

**Money Raffle**

$500.00 ~ Deanna Kline

$200.00 ~ Kathleen Vandine

$100.00 ~ Joan Doyle

$50.00 ~ Randi Tourscher

$50.00 ~ Meredith Lambert

$25.00 ~ Robert Boos

$25.00 ~ Joel Branosky

$25.00 ~ Terence Deibler

$25.00 ~ Kay Moll

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**Baking Contest Winners**

1st Place ~ Mae Barnosky

2nd Place ~ Linda Thall

3rd Place ~ T A Stabrylla

There will be a picnic wrap up meeting on Tuesday, July 18th at 1:30 pm in the Parish Office in Mildred.

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.  
Harrington Hotel/220 House

McCarty~Thomas Funeral Home

Highland Realty

Stifel Nicolaus Financial Services  
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

**Receive God’s Word**

Parables put things or events side by side so that something profound can be seen and understood. Jesus uses parables to open our eyes and our mouths to proclaim it. Today’s Gospel does just that for the apostles and for us. Receiving the seed of God’s Word is our best way to richness and fruitfulness beyond our imaginings. Are we, are you, good ground for God? Hear God’s Word and keep it!

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**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!

