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St. Basil the Great Church
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First Sunday of Advent

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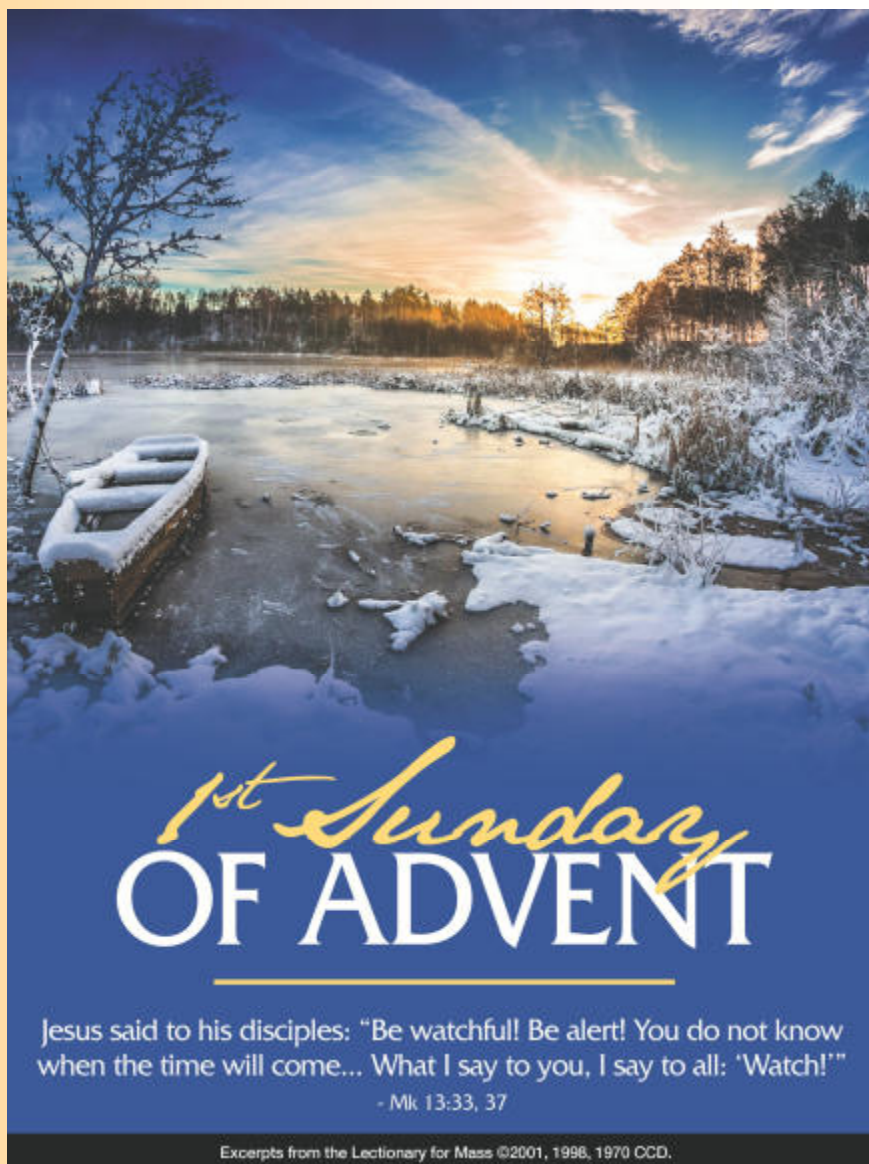
OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 9 AM-3 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM
or by appointment

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



November 29, 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.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING
ON THE HORIZON
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— JAN RICHARDSON

Reflection

The **First Reading** is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7). Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19) A prayer for the Lord's protection .

The **Second Reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:3-9). Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Mark (13:33-37). You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

Readings

Monday ~ ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday ~ St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
see 685: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 16:15-20

Friday ~ St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Patron of the Week

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2020 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 November 23rd, and a "Buyer's Appreciation Drawing" will be on the night of the Bazaar, December 21st. There are extra tickets at the IHM Parish Office that are available to be purchased. Please call 570-928-8865 to do so.



First drawing will be November 2nd. Please return any unpurchased tickets to the rectory so that they may be sold.

The Bazaar Raffle will be run from November 2nd through December 21st. Please consider participating in the bazaar raffle! Thank you!

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, November 28

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

Sunday, November 29

7:30 AM **Mildred** *John W. Evangelisti by Elenora Grandinetti*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Frances Mackiewicz by Jan Mackiewicz & Family*

Monday, November 30

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Gerald & Alice Taylor Family by Ed & Alice Taylor Carey*

Tuesday, December 1

9:00 AM **Dushore** *For all living priests in the Diocese of Scranton*

Wednesday, December 2

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

Thursday, December 3

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Helen Saxe McGee by Joe Middendorf*

Friday, December 4

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Dorothy Schoch by Jane Kerstetter & Dolores Barsavage*

Saturday, December 5

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Fr. Joe & Mary Ann Hornick by Dee & Ron Kulsicavage*

Sunday, December 6

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Patricia Blasi by Milo & Jean Clinton*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Mass for the People*

If you would like to attend Mass, face masks must be worn, and social distancing followed. The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance continues.

Altar & Rosary Society News

The Altar & Rosary Society will be meeting on Wednesday, December 9, at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Rectory!

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

November 14 & 15, 2020
\$5,126.82

The bulletin was sent in before the collection was counted. That collection will be included in the bulletin for December 6th.

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

Thank you for your generosity!
Storm Damage Fund Total
\$149,086.41

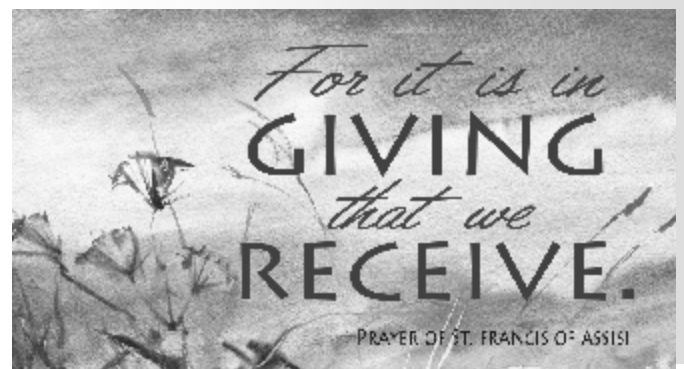
Fiscal Year (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Total Offertory
\$108,149.57

Total Expenses
\$104,911.21

Storm Damage
\$17,096.00

Arrears (Debt)
\$18,350.00





The Star Tree is back this year in our parish! In the back of each church is a tree with star ornaments on it. Please take an ornament and

purchase an appropriate gift to match the tag, return the unwrapped gift to the back of either church with the ornament attached to it. *Gifts must be able to fit in a garbage bag and please do not donate any rolls of wrapping paper this year!!* The Star Tree provides for the less fortunate people in our community. 'Tis the season for giving and sharing! If you have any questions, please call Anne McDonough at (570)721-1267. PLEASE RETURN ALL STAR TREE GIFTS TO EITHER CHURCH by December 13!!

Did You Know...



You May Make a Gift to Your Parish or to the Diocesan Annual Appeal Directly From Your IRA

If you are 70½ or older and have a traditional individual retirement account, you can use all or part of your *required minimum distribution* to support your parish or the Diocesan Annual Appeal without having to count the transfers as income for federal tax purposes.

Distributions must be sent directly to your parish or the Diocese by the plan administrator of your IRA.

For information, please contact
Jim Bebla,
Diocesan Secretary of Development,
Jim-Bebla@DioceseofScranton.org
570-207-2250

IHM Parish Bazaar Raffle

Bazaar Raffle Winners ~ Week 5

1 st ~ \$25	Frank Polinsky
2 nd ~ \$25	Laura Bohensky
3 rd ~ \$15	Carole Hambley
4 th ~ \$15	Tom Evangelisti
5 th ~ \$10	William Charnitski

Week 6

1 st ~ \$25	Linda Tourscher
2 nd ~ \$25	Duke Opdyke
3 rd ~ \$15	Katelyn Kreamer
4 th ~ \$15	Debra Gutosky
5 th ~ \$10	Cindy Fitzgerald

SPAGHETTI DINNER

There will be a spaghetti dinner held by BSA Troop 48 & Cub Scouts Pack 48 on Sunday, November 29th in St. Francis Hall from 4 pm—7 pm.

Cost: Adults: \$8

Children ages 5-12: \$4

Children 4 & under: Free

Menu: salad, spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, and assorted desserts.

They will also have raffle baskets inside.

Pre-orders can be placed by email bsa-troop48dushorepa@gmail.com or call 570-928-7562 with your name, number, and order.

Appeal Update:

Our Parish Goal: \$38,000

Total Raised: \$13,315

Percentage of Goal Pledged
35.04% (63 out of 417 families pledged)

WAKE, O WAKE, AND SLEEP NO LONGER

WALTER AJF



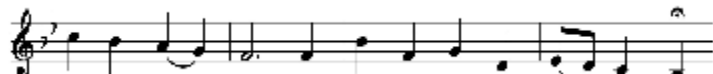
1. Wake, O wake, and sleep no long - er, For he who calls you
2. Zi - on hears the sound of sing - ing; Our hearts are thrilled with
3. Glo - ry, go - ry, sing the an - gels, While mu - sic sounds from



1. is no strang - er: A - wake, God's own Je - ru - sa - lem!
2. sud - den long - ing: She stirs, and wakes, and stands pre - pared.
3. strings and cym - bals; All hu - man - kind, with songs a - rise!



1. Hear, the mid - night bells are chim - ing The sig - nal for his
2. Christ, her friend, and lord, and lov - er. Her star and sun and
3. Twelve the gates in - to the cit - y. Each one a pearl of



1. roy - al com - ing: Let voice to voice an - nounce his name!
2. strong re - deem - er - At last his night - y voice is heard.
3. shin - ing beau - ty; The streets of gold ring out with praise.



1. We feel his foot - steps near, The Bride - groom at the
2. The Son of God has come To make with us his
3. All crea - tures round the throne A - dore the ho - ly



1. door - Al - le - lu - ia! The lamps will shine with
2. home: Sing ho - san - nal The fight 's won, the
3. One With re - joice - ing: A - men be sung by



1. light di - vine As Christ the Sav - ior comes to reign.
2. feast be - gun; We fix our eyes on Christ: a - lone.
3. ev - 'ry tongue To crown their wel - come to the King.

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PSALM 80: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B



R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

Dan Schutte



Be - yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our



hun - ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar - row finds her home



be - neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an - gels



sing. 1. Our eyes have longed to see your lov - ing

2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross ces - ert

3. Up - on our dark - ness, Lord, a light has

4. With shin - ing star at night, and cloud by

5. When life's great jour - ney ends, and day is



1. face, to live with - in your courts for all our days.

2. sand. We place our hopes and dreams with - in your hand.

3. shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.

4. day, you brought us here to see your love's dis - play.

5. done, then may our eyes be - hold your Ho - ly One.

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THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

ST. THOMAS WILLIAMS



1. The ad - vent of our King Our thoughts must now em - ploy;

2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A maid - en's off - spring see;

3. Daugh - ter of Si - on rise To greet thine in - fart King;

4. In glo - ry from his throne A - gain will Christ de - scend,

5. Let deeds of dark - ness fly Be - fore the ap - proach - ing morn,

6. Our joy - ful prais - es sing To Christ, who se: us free;



1. Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho - ly joy.

2. A ser - vant's form Christ put - teth on, To set his peo - ple free.

3. Nor let thy stub - born heart de - spise The par - don he doth bring.

4. And sum - mon all who are his own To joys that nev - er end.

5. For un - to sin 'tis ours to die And serve the Vir - gin - born.

6. Like trib - ute to the Fa - ther bring, And Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

Text: Stm Charles Coffin, tr. Paris Broverg, 1736; tr. by Robert Campoe, 1814-1862, alt.

Music: New Universal Psalmist, 1770; Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man", all bow.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in the glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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you in the womb,
I knew you.
GOD
Jeremiah 1:5



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