

# THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



St. Basil the Great Church  
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## Second Sunday of Lent

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Noon—2 PM

Friday: 10 AM—2 PM

### 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



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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March 8, 2020

## 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.



GIVE GOD  
YOUR WEAKNESS,  
AND HE'LL GIVE YOU  
HIS STRENGTH.

## Reflection

The **First Reading** is from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4a). God promises Abram a great blessing.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (33:4-5, 18-20, 22) God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

The **Second Reading** is from the second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy (1:8b-10). Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Matthew (17:1-9). Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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## Readings

**Monday** ~ St. Frances of Rome, Religious  
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday**  
Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday**  
Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday**  
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday**  
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday**  
Mti 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

### **Bible Study on Monday nights**

Father will be having Bible Study weekly on Monday nights at 6:00 pm in St. Francis Rectory. It will be a video series about the Gospel of Matthew.

### **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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## Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

### **Saturday, March 7**

3:15 - 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 PM **Dushore** *Ruth Marshall by Mr. & Mrs. Donn Tourscher*

### **Sunday, March 8**

7:00 - 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation  
7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*  
9:30 AM **Dushore** *Fr. Joe Hornick by the Borsas*

### **Monday, March 9**

9:00 AM **Mildred** *Francis Pastusic by Marvin & Rose Higley & Frances Pastusic*

### **Tuesday, March 10**

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Joseph Lang by Ronda & Carrie Farrell*

### **Wednesday, March 11**

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Catherine Lambert by Leo & Linda Bagley*

### **Thursday, March 12**

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Robert E. Finan by Ron & Dee Kulsicavage*  
10:30 AM **Highlands** *Robert Cain by Mary Eleanor McMahon*

### **Friday, March 13**

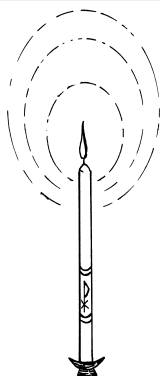
9:00 AM **Mildred** *Randy Weaver by Dot & Jerry Hochberg*

### **Saturday, March 14**

3:15 - 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 PM **Dushore** *Mass for the People*

### **Sunday, March 15**

7:00 - 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation  
7:30 AM **Mildred** *Edward Chrzanowski by Rick, Dee Ann, Mitchell & Kara*  
9:30 AM **Dushore** *Mike Conway by Mary, Ashley, & Bentley*



The sanctuary candles in St. Francis of Assisi Church and St. Basil's Church are burning in memory of Bernadette & Nathan Weaver by Ron & Dee Kulsicavage. The altar candles in St. Basil's Church are burning in loving memory of Grace Bohensky by Bob & Mary Getz & family.

## Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

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

**Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe**  
\$515.00

**February 29 & March 1, 2020**  
\$6,146.00

**Care & Education of Priests**  
\$419.00

**Storm Damage Fund**  
\$812.00

### *March Second Collections*

*March 8 ~ Storm Damage*

*March 15 ~ Fuel Fund*

*March 22 ~ Catholic Relief Services*

*March 29 ~ Storm Damage*

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

**Storm Damage Fund Total**  
\$129,942.41

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

**Total Offertory**  
\$194,414.57

**Total Expenses**  
\$252,306.01

**Storm Damage**  
\$76,865.70

**Arrears (Debt)**  
\$20,164.00



## Liturgical Ministers for March 14-15

### Special Ministers of Communion

4:00 PM Dushore J. Donahue  
7:30 AM Mildred P. Minnier  
9:30 AM Dushore J. McDonough

### Lectors

4:00 PM Dushore D. Lambert, R. Green  
7:30 AM Mildred R. Gumble, S. Moyer  
9:30 AM Dushore S. Wilcox, J. Wheeler

### Altar Servers

4:00 PM Dushore  
7:30 AM Mildred H. Clark  
9:30 AM Dushore

### Attention, Liturgical Ministers!

If you have a preference of services that you can (or cannot) attend during the Easter Triduum, please let the office know as soon as possible. Please also contact the office if there are certain dates in April through June that you are not available. Thank you!

There will be a retreat for **ALL MINISTERS** (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans, Cantors, and Choir) on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM until noon. The retreat will begin with Mass at 8 AM.

***The next Altar & Rosary Society meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 PM at the St. Francis Rectory. Please attend!***

### The Light Is On For You

One of the greatest opportunities given by the Church to assist us in our response to the Lord's invitation to conversion is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once again, the Diocese of Scranton is participating in "The Light Is On for You." Beginning on the first Monday of Lent, March 2, and continuing through Monday of the last full week of Lent, March 30, confessions will be heard in St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mildred from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## The Disciplines of Lent

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Traditionally, Lent has been marked by three disciplines. The first of these is prayer. We will all be encouraged to try our best at setting aside more time for prayer than we are accustomed to doing. We are encouraged to journey into the Lenten desert through meditation, reflection, and contemplation.

The second discipline is fasting and abstinence. **Those between the ages of 18 and 60 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together do not equal to a full meal.** If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. **Abstinence is an obligation for the faithful (especially those from age 14 and above) to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays of Lent.** In addition, many people will abstain from desserts, sweets and other treats during Lent. The third discipline of Lent is almsgiving and works of charity. This reminds us that Lent is primarily a season of doing and through a deeper awareness of the concerns of those around us, particularly the poor and the needy, we may more closely conform our lives to Christ.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will be having their famous Fish Dinners during the season of Lent from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in St. Basil's Hall. This year, the dates are:

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
and Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 to 7:00 in St. Basil's Hall

See you there!

***Desserts are needed!!!***



## COMMUNITY LENTEN EVENTS

### Lenten Penance Services

Confessions will be heard on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:00 PM in St. Basil's Church, Dushore.** Guest confessors will assist. Come and experience God's gentle compassion and forgiveness.

#### Additional Area Lenten Penance Services

**St. Mary's Church, Wyalusing**

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 PM

**St. Michael's Church, Canton**

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM

**Sts Peter & Paul, Towanda**

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM

**Epiphany, Sayre**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM

### LENTEN CELEBRATIONS & SERVICES

#### Lenten Community Worship Service

Redeemer Church, Dushore

Wednesdays during Lent

6:00 PM Soup and Sandwich

7:00 PM Community Worship

ALL ARE WELCOME!



#### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM in St. Basil's Church.



## January Calendar Raffle Winners 2020

#### Congratulations to the January Calendar Raffle Winners!

01/01/20 #454 \$200 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/10/20 #066 \$50 <i>Laura Bohensky, Dushore</i>	01/21/20 #815 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>
01/02/20 #487 \$50 <i>Rachael Saxe, NewAlbany</i>	01/11/20 #167 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/22/20 #586 \$50 <i>John &amp; Nancy Booterbaugh, Muncy Valley</i>
01/03/20 #597 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/12/20 #089 \$100 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/23/20 #743 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>
01/04/20 #052 \$50 <i>Wayne Bogovich, Sugar Run</i>	01/13/20 #772 \$50 <i>Donald Litzelman, Dushore</i>	01/24/20 #441 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>
01/05/20 #906 \$100 <i>Kat</i>	01/14/20 #874 \$50 <i>Francis Yonkin, Dushore</i>	01/25/20 #572 \$50 <i>Jackie Bogovich, Sugar Run</i>
01/06/20 #360 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/15/20 #850 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/26/20 #917 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>
01/07/20 #815 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/16/20 #205 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/27/20 #222 \$50 <i>Roseanne Lukachik, Lopez</i>
01/08/20 #219 \$50 <i>Emilie Leljedal, Montgomery</i>	01/17/20 #590 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/28/20 #127 \$50 <i>Nicholas Padulo, Forksville</i>
01/09/20 #508 \$50 <i>Clifford &amp; Susan Braisted, New Albany</i>	01/18/20 #541 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/29/20 #915 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>
	01/19/20 #057 \$100 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>	01/30/20 #867 \$50 <i>Ticket Not Sold</i>
	01/20/20 #244 \$50 <i>Donald Litzelman, Dushore</i>	01/31/20 #487 \$200 <i>Rachael Saxe, New Albany</i>

## Upcoming Events

**March 11:** Altar & Rosary Society  
Meeting at 6:30 PM in St. Francis  
Rectory

**March 20:** Knights of Columbus Fish  
Dinner from 4-7 PM

**April 3:** Knights of Columbus Fish  
Dinner from 4-7 PM

**April 20:** Confirmation at Sts. Peter  
and Paul Church, Towanda at 6:30  
PM with Bishop Bambera

**May 3:** First Holy Communion

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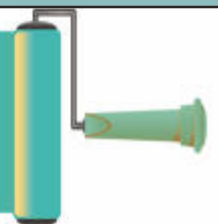


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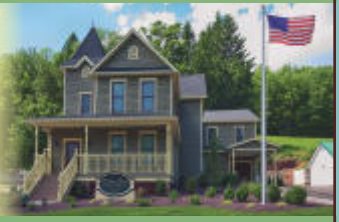


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*Jeremiah 1:5*



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