

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



St. Basil the Great Church
Dushore, PA



St. Francis of Assisi Church
Mildred, PA



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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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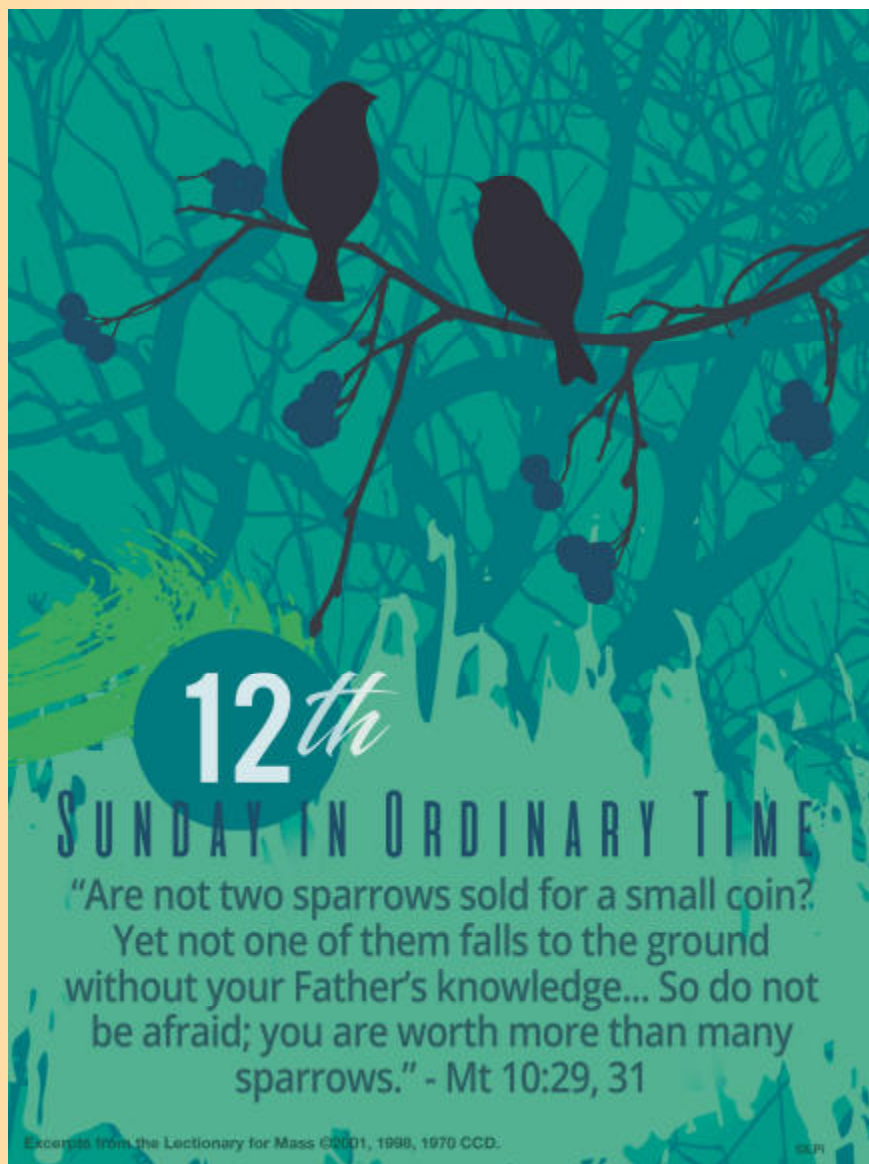
OFFICE HOURS

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.



June 21, 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.



Reflection

The **First Reading** is from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (20:10-13). Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (69:8-10, 17, 33-35) God responds to the prayers of those in need.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (5:12-15). Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Matthew (10:26-33). There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the “what has always been” and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

Readings

Monday ~ St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday
2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11;
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday ~ **THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday
2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday
2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday ~ St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

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

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Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, June 20

4:00 PM **Mildred** *Alice Rice by Debby & Michael McDonald, Shawn, Stephen & Melissa, & Alyssa*

Sunday, June 21

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

11:00 AM **Dushore** *Bettyann Goodyear by H. William & Shirl Boatman*

Monday, June 22

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Mary Tourscher by James P. Burd*

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 AM **Dushore** *John Mucha by Mary Lou Meehan*

Wednesday, June 24

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Bettyann Goodyear by Kathy Chassin & Bussal cousins*

Thursday, June 25

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Patrick Ryan by Mr. & Mrs. Michael McMahon*

Friday, June 26

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Robert E. Finan by Janine & Robert Farr & Family*

Saturday, June 27

4:00 PM **Mildred** *Frances Kelly by Suzanne Kaier*

Sunday, June 28

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

11:00 AM **Dushore** *Mary O'Neil by Annabelle Kravitz & Family*

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.

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

June 13 & 14, 2020

\$5,588.10

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Storm Damage Fund Total

\$131,990.41

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

Total Offertory

\$280,561.65

Total Expenses

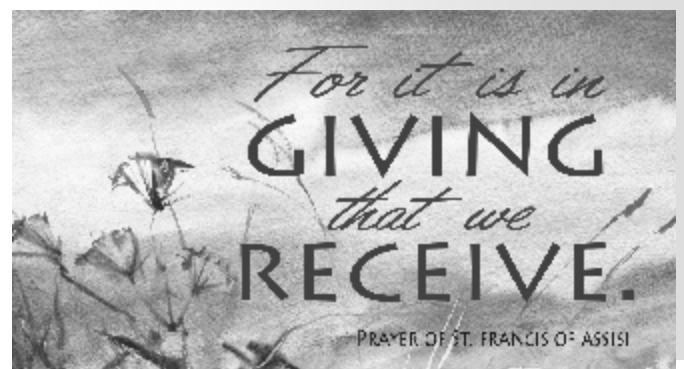
\$345,500.19

Storm Damage

\$78,913.70

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

Will You Say Yes?

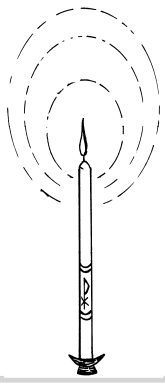
You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The altar candles in St. Francis of Assisi Church is burning in memory of Stephen Kravetz by Debby and Michael McDonald.

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.

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give
them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your
Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give
them Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we
meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.

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Question & Answer

The Sign of Peace

Question:

Why do Catholics give the sign of peace to one another at Mass?

Answer:

The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by the Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: "Our Father who art in heaven..." In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs — "Give us, this day, our daily bread" — to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven.

It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake) as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God.

We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion — united in love and peace — with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, "Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

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In the kindness of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the souls of **Dorothy Stoddard**, and **George Baton III**. 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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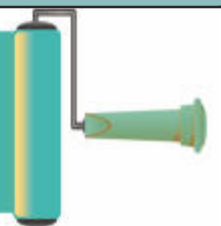


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GOD

Jeremiah 1:5

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