

# 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-Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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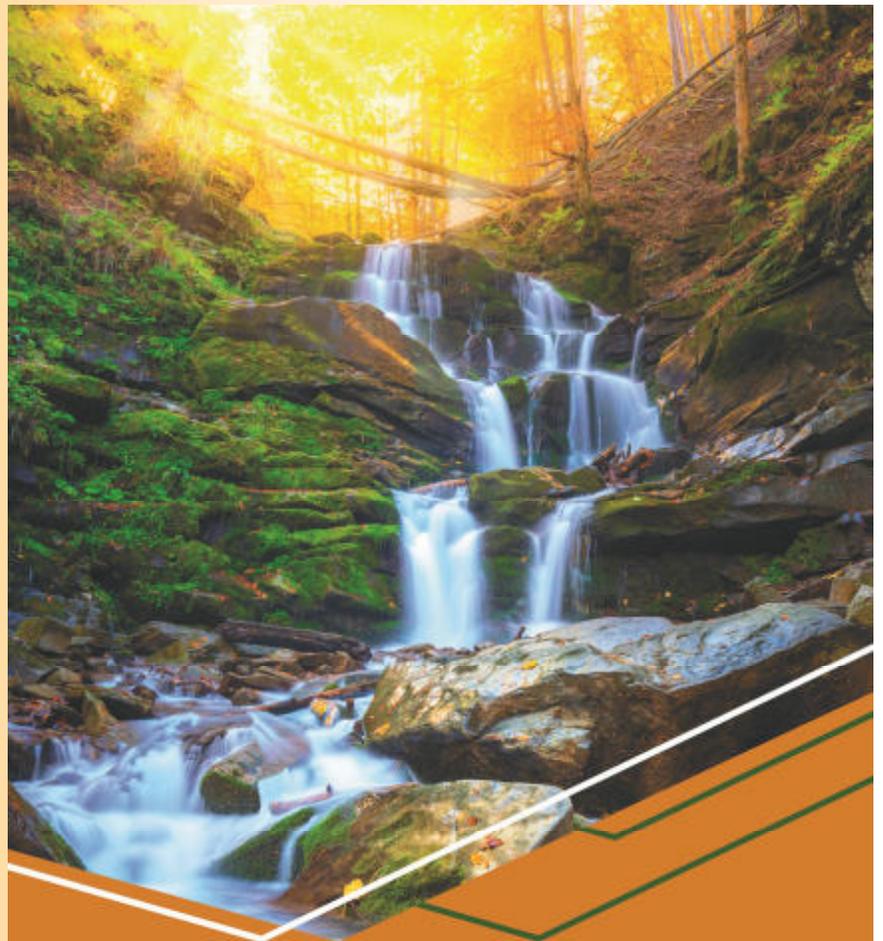
OFFICE HOURS

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.



28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."  
- Mk 10:26-27

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October 10, 2021

## FORMED

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Icon Workshop. While writing your own icon of Mary and Child you learn techniques, history and spirituality of icons. Participants will be led through the steps of this ancient religious art using more modern and friendly materials. Class size is limited. Reservations may be made by calling the office and paying the fee of \$75.00 which includes all materials, prepared panel, paints and brushes to complete the icon. Participants must be committed to meeting every evening from November 7 – 12 from 5:45 to 9 pm.

## 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.

## NEXT WEEKEND IS IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Please bring your mailed pledge envelope to Mass the weekend of Oct. 16 & 17 and drop it in the offertory collection.

Prayer intentions submitted by parishioners will be remembered at the 10:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021.

### Gifts to the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal Support:

- Parish Social Justice Grants and Faith Formation Grants
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A gift of any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

## Reflection

The **First Reading** is from the Book of Wisdom (7:7-11). Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (90:12-17) The Lord fills us with love and joy.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:12-13). The Word of God exposes the heart.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Mark (10:17-30). If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

## Readings

**Monday** ~ St. John XXIII, Pope  
Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-4; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday**  
Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday**  
Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday** ~ St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr  
Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6b; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday** ~ **St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**  
Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7 see 657: Rom 8:22-27; Jn 15:1-8

**Saturday** ~ St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin  
Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12  
**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

*A large thank you from the St. Basil's Cemetery Association for the anonymous donation of a new zero turn lawn mower and push mower!*

## **Family Fun Night!**

Family Fun Night will be held on Friday, October 15 at 6:30 PM in St. Basil's Hall in Dushore.

There will be pumpkin carving, games for all ages, and food.

Please bring your family and come for a night of fun!



*All are welcome!*

## Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

### **Saturday, October 9**

4:00 PM **Dushore** *James Farrow by Thomas Farrow*

### **Sunday, October 10**

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

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Thomas McDaniel*

### **Monday, October 11**

9:00 AM **Dushore** *For the health & healing of Jay Ross by the Woodruff family*

### **Tuesday, October 12**

**NO MASS**

### **Wednesday, October 13**

**NO MASS**

### **Thursday, October 14**

**NO MASS**

### **Friday, October 15**

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Eunice Richart by Romana Bernatavitz*

### **Saturday, October 16**

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Kurt Richard Rexer by Dennis & Debbie Hill & Family*

### **Sunday, October 17**

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

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Raymond & Esperia Stortini by Lee Ann Wolfe*

## Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

# The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**October 2 & 3, 2021**  
**\$5,339.00**

*Please mail your offering to  
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*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 – June 30,  
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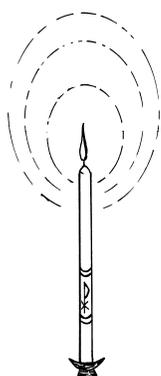
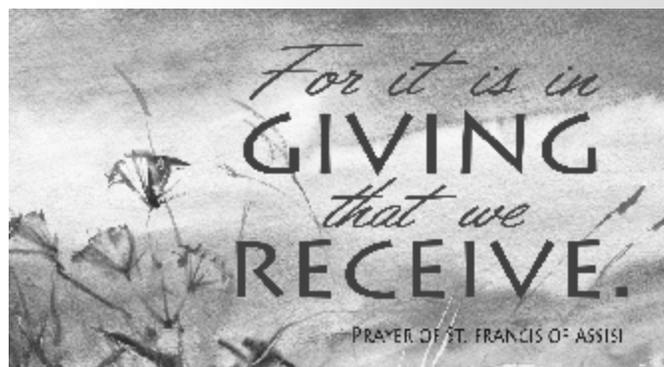
**Total Offertory**

**\$85,961.00**

**Total Expenses**

**\$94,424.56**

We will once again be bringing communion to our homebound parishioners on Thursday mornings. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, please call the rectory.



The altar candles in St. Basil's Church are burning in memory of Rita and Don Green by the Green family.

The sanctuary candle in St. Basil's Church is burning in memory of Rita & Don Green by the Green family.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE  
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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There will be a parish bazaar meeting on **Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** at St. Francis of Assisi **Hall** in Mildred.



29th Annual Night at  
the Races  
Friday, November  
19<sup>th</sup> - 2021

St. Basil's Hall,  
Dushore, PA  
Sandwich Buffet: 5:45 PM  
Post Time: 6:45 PM

*A Sandwich Buffet will be served starting at 6:00 PM. The first of ten races will begin with a 6:45 PM "Post Time."*

### Benefit Storm Damage Fund

*You can "Buy a Horse(s)" for \$10.00 each, and if your horse wins a race you gain a \$50.00 prize. For more information and tickets please contact Dean Homer, Bob Getz, Bob Hurley, Jerry McMahan, Jim Souto, Nathan Chase, Mark Evangelisti, Martina Denmon or John Shoemaker*

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# O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

ST. ANNE



1. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come.
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;
5. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come.



1. Our She - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal Home.
2. From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
3. Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
4. We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - p'ning day.
5. Be thou our Guard while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal Home.

Text: CM; Psalm 90, adapted by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: William Croft, 1679-1727.

## PSALM 90: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B



R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

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### BE THOU MY VISION

SLANE



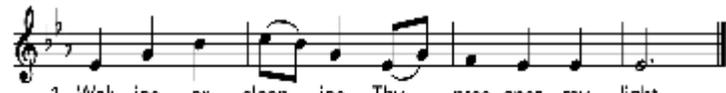
1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won.



1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4. Heart of my own heart, what ev - er befall,



1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my tres - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: 13/10/10; Ancient Irish, tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; fr. Eleanor Hull's Poem Book of the Gael, 1912, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody; adapt. from The Church Almanac, 1927.

# WE REMEMBER

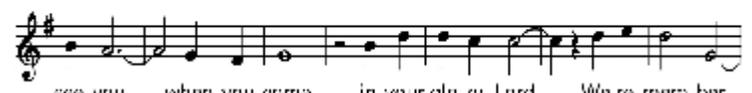
Marty Haugen



We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death, and still we



cel - e - brate, for you are with us here; And we be - lieve that we will



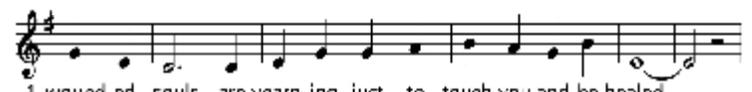
see you when you come in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber,



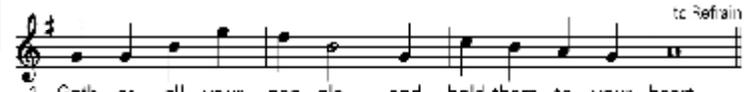
we cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

2 Verses

1. Here, a mil - lion
2. Now we re - cre -
3. Christ, the Fa - ther's
4. See the face of



1. wound - ed souls are yearn - ing just to touch you and be healed.
2. ate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
3. great "A - men" to all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,
4. Christ re - vealed in ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side,

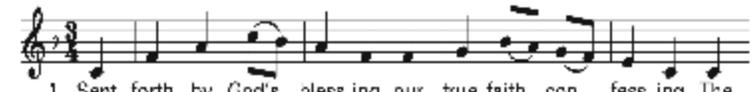


1. Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
2. Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.
3. Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.
4. Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

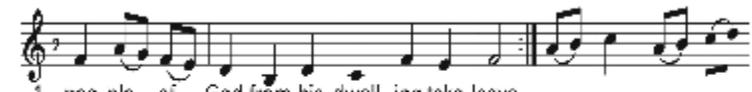
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### SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

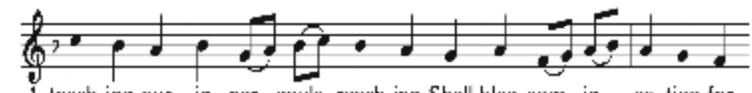
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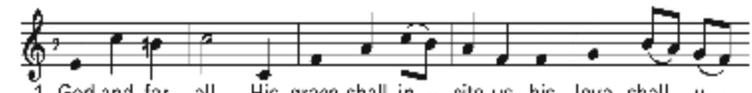
1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, The God's sac - ri - fice end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed The
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing, to God who is liv - ing, The Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, We



1. peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave, fruits of this Mass in all hearts who be - lieve, The seed of his
2. tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we err - brace, claim as our neigh - bor all those of each race, One bread that has



1. teach - ing our in - ner souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for
2. fed us, one light that has led us U - nite us as one in his



1. God and for all. His grace shall in - cite us, his love shall u -
2. life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -



1. nite us To fur - ther God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
2. giv - ing Give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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## 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.

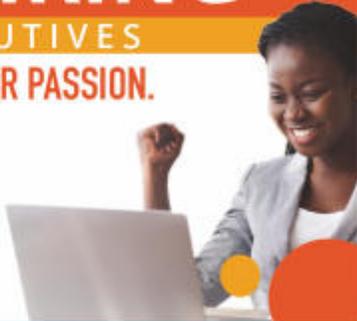
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

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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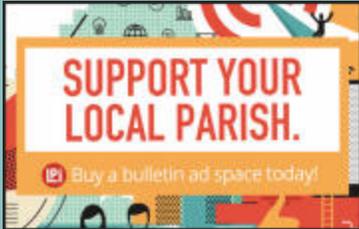
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Jeremiah 1:5



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