

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

October 8th, 2017~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Basil the Great Church
Dushore, PA



St. John Neumann Shrine
Sugar Ridge, PA



St. Francis of Assisi Church
Mildred, PA



St. Francis of Assisi Chapel
Eagles Mere, PA



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Our Pastoral Staff

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Mass Schedule

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

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.

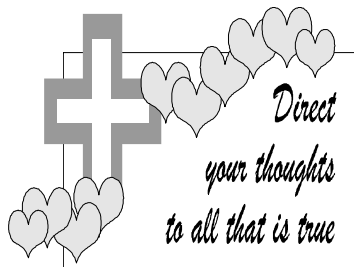
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O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday,
October 8th, 2017



Sunday Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

This passage about the failure of the Lord's vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, "What more was there to do for my vineyard?"

Responsorial Psalm: 80

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, admirable; then God's peace will be theirs.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest".

Monday ~ Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; (Ps) Jon 2:2-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday ~ Saint John XXIII, Pope

Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1; Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday ~ Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday ~ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Fruitfulness

Both the First Reading and the Gospel tell a story about a vineyard. In each story, the Lord of the vineyard gives good soil, choice vines, and ample protection for the vineyard. But then he does not receive the good fruit that the vineyard should have given him, either because the vineyard doesn't produce good fruit or because the tenants won't give the good fruit to him.

There are penalties for this failure to give fruit to the Lord. The unfruitful vineyard is left to go to ruin. The tenants who won't give the fruit to the Lord lose their lives and their vineyard, which is given to others.

These fearful penalties are not so hard to understand. Failure to be fruitful is punished by the loss of the gifts that might have yielded fruit and by the death of the unfruitful recipients of those gifts.

But what is the fruitfulness which it is so fearful not to have?

Do we have to do the most possible good for the poor? Do we have to be highly effective at ministry? Are we supposed to work around the clock, so that we can use our gifts to the fullest? What about our jobs? Are we unfruitful if we are unemployed? How hard do we have to work in order not to count as unfruitful? How successful do we have to be at that work?

The thing to notice here is that all these questions rest on a false presupposition. The fruitfulness at issue doesn't come from our work. In both the stories, the owner of the vineyard, who is God, plants the vines, spades the soil, removes the stones, and protects the vineyard. If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.

So also our fruitfulness comes not from our own work, but from the work of God's Spirit in us. We cannot work our way into heaven!

And what about the fruit God is looking for in us? This fruit is not our awards and achievements. It is the fruit that God's Spirit works in us. And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering.

God has planted himself deep within us in the indwelling Holy Spirit. No lack of success in work, no lack of work itself, can keep us from responding to him with love and joy and the rest. And these are what make us fruitful for the Lord.

~Eleonore Stump

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, October 7

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

4:00 PM Dushore James McMahon by Mike & Nancy McMahon

Sunday, October 8

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

7:30 AM Mildred Mass for the People

9:30 AM Dushore Judson Battin by IHM Parish Religious Education Program

Monday, October 9

9:00 AM Dushore Anna Lynch by Dianna & John

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 AM Mildred Irene Silverstrim by the family

Thursday, October 12

9:00 AM Mildred Yvonne M. Evangelisti by Jane Freiler

10:30 AM Highlands Francis Pastusic by Helen Ottaviani

Friday, October 13

9:00 AM Dushore Jan Page by Larry & Mary R. Yonkin

Saturday, October 14

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

4:00 PM Dushore Florence Campbell by Leo & Denise Lambert

Sunday, October 15

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

7:30 AM Mildred Margaret & John Pastusic by the family

9:30 AM Dushore Mass for the People

Altar & Rosary Society News October 2017

Autumn leaves are starting to fall and that is a sign we should be meeting for our first meeting of this season. On the agenda is what direction our Society should be heading in 2018 and beyond. This is an important start and your input is requested. So kindly schedule to be present on **Tuesday, October 10th at 10:00 AM, St. Francis of Assisi Hall, Mildred, PA.** Anne Silla, President

What is a faithful man to do in the chaos of events which seem to swallow him up? He must sustain himself calmly by faith. Faith will make him adore the eternal plan of God. Faith will assure him that to those who love God all things work together for good."

~Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

From a treatise on the letter to the Philippians by Saint Ambrose, bishop

Rejoice in the Lord always

Dear brethren, God's love is calling us to the joys of eternal happiness for the salvation of our souls. You have just listened to the reading from the Apostle in which he says: *Rejoice in the Lord always.* The joys of this world lead to eternal misery, but the joys that are according to the Lord's will, bring those who persevere in them to joys that are enduring and everlasting. The Apostle therefore says: *Again I say: rejoice.*

He urges us to find ever increasing joy in God and in keeping his commandments. The more we try in this world to give ourselves completely to God our Lord by obeying his commands, the greater will be our happiness in the life to come, and the greater the glory that will be ours in the presence of God.

Let your moderation be known to all men. That is to say, your holiness of life must be evident, not only in the sight of God, but also in the sight of men. It must give an example of moderation and self-control to all your contemporaries on earth and serve also as a memorial of goodness before God and men.

The Lord is near; have no anxiety. The Lord is always near to all who call upon his help with sincerity, true faith, sure hope, and perfect love. He knows what you need, even before you ask him. He is always ready to come to the aid of all his faithful servants in every need. There is no reason for us to be in a state of great anxiety when evils threaten; we must remember that God is very near us as our protector. *The Lord is at hand for those who are troubled in heart, and he will save those who are downcast in spirit. The tribulations of the just are many, and the Lord will rescue them from them all.* If we do our best to obey and keep his commandments, he does not delay in giving us what he has promised.

But in every prayer and entreaty let your petitions be made known to God, with thanksgiving. In time of trouble we must not grumble or be downhearted; God forbid! We must rather be patient and cheerful, *giving thanks to God always in everything.*

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection
The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

September 30 & October 1st, 2017

\$4,345.90

Care & Education of Priests

\$613.25

October Second Collections

October 7th & 8th ~ Building & Maintenance

October 14th & 15th ~ Building & Maintenance

October 21st & 22nd ~ World Mission Sunday

October 28th & 29th ~ Building & Maintenance

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministers for October 14th & 15th

Special Ministers of Communion

4:00 PM Dushore	R. Tourscher, J. Hatch, D. Homer
7:30 PM Mildred	K. Bohensky, H. Clark, J. Walsh
9:30 AM Dushore	B. Beers, J. Tourscher, T. Hembury

Lectors

4:00 PM Dushore	K. Homer, D. Lambert
7:30 PM Mildred	R. Gumble
9:30 AM Dushore	P. Wylie, P. Ferrulli

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Dushore	S. Braisted
7:30 PM Mildred	R. Thomas
9:30 AM Dushore	C. Werner

Greeters

4:00 PM Dushore	J. Harney
7:30 PM Mildred	D. Caccia
9:30 AM Dushore	T. & M. Dailey

Word of Life – “The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and at the same time impels us to share his love.”

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Build a Culture of Life”



Next Weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend

Diocesan Appeal materials and pledge cards will be distributed to all parishioners during Masses celebrated next weekend. If you have not already done so, please make your pledge to help the thousands of people who will directly benefit from your caring support. Everyone at Mass will be asked to complete the pledge form, whether or not they have made a pledge or intend to pledge. You are also invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside pledge form and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, November 26th at 10:00 AM. Your intention will be remembered at this Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Prayer intentions are welcome whether or not you make a gift to the Diocese Annual Appeal. Thank you.

Our goal for the 2017 Annual Appeal is \$41,000.

IHM Requiem Choir

The IHM Requiem Choir will resume its ministry of assisting at funeral liturgies after Labor Day. 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 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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A True Vineyard

The church is the vineyard of the Lord. It has been placed by God "on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines."

Unfortunately, what grows in this vineyard is often not a crop of grapes but wild fruit, of no use to the master.

We have within our community a good share of selfishness, power grabbing, and shortsightedness. The very same social ills that we see in the world at large can be found right here within our own community: racism, sexism, economic injustice, and marginalization.

We pray that God "forgive our failings." We hope that God will "take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted." The challenge is for us to become a true vineyard of the Lord, free of all the sinful conditions that we lament in the world. We work for the day when Christians will form a Christian community united in love and service.

Is it too much to hope for? No, it is not, as long as we maintain our faith in our God, who can "lead us to seek beyond our reach."

Although the Catholic Church has been endowed with all divinely revealed truth and with all means of grace, her members fail to live by them with all the fervor they should.

As a result, the radiance of the Church's face shines less brightly in the eyes of our separated brethren and of the world at large, and the growth of God's kingdom is retarded.

Every Catholic must therefore aim at Christian perfection and, each according to his station, play his part so that the Church ... may daily be more purified and renewed.

Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism, 1964:4

-Gerald Darring

Fall Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors will be held this fall. If you feel that God is calling you to these ministries, please contact the parish office at 570-928-8865 or email at ihmparish@frontier.com. Sign up sheets are also available in the back of the church.

Knights of Columbus Roast Beef Dinner

Friday, October 20th, 2017

St. Basil's Hall, Dushore 4 – 7 PM

Adults ~ \$9.00, Children ~ \$3.00

Children under 6 eat for free!

Desserts are needed for the dinner. They can be dropped off at St. Basil's Hall the day of the dinner.

Feel called to become a Catholic?

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- † Are you searching for a relationship with God?
- † Do you want to learn more about the Catholic way of life?
- † Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?
- † Were you baptized Catholic and want to complete the Sacraments?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a spiritual formation journey for those seeking to become Catholic. This spiritual journey is more than just faith formation – at its core, the RCIA is a journey of conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. If you want to learn more, or think you are being called to become Catholic, contact the parish office 570-928-8865 or Donn Tourscher, 570-928-9361.

Come "Pray the Rosary" on October 14 at Noon

across from the Jolly Trolley, Dushore

We are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima. The whole Catholic Church around the world will pray at this special time in commemoration of the signs and messages to "stop offending God," and pray for an end to abortion, pornography, blasphemy, anti-religious hatred; we will pray that God convert the hearts of all to the "Way" of grace and salvation. Bring your rosary. Prayer programs will be provided. For more information contact Suzanne Kaier, 570-764-5948 or our office at 570-928-8865.



**The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Fall Bazaar
Sunday, November 12th**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Fall Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 12th, in St.

Francis Hall in Mildred from 12:00 to 5:00 PM. **Theme baskets are available at the back of the churches.** Be sure to take one and stuff it full of items you would like, such as children's toys, pet supplies, art supplies, etc. Return the baskets to the Parish Office in Mildred or to St. Basil's Church by November 6th.

Donations Needed

Basket of Cheer – wines, whiskeys, cheese balls, crackers, etc.

Baked Goods – We need pies, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, fudge, breads, etc., for the bake sale.

Christmas Store – Christmas items that are in good condition to be sold at the store.

New Items – New craft items, hunting clothes, winter wreaths, fall and winter center pieces, etc. to be chanced off throughout the day.

Food Baskets – Items for our food baskets, canned vegetables, fruit, coffee, cereal, etc.

Helpers Needed – If anyone is willing to help in any way, please call 570-928-8730 or 570-928-8276. Thank you for your help.

~The Bazaar Committee

Mildred Bazaar Raffle Tickets

Congratulations to the winners of the Bazaar Raffle!

Week 3

\$25.00	Raymond Wilson
\$25.00	Jean Doyle
\$15.00	Dennis Carlucci
\$15.00	E. & M. Sykes
\$10.00	Carole Kilgus

Week 4

\$25.00	Phillip Denmon
\$25.00	Juana DelGaone
\$15.00	Vi Barker
\$15.00	Matt Hoff
\$10.00	Marie McKernan

St. Basil's Boiler Update

Thank you to all who have contributed toward the repairs to the boiler in St. Basil's Rectory. We have been advised that the boiler needs to be replaced. We have received an estimate from Williams Oil of \$12,990.00 to replace the existing oil fired boiler with a new gas boiler. To date, we have received \$1,390 in donations. Please consider making a donation! To contribute, please send a check to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. Be sure to mark "St. Basil's Boiler" on the memo line of your check.

Stephen Branosky
Dave and Helen Barrington
Hayes and Kat Clark
Robert Harcharik
Cynthia Mitchell
Richard Hallam
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rouse
Brenda Beers
Anonymous

25th Annual Night at the Races

Friday, November 17th, 2017

St. Basil's Hall, Dushore

Sandwich Buffet: 5:45 PM

Post Time: 6:45 PM



A Sandwich Buffet will be served starting at 6:00 PM, and the first of ten races will begin with a 6:45 PM "Post Time." You can "Buy A Horse(s)" for \$10.00, and if your horse wins a race you gain a \$50.00 prize. For more information and tickets please contact Dean Homer, Bob Getz, Bob Hurley, Jerry McMahon, Jim Souto, Nathan Chase, Mark Evangelisti, Martina Denmon or John Shoemaker. **Special 1st, 5th & 10th Races \$100 a Horse (\$500 prize).** **Call 928-8932 or email pdean@homerfuneralhome.com to reserve your horse.** Please be sure to name your horses and mail you check, payable to IHM Parish, to P. Dean Homer, P O Box 1, Dushore, PA 18614-0001, (570) 928-8932.

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