

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

September 23 ~ Twenty-Fifth 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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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.

(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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 23, 2018

The **First Reading** is from the Book of Wisdom (2:12, 17-20). In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about his upcoming passion and death. This reading is chosen because it speaks of the rejection and mistreatment of God's servant. It also fits in well with the second reading which speaks of "inner cravings"—like jealousy and envy. The people have an intense dislike for the Just One. His way of life is a condemnation of their own. His virtue shows their lack of virtue. Like the enemies of Jesus, they plan and plot to silence and actually kill the virtuous one. Their minds and hearts are so distorted and twisted that they see nothing wrong in their behavior. Unfortunately, this reading stops short of proclaiming God's vindication of his servant (verse 22).

The **Responsorial Psalm (54:3-4, 5, 6-8)** This Psalm is a lament by a just person whose life is in danger. It harmonizes well with the first and third readings about a just man's life in danger.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of Saint James (3:16—4:3). James is addressing disharmony within the Christian community. The causes listed are internal. When our sinful inner cravings go unchecked, they can wreck the life of the community. Or we can say that the author contrasts heavenly and earthly wisdom. Wisdom from above is peaceable, docile and rich in compassion. It produces a rich harvest of right relationships with others. In contrast, earthly wisdom is self-centered, e.g., when one doesn't get his/her way, he/she can become disruptive and divisive.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Mark (9:30-37). This is Mark's third lesson on discipleship. The true disciple is one who seeks to serve rather than be served. The Gospel opens with Jesus' second prediction about his suffering and death. The disciples have no idea what Jesus is talking about. Their lack of understanding shows when they get into a discussion as to who among

them will be the most important in the new Kingdom Jesus is about to establish. When Jesus arrives, they fall silent because they are embarrassed to tell him what they have been arguing about.

Jesus teaches another lesson on the nature of discipleship. He illustrates his lesson by standing a child in their midst. (In Aramaic, the same word is used for a child and servant.) Jesus then tells his ambitious disciples: "If you want to be truly great, you must learn to be humble and unimportant like this little child." The best and purest kind of service is that rendered to the most insignificant members of society, symbolized here by a child. Jesus is also saying that false ambition is the desire to rule over others—which is very damaging to the unity of a community. True ambition, on the other hand, is the desire to serve others—which helps build a strong community. Here, Jesus does not condemn ambition but rather redefines it.

Monday

Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday ~ Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ecl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Ecl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday ~ SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Liturgical Ministers for September 29-30

Special Ministers of Communion

4:00 PM Dushore J. & G. Donahue, J. Hatch

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

9:30 AM Dushore T. Hembury, J. Krakoski, D. Fite

Lectors

4:00 PM Dushore A. Hudzinski, J.A. Shoemaker

7:30 AM Mildred R. Gumble, S. Moyer

9:30 AM Dushore J. Fite, S. Wilcox

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Dushore

7:30 AM Mildred H. Clark

9:30 AM Dushore L. Price, C. Minier

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, September 22

3:15 - 3:45 PM Dushore Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM Dushore Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stabryla by the family

Sunday, September 23

7:00 - 7:15 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 AM Mildred Mass for the People
9:30 AM Dushore Gerard Kaier by Ron & Dee Kulsicavage

Tuesday, September 25

9:00 AM Mildred Justin Louis Soden by Diane & Joseph
McDonough

Wednesday, September 26

9:00 AM Dushore Special Intention by Joe & Carol Roinick

Thursday, September 27

9:00 AM Mildred The Deceased Members of the Saxer Family
by estate

Friday, September 28

9:00 AM Dushore Edward & Frances Burke Kelly by Edward
M. Kelly

Saturday, September 29

3:15 - 3:45 PM Dushore Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM Dushore Sandra J. Gulich by Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Hoodak

Sunday, September 30

7:00 - 7:15 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 AM Mildred Mass for the People
9:30 AM Dushore Shirley Ambs by the family

The altar candles in St. Basil's Church are burning in loving memory of Fr. Joseph Hornick by Debby and Michael McDonald.



The sanctuary candles in St. Basil's Church and St. Francis of Assisi Church are burning in loving memory of Bernadette and Nathan Weaver by the family.

Patron of the Week

*McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home
Please support our patrons!*

PARISH DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 4 – Blessing of Animals in St. Francis of Assisi Hall parking lot at 6:15 PM
- October 7 – VIRTUS Training at 2 PM at Parish Office in Mildred
- October 9 – Altar & Rosary Society meeting at 6 PM at St. Francis rectory
- October 14 – Confirmation Class begins
All Saints Day ~ November 1 Holy Day of Obligation
- October 31 – 5:00 PM Mass at St. Basil's
November 1 – 9:00 AM Mass at St. Francis
7:00 PM Mass at St. Basil's
- November 2 – All Souls' Day
5:30 PM Blessing of Graves in St. Basil's Cemetery
6:00 PM Mass of Lights at St. Basil's Church
- November 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends – Remember to turn your clocks!
- November 11 – Parish Bazaar

2018 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 14th, and a "Seller's Appreciation Drawing" will be on the night of the Bazaar, November 11th. 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 23rd. Please return any unpurchased tickets to the rectory so that they may be sold. The Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 11th in St. Francis of Assisi Hall.

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection
The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

September 15 & 16, 2018

\$3,409.75

Fuel Fund

\$1,054.87

September Second Collections

September 23 ~ Heat & Eat Fund

September 30 ~ Building & Maintenance

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Matthew J. Dailey

528 La Salle Drive
Clovis, NM 88101

LtG Matthew C. McCandless

U.S. Navy
Helicopter Squadron MH 605
Norfolk, VA 23511

St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Painting Project

We have reached our painting goal! We have received donations in the amount of \$13,450.53 this summer. We have donations from 42 parishioners or families: Eileen Lynch, Kate Albertini, Joan and Chip Celestino, Brian Gaul, Barbara Haen, Betsy and Mark Beaugard, Mary Gibbs Smith, Kathy Holmes, the Kalaman family, Irene Lagan and Howard Chambers, Matt and Andrea Beaugard, James and Cynthia Droible, Gerry & Suzanne Ganse, Frank and Patricia Winkel, Liam and Katie Baker, Sam and Rosemary Whitehouse, Phil and Marie McDermott, Barry and Barbara Noone, Kelly & Philip Neiderer, Shaun Antram, Mary Jo and Joe Walheim, Linda and Jim Feczko, Ruth and Dennis Craig, Cookie and Rich Tobin, Claire and Rich Schaefer, Sharon and George Barth, Joanie Gaul, Kay and Dean Homer, Linda & Stanley Smith, Bernadette and Bradley Fetrow, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Burgman, Nancy and John Booterbaugh, Terence Lynch, Cathy and David Lynch, John and Robin Imbesi, Mary E Gibson, Helen Price, Teri and John Fitzgerald, Pat and Marty Milligan, Noreen Shanfelter and Rick Freeman, Anne and John Silla, Cathy and Tom Shannon. The committee has reviewed the bids and has selected the contractor.

In preparing the church for the painting, we realized that we have a serious problem at the front entrance. Mulch and soil were placed over the bottom two rows of shingles. The shingles have rotted and moisture has damaged the structural beams of the floor inside. We do not know how serious this structural problem is. We also need to remove the two bushes at the front doors, create drainage areas there, and reset pavers. If you have not donated to the painting project, we can use additional funds to take care of this new problem. If you have questions, please call Betsy or Mark Beaugard 610 329-3144. Checks can be made out to IHM Parish, memo- painting, c/o Beaugard, 633 Plum Run Drive, West Chester, PA 19382.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

November 14, 2018 Bus Trip to American Music Theater's Christmas Show

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster on Wednesday, November 14, to see the Christmas show 'The First Noel' at the American Music Theater. The price of \$116 covers the bus, tip for the driver, the show and a buffet dinner at Golden Corral. We will be leaving the parking lots of St. Mary's in Wyalusing at 7:15 am, St. Joachim's in Meshoppen at 7:35 am and Walmart in Tunkhannock at 8:00 am. There will be a breakfast stop at Lewie's in Frackville, at your own expense. We will spend some time at Rockvale Outlet Mall before our 3:00 pm show. Our dinner reservation is at 5:45 pm, after the show. We should return to Wyalusing at approximately 11:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Burton at 570-833-4851 or mammymarilyn@epix.net. For reservations, send a deposit of \$60 (or full amount) made out to Marilyn to:
Marilyn Burton
320 Fannon Muldoon Rd.
Meshoppen, Pa. 18630.

Seating is assigned according to receipt of reservation. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail with your reservation. Due to an emergency on a recent group trip, I'd also like the name and phone number of an emergency contact for each person.

Life Chain **Sunday, 10/7/18**

Beginning at 2 PM

(for 60 to 90 minutes depending on the location)

Join the NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN-- Locally!

❖ Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA!

You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!

❖ Bring your whole family! Rain or shine!

❖ Water, lawn chairs, and umbrellas are welcome!

❖ Signs will be provided: "Abortion Kills Children," "Adoption the Loving Option," "Jesus Forgives & Heals," "Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation," "Abortion Hurts Women," "El Aborto Mata Ninos," "Life – the first Inalienable Right" and "Pray to End Abortion", "Pregnant, Need Help? 1-800-712-HELP"

❖ Do not park in front of an open business.

See www.LifeChain.net for more than 1740 locations in 1470 cities and towns across the United States and Canada.

Some locations and coordinators may change.

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for 60 to 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.

Bradford Co. PA for Human Life is sponsoring the following Life Chains at these locations:

Athens Twp., Elmira Street 2 to 3 PM
(across from Wendy's in front of UPS store)

Canton, Main Street – 2 to 3 PM

Dushore, Main Street – 2 to 3 PM

Meshoppen, Route 6 – 2 to 3 PM

Nichols, NY West River Rd, Nichols, at NY17 Exit – **2 to 3:30 PM**

Towanda, in front of Bradford Co. Court House-2 to 3:30 PM

Wyalusing, in front of St. Mary's - 2 to 3 PM

For further information, please contact our local coordinators:

Athens Twp.: Rob Howard: 570-395-3417

Canton: Denny Vermilya: 570-447-8499

Dushore: Joe and Diane McDonough: 570-928-9621

Meshoppen: Marilyn Burton: 570-833-4851
Nichols, NY: Sharon Russell 570-247-7438

Towanda: Marie Seibert 570-265-3122

Wyalusing: Marilyn Burke 570-746-128

Seven Reasons Why Christians Should Attend the Local Life Chain

1. To join a national prayer chain that seeks God's grace, mercy and forgiveness for our nation.
2. To better understand the impact that legalized abortion is having on our county and why the Church must unite to end it.
3. To move the Church, under pastoral leadership, from the pews to the "city gates" and marketplace, where Christ often taught.
4. To minister to the public, empowered by the Holy Spirit.
5. To honor the many millions of preborn citizens who have perished.
6. To help build a bold and committed army of Christians who truly want to be Pro-Life in deed and word. *America is surely not a "Land of the Free" for pre-borns. And to what degree are we spiritually a "Land of the Brave" today?*
7. To provide God a witness to anoint and use to save lives and change hearts in each local area.