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Pentecost Sunday

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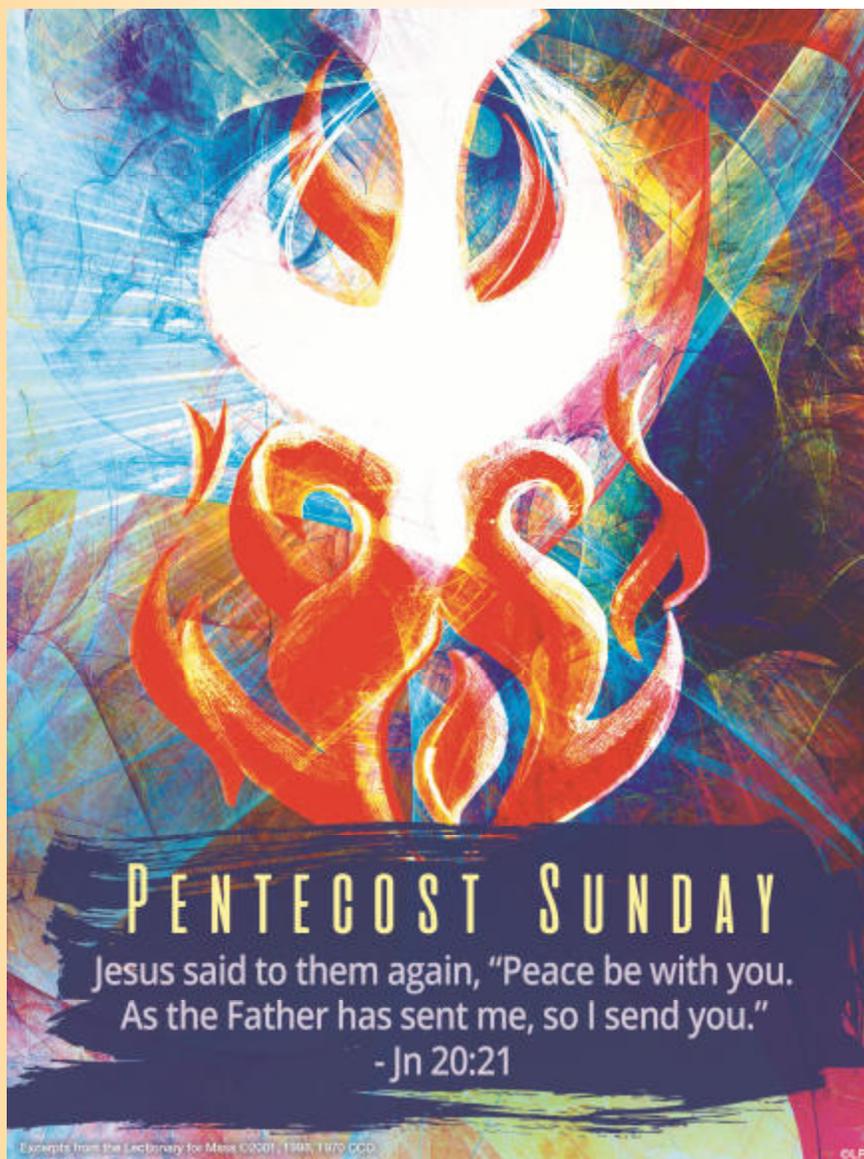
OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 9 AM-3 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment

St. Basil's Church will be open
during daylight hours for
people to pray individually.



May 31, 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 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.

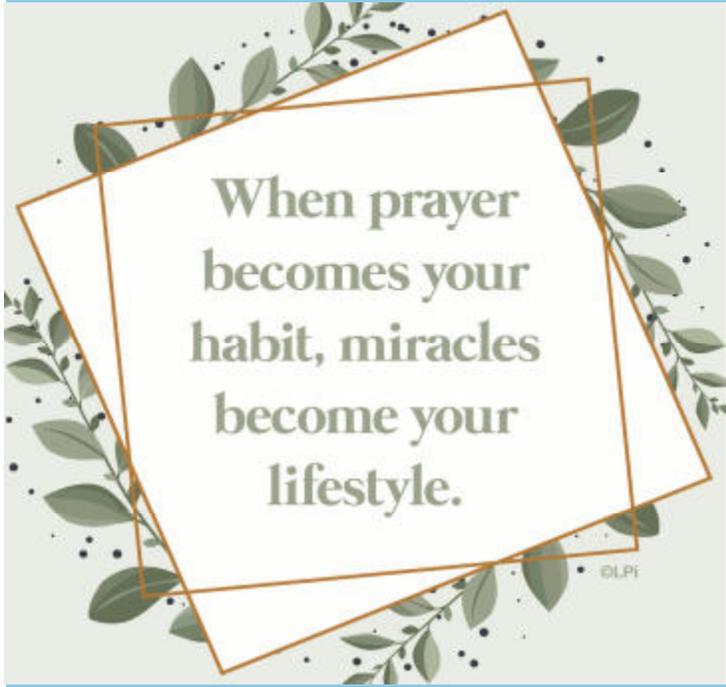
Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

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.



When prayer
becomes your
habit, miracles
become your
lifestyle.

Reflection

The **First Reading** is from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11). The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (104:1, 24, 29-31, 34) God's Spirit renews the earth.

The **Second Reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (12:3b-7, 12-13). We are all one in Christ Jesus.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of John (20:19-23). You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

Readings

Monday ~ The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday ~ Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday ~ St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27 see 2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14; Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday

2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34

Friday ~ St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160-161, 165-166, 168; Mk 12:35-37 see 577: Acts 26:19-23; Jn 10:11-16

Saturday ~ St. Norbert, Bishop

2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; (Ps) Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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

LtG Matthew C. McCandless

MH 605 Sea Hawk Combat Squadron
USS Abraham Lincoln (Carrier)

Steve and Natalie Dymond Caezza

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FPO, AE. 09622

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155 Saint Mary's Lane
Stafford, VA 22556

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, May 30

4:00 PM **Mildred** John & Delores Jerkes by family

Sunday, May 31

9:00 AM **Dushore** Mass for the People

Monday, June 1

9:00 AM **Dushore** Jeannette Devitz by Religious education teachers

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 AM **Dushore** Dot Schoch by Mary Cosgrove

Wednesday, June 3

9:00 AM **Dushore** Gordon & Marian Tubach by Tubach family

Thursday, June 4

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

Friday, June 5

9:00 AM **Dushore** Ann Marie Stabryla by Joe Stabryla

Saturday, June 6

4:00 PM **Mildred** Mass for the People

Sunday, June 7

9:00 AM **Dushore** Arthur & Catherine McMahon & son, Paul by James & Patricia Kearney

If you would like to attend Mass, please call the parish office at 570-928-8865 to register. Face masks must be worn, and social distancing followed. The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance continues.

Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish at 9:00 AM. You will also be able to access the Mass through our Facebook page after the livestream service.

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

The bulletin was sent in before the collection was counted. That collection will be included in the bulletin for June 7th.

*Please mail your offering to the parish office if possible.
Thank you!*

Thank you for your generosity!

Storm Damage Fund Total

\$131,940.41

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

Total Offertory

\$260,081.59

Total Expenses

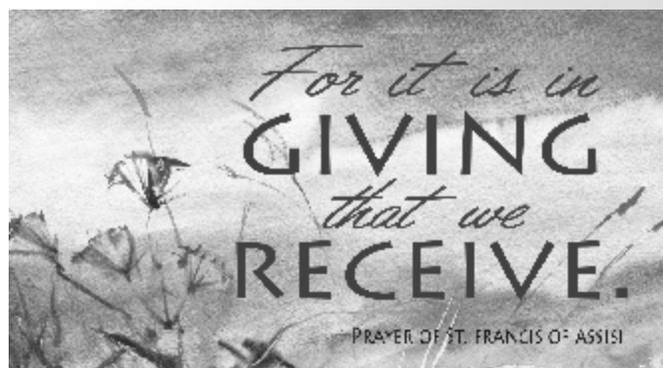
\$318,987.37

Storm Damage

\$78,863.70

Arrears (Debt)

\$20,164.00



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Please disseminate the following information regarding Perfect Contrition widely.

PERFECT CONTRITION

With the increasing difficulty for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to the current health crisis, the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded that by having perfect contrition one can receive the forgiveness of sins, apart from going to confession.

Perfect contrition requires the following three things:

- A love of God above all else
- A sincere desire for the forgiveness from sin
- The resolution to go to confession as soon as possible when this health crisis subsides

PLENARY INDULGENCE

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has also granted a **plenary indulgence** under specific conditions.

The faithful who qualify for a plenary indulgence during the coronavirus pandemic:

- Those suffering from the coronavirus illness
- Health care workers, family members, and others caring for those with the coronavirus (exposing themselves to the virus)

The faithful must do at least one of the following:

- Unite yourself spiritually through the media in the celebration of the Holy Mass
- Recite the Rosary
- Pious practice of the Way of the Cross (or other forms of devotion)
- Recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a Hail Mary

The faithful must be willing to perform all of the following as soon as possible: (considered the three usual conditions for a plenary indulgence)

- Going to Confession
- Receiving Holy Communion
- Praying for the intentions of Pope Francis

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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April Calendar Raffle Winners 2020

*Congratulations to the April Calendar Raffle
Winners!*

04/01/20 #521 \$200
Ticket Not Sold

04/02/20 #661 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/03/20 #168 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/04/20 #202 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/05/20 #602 \$100
Ticket Not Sold

04/06/20 #978 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/07/20 #893 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/08/20 #188 \$50
Mary Lou Klem, Dushore

04/09/20 #228 \$50
Vivian McCarty, Forksville

04/10/20 #518 \$50
Barbara Muller, Dushore

04/11/20 #443 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/12/20 #408 \$100
Ron Hembury, Dushore

04/13/20 #996 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/14/20 #071 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/15/20 #655 \$50
Joan McDonald, Dushore

04/16/20 #597 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/17/20 #157 \$50
Rose Higley, Forksville

04/18/20 #158 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/19/20 #567 \$100
Ticket Not Sold

04/20/20 #604 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/21/20 #835 \$50
Kathleen Vandine, Muncy Valley

04/22/20 #440 \$50
Mary Lou Klem, Dushore

04/23/20 #553 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/24/20 #393 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/25/20 #788 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/26/20 #257 \$100
Ticket Not Sold

04/27/20 #611 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/28/20 #554 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/29/20 #317 \$50
Ticket Not Sold

04/30/20 #785 \$200
Ticket Not Sold

Question & Answer

Tithing vs. Stewardship

Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God.

Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

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In the kindness of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth "Bettyann"

Sick Goodyear and Terry Gernert. As they shared in the suffering of Christ, so may they now share in the glory of the risen Savior in heaven.

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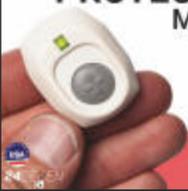
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Jeremiah 1:5



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