

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



St. Basil the Great Church
Dushore, PA



St. Francis of Assisi Church
Mildred, PA



St. John Neumann Shrine
Sugar Ridge, PA



St. Francis of Assisi Chapel
Eagles Mere, PA

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUDGEMENT

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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October 20, 2019

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.

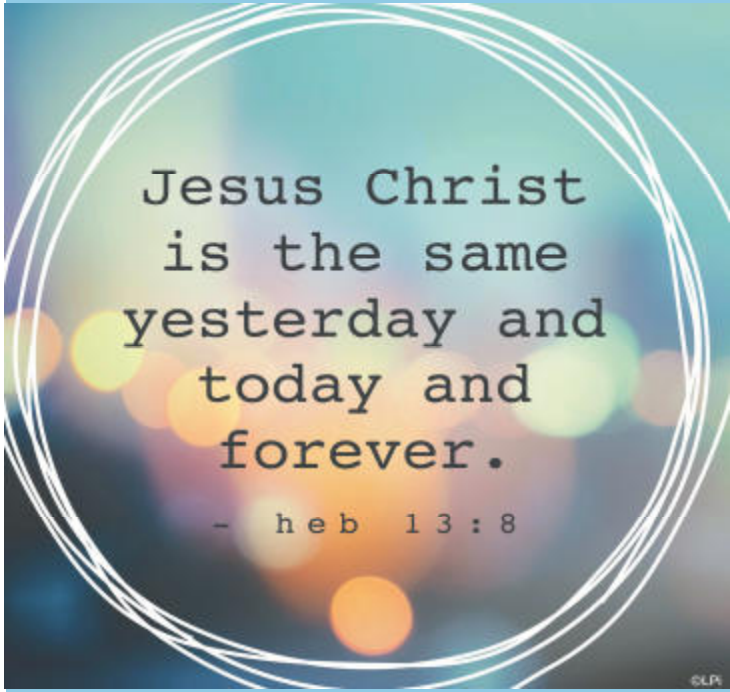
Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

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.



Jesus Christ
is the same
yesterday and
today and
forever.

- heb 13:8

Reflection

The **First Reading** is from the Book of Exodus (17:8-13). Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (121:1-8) The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

The **Second Reading** is from the second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy (3:14-4:2). Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Luke (18:1-8). *“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.”* Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which – in our limited view – typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of his chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts *“are not [our] thoughts.”* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when – or if – our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *“faith on earth.”*

Readings

Monday

Rom 4:20-25; (Ps) Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday ~ St. John Paul II, Pope

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday ~ St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday ~ St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

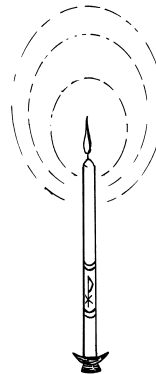
Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



The altar candles in St. Francis of Assisi Church are burning in memory of Rose Gumble by the family.

The altar candles in St. Basil's Church are burning in memory of Dorothy, Pete, & Sam Palmieri by Edmund & Linda Thall & Family

The sanctuary candles in St. Basil's Church are burning in memory of Don & Rita Green by the Green Family

Volunteers Needed

The parish needs someone to assume the responsibilities of leading the Art and Environment liturgy at St. Basil's Church. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

Your assistance is greatly needed and would be graciously appreciated! Please call the parish office at 570-928-8865, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time and talents!

Thank you!

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, October 19

3:15 - 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM **Dushore** *Thomas Karaban by Ron & Dee Kulsicavage*

Sunday, October 20

7:00 - 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*
9:30 AM **Dushore** *Myrtle Kramer by McDonough family*

Monday, October 21

9:00 AM **Mildred** *Joseph Lynch by Mary Eleanor McMahon*

Tuesday, October 22

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Leona Richlin by Jim Bahl & Joan Lawrence*

Wednesday, October 23

9:00 AM **Dushore** *John Hochberg by Leonard Kratcoski*

Thursday, October 24

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Raymond Farrell by Mr. & Mrs. Michael McMahon*

Friday, October 25

9:00 AM **Mildred** *John D. McKernan by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hill & Family*

Saturday, October 26

3:15 - 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM **Dushore** *Michael Fluck by Joe & Diane McDonough*

Sunday, October 27

7:00 - 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*
9:30 AM **Dushore** *Jim McGee & Shawn Saxe by Saxe Family*

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

October 5 & 6, 2019

\$4,679.00

Institute of the Incarnate Word

\$1,942.25

Storm Damage

\$80.00

October Second Collections

October 20~ World Mission Sunday

October 27 ~ Heat & Eat Fund

Thank you for your generosity!

Storm Damage Fund Total

\$112,690.41

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

Total Offertory

\$83,900.73

Total Expenses

\$115,441.03

Storm Damage

\$59,613.70

Arrears (Debt)

\$20,164.00



Liturgical Ministers for October 26-27

Special Ministers of Communion

4:00 PM	Dushore J. & G. Donahue, R. Tourscher
7:30 AM	Mildred J. Doyle, K. Bohensky, J. Walsh
9:30 AM	Dushore J. & D. McDonough, J. Krakoski

Lectors

4:00 PM	Dushore K. Homer, D. Lambert
7:30 AM	Mildred R. Gumble, S. Moyer
9:30 AM	Dushore M.L. McCamley, J. Wheeler

Altar Servers

4:00 PM	Dushore
7:30 AM	Mildred H. Clark
9:30 AM	Dushore W. Bogart, L. Price

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Fall Bazaar Sunday, November 10th



The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Fall Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 10th, 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.

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 – the Christmas Shop needs donations of clean, gently used Christmas and fall decorations, knick-knacks, jewelry, toys, games and crafts.

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

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PARISH *Life*

Each year hundreds of young people and families gather in the Cathedral of Saint Peter with Bishop Bambera to kick-off Vocations Awareness Week, aspiring to "Leave a Mark."

YOUTH MINISTRY

'Leaving a mark' for good.

2019 - Sunday, Nov. 3, 5 p.m. Mass & Reception

Gifts to the Appeal help support Youth and Young Adult Ministry in our Diocese which strives to empower members of the Young Church to live as intentional disciples, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through their journey of faith. In addition to programs for youth and young adults, staff also offer resources, training, and on-site spiritual formation for parish religious education, RCIA and all parish ministries.

2019 Diocese of Scranton **DIOCESAN** ANNUAL APPEAL

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Donations to the Appeal support Diocesan Ministries:

- Catholic Social Services
- Catholic Media
- Care & Education of Clergy
- Parish Life
- Catholic Education
- Parish Social Justice Grants
- Parish Faith Formation Grants

Visit AnnualAppeal.org/



In the kindness of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the souls of Richard "Dick" Hallam, Raymond Quava, and Ethel Mae Fellenz. As they shared in the suffering of Christ, so may they now share in the glory of the risen Savior in heaven.

Attention, Parishioners!

The Religious Education Program needs a 3rd grade teacher. Please consider passing the faith onto the children of the parish by spending some time in the classroom with them. The work is small and the rewards are amazing! If interested please call Mrs. Clark the Director of Religious Education at 570-928-8952.

Mildred Bazaar Raffle Tickets

Congratulations to the winners of the
Bazaar Raffle!

Week 7

\$25.00	1 st	Raymond Wilson
\$25.00	2 nd	Alice Carey
\$15.00	3 rd	Don Sedlak
\$15.00	4 th	Ron Hembury
\$10.00	5 th	Linda Thall

Week 8

\$25.00	1 st	Francis Yonkin
\$25.00	2 nd	Augustus Denmon
\$15.00	3 rd	Augustus Denmon
\$15.00	4 th	Roger Hope
\$10.00	5 th	Michael Hoodak
\$50.00	Bonanza Winner Angie Higley	

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Where Is the Evidence?

The US Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," sees a life of stewardship as the fruit that comes from an authentic life with Jesus. Faith in Jesus is the minimum requirement that begins this journey from discipleship to stewardship living. There are those who believe in Jesus but do not know him. It becomes very hard to contemplate responding to the call of someone you do not know.

The last sentence of Luke 18:8 should give a reason to pause and reflect. Jesus says to his disciples, "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth?" We can easily respond affirmatively to the question, but if we want to look at the Earth ourselves without being able to see into people's hearts, where is the evidence of the faith that Jesus seeks? When we look at our world, do we see evidence of large amounts of faithful people living in a way that faith would lead them to live?

Our stewardship way of life is evidence of our faith. It is hard to argue that one truly has faith if they do not seek to live as Jesus calls us. An unfortunate cycle is then created when those who not believe do not see any reason to have faith. Our stewardship is not only evidence, but it is our testimony and witness to faith. If Jesus returned today, what would he see? Where is your evidence? Has your witness brought others to him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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27th Annual Night at the Races



**Friday, November 22nd,
2019**

St. Basil's Hall, Dushore
Sandwich Buffet: 6:00 PM

Post Time: 6:45 PM

Benefit Storm Damage Fund

*A Sandwich Buffet will be served
starting at 6:00 PM. The first of ten
races will begin with a 6:45 PM "Post
Time."*

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Upcoming Events

October 20: BBQ Chicken Dinner
at St. Mary's in Wyalusing

November 10: Parish Bazaar
12—5 PM at St. Francis Hall

November 17: Knights of
Columbus Breakfast in St.
Basil's Hall

Veterans eat free!

November 22: Night at the Races

Thank you to all who have donated to
the Storm Damage Fund already!
Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

Update on St. Basil's Church Roof!

The low bid on the roof for St. Basil's
Church was \$200,000. Therefore, we
need an additional \$50,000 above our
original estimated goal.

Choir Rehearsals

*Choir rehearsals will be held every Thursday
evening in St. Basil's Church beginning at
6:00 PM. Please come and join us! New
members are always welcome! For more
information, please contact the rectory.*

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GOD

Jeremiah 1:5



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