

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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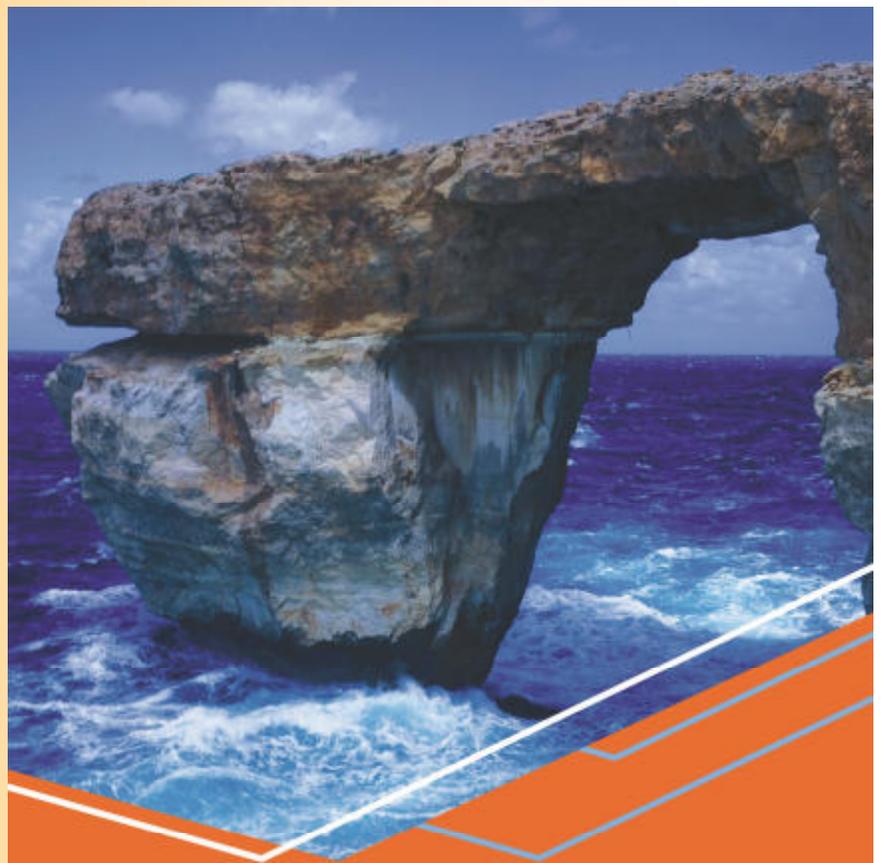
OFFICE HOURS

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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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September 5, 2021

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Summer Mass Schedule

The Summer Mass schedule will run until September 5 and will be as follows:

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

11:00 AM ~ St. Francis of Assisi Chapel,
Eagles Mere

**St. John Neumann Shrine, Sugar Ridge
Mass will be held on September 5th at 2:30
PM.**

St. John Neumann Shrine Mass

Mass at the St. John Neumann Shrine will be held on September 5th at 2:30 PM. September 5th will also have the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. After Mass on September 5th, the Knights of Columbus will provide a hot dog/hamburger picnic. Please bring a dish to pass if you plan on attending the picnic.
Thank you!



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.

IF YOU WANT
GOD TO
CLOSE AND
OPEN DOORS,
LET GO OF THE
DOOR KNOB.



Reflection

The **First Reading** is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (35:4-7a). Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (146:7-10) A song of praise to God.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. James (2:1-5). James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Mark (7:31-37). From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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Readings

Monday

Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday ~ THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday ~ St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38 see 636A: Is 58:6-11; Mt 25:31-40

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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:

LtG Matthew C. McCandless

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

Natalie Caezza

USS NEW ORLEANS(LPD18)
UNIT 100207 BOX 6
FPO AP 96673

Lt. Col Bradley S. Pennella

155 Saint Mary's Lane
Stafford, VA 22556

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, September 4

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Erik Hausmann by family*

Sunday, September 5

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Robert & Catherine Lambert
by their children & grandchildren*

11:00 AM **Eagles Mere** *Peter Beaugard & Eileen
Cickay by Beaugard family*

2:30 PM **Sugar Ridge** *Marshall Family & Sid
Hatch by Janet Hatch*

Monday, September 6

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 7

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 8

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

Thursday, September 9

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Lucille A. Sick by Kathy & Pat
Gerrity & Iain Campbell*

Friday, September 10

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Randy & Nathan Weaver by
Sylvia Richlin*

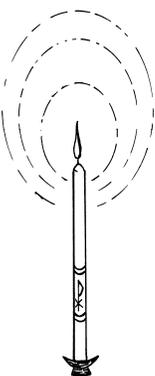
Saturday, September 11

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Jim McCamley by the Tuesday
Coffee Group*

Sunday, September 12

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Mary & Fredrick Hollenbach
by the family*



The altar candles in St. Basil's Church
are burning in memory of Jim
McCamley by Loan Closet Ladies.

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

August 28 & 29, 2021

\$4,388.00

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Storm Damage Fund Total

\$190,755.15

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

Total Offertory

\$289,782.92

Total Expenses

\$356,693.87

Storm Damage

\$58,764.74

Arrears (Debt)

\$0.00

**Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 – June 30,
2022)**

Total Offertory

\$54,701.00

Total Expenses

\$66,831.47

**The parish office will be closed
on Monday, September 6th!
We will reopen on Tuesday,
September 7th.**

Question & Answer

Catholic Teaching on Labor

Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

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An emergency special collection will be taken up on behalf of those devastated in Haiti by an earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. The emergency collection is greatly needed to help victims of the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace to rebuild their lives and also help support reconstruction needs of parishes, rectories, schools, and other Church properties destroyed or severely damaged in Haiti.

This special collection will occur in the Diocese of Scranton during the weekend of September 25th and 26th.

This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Relief Services and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB's Emergency Disaster Fund.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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There will be a parish bazaar meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi **Hall** in Mildred.

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

NETTLETON



1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, As we lis - ten to your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness In the sac - ra - ment of
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon Oth - er guests to share that



1. Word, Help us know, O God, your pres - ence: Let our
2. life; Send us forth to love and serve you, Bring - ing
3. feast Where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come Those who



1. hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred
2. peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great com -
3. had been last and least. There no more will en - vy



1. sto - ry Till we claim it as our own; Teach us
2. pas - sion To for - give as you for - gave; May we
3. blind us Nor will pride our peace de - stroy, As we



1. through this ho - ly ban - quet How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
2. still be - hold your im - age In the world you died to save.
3. join with saints and an - gels To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION

AR HYDYNOS



1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God;
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done;
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God;



1. For the gifts of ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God;
2. In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done;
3. For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God;



1. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are
2. In the world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de -
3. For the won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that will con -



1. sleep - ing, Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
2. spair - ing, In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
3. found us, Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 146: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B



P. Praise the Lord, my soul!

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT/SÉ NUESTRA LUZ

Bernadette Farrell



- Verses
1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness Long - ing for
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
4. warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
¡Sé nues - tra luz, Cris - to Se - ñor, en las ti - nie - blas!

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT/SÉ NUESTRA LUZ (CONT. 2)



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.
¡Sé nues - tra luz! Bri - lla en tu j - gle - sia reu - ni - da hoy. 4. Re -

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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GOD
Jeremiah 1:5




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