

# THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017~ Seventeenth 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  
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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 - 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 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.

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Ask...



**YOU SHALL  
RECEIVE.**

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Sunday Readings

**First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

**Responsorial Psalm: 119**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30**

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52**

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

## DAILY READINGS

**Monday ~ Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Ps 106; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday ~ Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28; Ps 103; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday ~ Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday**

Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Ps 84; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday ~ Saint John Vianney, Priest**

Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Ps 81; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday ~ The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

Lv 25:1,8-17; Ps 67; Mt 14:10-12

**Sunday ~ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

## God's Gifts

Solomon was distinguished from all other kings in the Old Testament by God's gifts to him. The first gift was that God appeared to Solomon and told him to ask for a gift. Not many kings in Israel were honored by God in this way!

Solomon responded to God so beautifully! He asked for a gift all right, but not a worldly gift. He did not ask God for riches or long life. Instead, he asked God for wisdom to govern God's people well.

And so Solomon received God's first gift, which was the opportunity to ask God for something, in such a way that his asking made him worthy of the next gift.

Because Solomon pleased God by what he asked of God, he gave Solomon the wisdom asked for. And with that wisdom God gave him even more gifts, the gifts Solomon had not asked for, worthy of kings. In the text that continues the First Reading, God promised Solomon the very worldly things Solomon hadn't asked for – namely, riches and long life – in addition to the wisdom he wanted.

So Solomon was very great among the kings of the ancient Israel.

And yet what Christ gives to each one of his own people is greater than the gifts God gave Solomon. To each person who opens to Christ, Christ gives the indwelling Holy Spirit.

And with the Holy Spirit, he gives the seven gifts of the Spirit, too. The wisdom Solomon asked for is only the first of these. There are six more: Understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. There is an inestimable spiritual richness in these gifts, more than Solomon knew to ask for.

Furthermore, anyone who has these gifts has not just *long* life, like Solomon, but *everlasting* life, with the Lord. And even among the sorrows of this life, the consolations of the indwelling spirit are present too in the love, joy, and peace that are among the fruits of the Spirit that God gives in addition to the gifts.

And so Christ offers now to each one who will accept it from him something greater than the greatness of Solomon, not just wisdom but all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and with them unending life in the kingdom of heaven.

As Christ says in the Gospel reading, this is treasure indeed.

~Eleanore Stump

# Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

## Saturday, July 29

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

4:00 PM Dushore Irene Molitoris by Jack & Mae Barnosky

## Sunday, July 30

7:00 - 7:15 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:30 AM Mildred Jack McMahon by the family

9:00 AM Dushore Esperia Stortini by Shirley Taffe & family

10:45 AM Eagles Mere Mass for the People

## Thursday, August 3

9:00 AM Mildred Gerald Doyle by Clarice & Bill Poplin

## Friday, August 4 - First Friday

9:00 AM Dushore Dick Holcombe by Bill & Paulie Saxe

3:00 PM Dushore Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30 PM Dushore Benediction

## Saturday, August 5

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

4:00 PM Dushore Dale C. Fitzgerald by Willie & Marie

## Sunday, August 6

7:00 - 7:15 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:30 AM Mildred Tom Sick by Dolly & Jerry Sick & family

9:00 AM Dushore Doris Elizabeth Remolde by Mike &

Christine Skurecki

10:45 AM Eagles Mere Mass for the People

2:30 PM Sugar Ridge Joe, Kathleen & Francis Cullen by the family

Prayer is nothing else but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness. In this intimate union, God and the soul are fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart. This union of God with a tiny creature is a lovely thing. It is a happiness beyond understanding.

We had become unworthy to pray, but God in his goodness allowed us to speak with him. Our prayer is incense that gives him the greater pleasure.

My little children your hearts are small, but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God. Through prayer we receive a foretaste of heaven and something of paradise comes down upon us. Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun.

Prayer also makes time pass very quickly and with such great delight that one does not notice its length. Listen: Once when I was a purveyor in Bresse and most of my companions were ill, I had to make a long journey. I prayed to the good God, and, believe me, the time did not seem long.

Some men immerse themselves as deeply in prayer as fish in water, because they give themselves totally to God. There is no division in their hearts. O, how I love these noble souls! Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Colette used to see our Lord and talk to him just as we talk to one another.

How unlike them we are! How often we come to church with no idea of what to do or what to ask for. And yet, whenever we go to any human being, we know well enough why we go. And still worse, there are some who seem to speak to the good God like this: "I will only say a couple of things to you, and then I will be rid of you." I often think that when we come to adore the Lord, we would receive everything we ask for, if we would ask with living faith and with a pure heart.

### **First Friday Adoration**

 On First Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, we will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning immediately after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Basil's and ending with Reposition at 3:30 PM in St. Basil's Church, Dushore. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 PM.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM

Parish Office, Mildred

### **From the catechetical instructions by Saint John Mary Vianney, priest**

*The glorious duty of man: to pray and to love*

My little children, reflect on these words: the Christian's treasure is not on earth but in heaven. Our thoughts, then, ought to be directed to where our treasure is. This is the glorious duty of man: to pray and to love. If you pray and love, that is where a man's happiness lies.

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

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
\$4,961.15

*Offertory Breakdown*  
*St. Basil's Church, Dushore*  
Total - \$2,386.00

*St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred*  
Total - \$1,550.50

*St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, Eagles Mere*  
Total - \$1,024.65

August Second Collections  
August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Care & Education of Priests  
August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Building & Maintenance  
August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Churches in Eastern Europe

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Word of Life** – “An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew possible!”

*~10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting*  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Program

**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 tithes 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!

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.

***Liturgical Ministers for August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>***

***Special Ministers of Communion***

4:00 PM Dushore T. Karaban, T. Finan, J. Hatch  
7:30 PM Mildred J. Doyle, J. Walsh, K. Bohensky  
9:00 AM Dushore D. Fite, J. & D. McDonough

***Lectors***

4:00 PM Dushore R. Green, R. Farrell  
7:30 PM Mildred S. Moyer  
9:00 AM Dushore P. Ferrulli, J. Wheeler

***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 D. Caccia  
9:00 AM Dushore R. Broschart, J. Rouse

**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:

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## One Really Valuable Pearl

Jesus likens the kingdom to a man who finds a buried treasure and sells all that he has so that he can buy the field containing the treasure.

He likens the kingdom to a merchant who sells all that he has in order to be able to buy *one really valuable pearl*.

What is the *one really valuable pearl* that we are willing to sacrifice everything in order to have? What is that buried treasure for which we would be willing to sacrifice everything?

The thing that Solomon wanted most was "an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong."

Isn't it possible that what we want most is something very selfish: possessions, security, power, pleasure, comfort?

What would the world be like if, instead of these, our *one really valuable pearl* was something like world peace based on respect for all and the priority of need over want? Or the worship of God through prayer, service, and preferential option for the poor?

What would the world be like? Jesus says it would be like the kingdom.

*The cross of Jesus Christ shows us the deficiency of other value systems. Jesus yielded up his life for us in perfect loving union with the Father's will, and this is the meaning of his life which also gives meaning to our lives as his followers.*

*If we can acknowledge selfishness as folly and self-sacrifice as victory, if we can love enemies, be vulnerable to injustice and, in being so, still say that we have triumphed, then we shall have learned to live in Christ Jesus.*

~ U.S. Bishops, *To Live in Christ Jesus*, 1976:116.

-Gerald Darring

## Catholic Relief Services ~ Help Jesus in Disguise

July 29 – 30, 2017

This weekend our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give as generously as you can!



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 6<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome. For directions or more information, please contact the rectory at 928-8865.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. (*Healing Mass*)

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

## 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.

## 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, 928-8865.

## IHM Picnic 2017 Income/Expense

### Income

Money Raffle	\$3,158.00
Ad Book	1,525.00
Picnic Sponsors	2,400.00
Chicken Barbecue	2,426.00
Money raised the day of the Picnic	7,829.51
Beer & Water Purchase – Evangelisti	<u>117.50</u>
Total Deposits	\$17,456.01

### Expenses

Start Up Money	\$1,250.00
Licenses	
Small Games of Chance	125.00
Liquor License	30.00
Dente's Tent Rental	1,245.00
Doubleshot Polka Band	450.00
Bishop's Port-a-Potties	170.00
Raffle Winners (Money)	1,000.00
Hurley's (Chicken BBQ Supplies)	1,008.17
Dushore Hotel	345.91
Tootie Yankalunas	55.95
Dushore Beverage	262.70
Sam's Club	154.82
Fundraising USA	117.50
Keystone Bingo	<u>54.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$6,269.05

Income	\$17,456.01
Expenses	<u>6,269.51</u>
<b><u>Total Profit</u></b>	<b>\$11,186.50</b>

## Fund Raising Needed for St. Francis of Assisi

**Painting of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred, interior.** The painting of the interior of St. Francis of Assisi Church has been completed by Robert A. Ritterbeck, Inc. The cost of this project is \$8,300.00.

To date, we have raised **\$3,630** and **\$1,300 pledged** towards this project for a total of **\$4,930**. Donors include:

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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.

### **An Act of spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
 I believe that You are present in the  
 Most Holy Sacrament.  
 I love You above all things,  
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You  
 sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my  
 heart. I embrace You as if You were already  
 there and unite myself wholly to You. Never  
 permit me to be separated from You.  
 Amen

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

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