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-Sixth 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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

At that time, John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” Jesus replied, “Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:38-39

September 26, 2021
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3. Enter your name and email, and click “Sign Up”

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**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.

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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 collection will also be for support for victims of Hurricane Ida.**

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.

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**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.
The First Reading is from the Book of Numbers (11:25-29). The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.


The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. James (5:1-6). James chastises the rich.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Mark (9:38-43, 45, 47-48). What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus’ looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don’t need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, “When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.” Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn’t matter who did it or where it came from. In God’s eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world’s brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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Attention!

If anyone has a good used lawn mower that they would like to donate to St. Basil’s Cemetery, please contact Dean Homer.

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**Breakfast Buffet**

Sunday, September 26th ~ 8 - 11:00 a.m.

at St. Basil’s Hall, Dushore, PA

ADULTS: $10  AGES 6-12: $4  UNDER 6: FREE

Scrambled Eggs ● Pancakes ● Home Fries
Bacon ● Sausage Links ● Chipped Beef
Toast ● Fruit Cocktail ● Orange Juice
Coffee ● Tea ● Milk ● Water

Everyone welcome. Take-outs available.
Proceeds benefit charitable activities

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Dushore,
Wyahsing and Mildred, Council 12406
**Weekly Liturgical Celebrations**

**Saturday, September 25**  
4:00 PM **Dushore** Gerard Kaier by William & Peggy Black

**Sunday, September 26**  
7:30 AM **Mildred** Mass for the People  
9:30 AM **Dushore** Guy McCarty by his children

**Monday, September 27**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, September 28**  
9:00 AM **Dushore** Joe Cullen by Original Eight Hunting Club

**Wednesday, September 29**  
9:00 AM **Dushore** Michael Woodruff by Woodruff family

**Thursday, September 30**  
9:00 AM **Dushore** Sophia Barry by Julie & Ron Bahl

**Friday, October 1**  
9:00 AM **Dushore** Dennis P. Fries by Bob & Mary Guglielmi

**Saturday, October 2**  
4:00 PM **Dushore** Dorothy Stoddard by Hayes & Kat Clark

**Sunday, October 3**  
7:30 AM **Mildred** Mass for the People  
9:30 AM **Dushore** Bud & Shirley Ambs by Pat & Karen Cullen

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 Jim McCamley by Loan Closet Ladies.

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**Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection**

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

**September 18 & 19, 2021**  
$5,826.00

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 $72,338.00  
Total Expenses $90,869.66
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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National Life Chain
Sunday, October 3, 2021 Beginning at 2 PM (for 60 to 90 minutes depending on the location). Join the National Life Chain in Athens, Canton Dushore, Meshoppen, Nichols, Towanda and Wyalusing. All are welcome to attend.

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful, public witness of pro-life Americans standing for 60 to 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of Human Life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA. You’ll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer. Bring the whole family – rain or shine. Water, lawn chairs, and umbrellas are welcome. (Please do not park in front of an open business.)

Signs will be provided: Abortion Kills Children—Adoption the Loving Option—Jesus Forgives and Heals—Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation—Abortion Hurts Women—Life, the First Inalienable Right—Pray to End Abortion—Pregnant, Need Help? 1-800-712-HELP!”

Bradford County Pennsylvanians for Human Life is sponsoring the following Life Chains at these locations:

Athens Township: Elmira Street from 2 to 3:30 PM (across from Wendy’s in front of the UPS Store) Chairperson: Rob Howard: 570-395-3417
Canton: Main Street from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson: Denny Vermilya 570-447-8499
Dushore: Main Street from 2 to 3 PM, Chairpersons: Joe and Diane McDonough: 570-928-9621
Meshoppen: Route 6, Meshoppen from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson: Marilyn Burton: 570-833-4851
Nichols, NY: West River Road at NY 17 Exit from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson: Sharon Russell: 570-247-7438
Towanda: in front of the Courthouse from 2 to 3:30 PM, Chairperson: Marie Seibert: 570-265-3122
Wyalusing: Route 6 in front of St. Mary’s, from 2 to 3 PM; Marilyn Burke – 570-746-1280

Blessing of Animals
Attention: All Creatures Big and Small
October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is the traditional day on which the Church blesses all animals big and small. We will celebrate this beautiful tradition with a blessing of animals on Sunday, October 3 at 11:15 AM in the parking lot on the left side of St. Basil’s Church (NOT next to the cemetery) in Dushore.
AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

1. As we gather at your Table, As we listen to your
2. Turn our worship into witness In the sacrament of
3. Graceful Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that

Word, Help us know, O God, your presence: Let our
life, Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing
feast Where triumphant Love will welcome those who

hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great company has been last and least. There is no more we will enjoy the

story Till we claim it as our own; Teach us
passion To forgive as you forgave; May we
blind us Nor will pride our peace destroy, As we

through this holy banquet How to make Love’s victory known. still be hold your image In the world you died to save. join with saints and angels To repeat the sounding joy.

Psalm 19: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

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IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in
2. In him shall true hearts everywhere Their
3. Join hands, disciples in the faith, Whatever
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in

1. I’m no south or north: But one great family
2. High community finds: His service is the
3. Ever your race may be! Who serves each other
4. I’m meet and north: All Christly souls are

1. bound by love Throughout the whole wide earth.
2. gold on cord healing humanity.
3. In Christ’s love Are surely kin to me.
4. one in him, Through-out the whole wide earth.

1. There’s a wisdom in God’s mercy Like the wide ness
2. For the love of God is broad or Than the sea surges
3. Troubled souls, why will you scatter Like a crowd of
4. of the seas: There’s a kindness in his justice
5. of our mind. And the heart of the Eternal
6. fright ed sheep: Foolish hearts. why will you wander
7. which is more than life or any. There is plan to fulfill the
8. Is most wonderful of all, kind: If our love were but more
9. From a love so true and deep. There is well-coming for the

1. on the blood that has been shed. There is
2. simple, We should take him at his word: And our
3. sinner And more grace for the good: There is
4. for all the members of the Body of the Head.
5. lives would be thanksgiving: For the goodness of our Lord.
6. mercy with the Savior: There is healing in his blood.

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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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