

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

August 29th and 30th

LECTORS

SA	5:00 PM	Grace Johnson
IC	8:00 AM	Mike Hanna
SA	9:30 AM	Autumn Dershem

ALTAR SERVERS

SA	5:00 PM	Volunteers
IC	8:00 AM	Savannah Persun and Eloise Darwin
SA	9:30 AM	Ryker Gill and Eli Miller

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8/24/26	8:30 AM SA	Thanksgiving
Tuesday 8/25/26	8:30 AM IC	Rose Barth by Leo and Bea Philippe
Wednesday 8/26/26	8:30 AM SA	Harry Philippe by Leo and Bea Philippe
Thursday 8/27/26	8:30 AM IC	Michael Hutsky by Barry and Delores George
Friday 8/28/26	8:30 AM SA	Minnie and Dean Herr by Diana, Michael and Alice
Saturday 8/29/26	5:00 PM SA	Dee Sementelli and Daughter, Pam by Bill Sementelli
Sunday 8/30/26	8:00 AM IC	People of the Parish
	9:30 AM SA	Matthew Quinn by Karichner Family

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, 8/24/26

TUESDAY, 8/25/26

Christian Initiation: 5 PM – PC
HSP Book Club: 6 PM – Contact Office

WEDNESDAY, 8/26/26

THURSDAY, 8/27/26

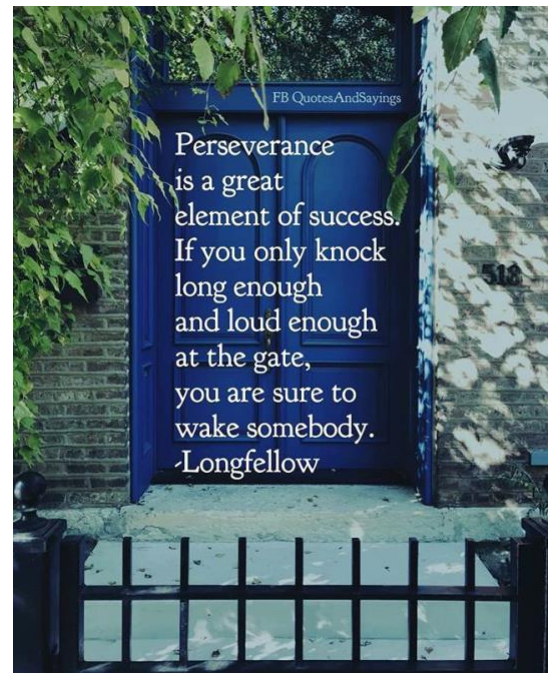
Acorn Open House: 6 PM – Acorn School

FRIDAY, 8/29/26

SATURDAY, 8/29/26

Confessional Confessions: 4 PM – SA

SUNDAY, 8/30/26



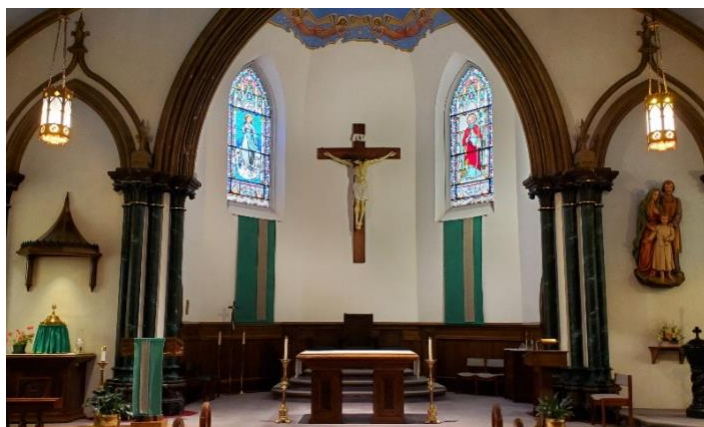
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Holy Spirit Parish

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 23, 2026
Month of Immaculate Heart of Mary



Immaculate Conception Church

310 West Water Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745



Saint Agnes Church

3 East Walnut Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

By appointment after 12 Noon

Appointments with Father Orr – Call the Office

Main Office: 570-748-4594 Fax: 570-796-2642

Website: holyspiritlockhaven.org

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

8:30 AM – St. Agnes Church

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 AM – Immaculate Conception Church

or as announced

(the Rosary is recited after every weekday Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation

Check back for updated Mass times

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 5:00 PM – St. Agnes Church

Sunday, 8:00 AM – Immaculate Conception Church

Sunday, 9:30 AM – St. Agnes Church

Sunday, 12:00 Noon – St. Joseph Church, Renovo

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

11:00 AM – Immaculate Conception Church

4:00 PM – St. Agnes Church

or anytime upon request



Occasionally there is confusion about Mass intentions. Mass intentions began in response to people asking the priest to offer his Mass for a particular individual. Whereas each person who attends Mass is encouraged to offer their prayers for those dear to them, the prayers of the celebrant acting in the person of Jesus at the altar are particularly efficacious.

The custom of giving a stipend to the priest in gratitude became a holy and pious practice. For centuries these stipends were the main source of income for the priest, and they still are in some mission lands.

Mass stipends are carefully regulated by diocesan policy and canon law. Fifty years ago, there was a priest who used chocolate chip cookies for Mass instead of hosts, thereby invalidating the Mass. When Rome found out about this, the bishop who had ignored the situation was given the order to offer 1,500 Masses for the intentions that had not received a valid Mass for the stipends given.

Among other things, seminarians are taught to make it their perpetual intention to offer up Mass each day for the intention listed in the Mass Intention Book. That way if the celebrant forgets the name or the wrong name is stated at Mass or in the bulletin the intention request is none-the-less honored. If you notice a wrong intention being announced at Mass, do not be concerned, because God is aware of the proper intention and in his goodness he will make up for what is lacking and will honor the intention. If you have a special intention that you would like me to offer up the sacrifice of the Mass for, please contact Janis or drop a note in the collection basket or the mailbox with your number and she will call you.

The Hour of Trial

The Hour of Trial symbolizes a period of testing regarding the challenges believers in God face as they navigate the journey of life. Whether the challenge be physical, emotional, or spiritual, there is a belief among Christians that, through rock-sturdy faith, God provides a divine shelter, a spiritual security beyond mere physical safety. Pope Francis wrote that, "in the hour of trial our faith brings light and peace."

From: Writings of Pope Francis

DEDICATION TO

the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Reminder: This weekend, August 23rd, after the 9:30 AM Mass, LHCS is having a dedication ceremony to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Afterwards, there will be light refreshments in the gym, and the school will be open for anyone who would like to walk through. Everyone from the parish is invited to this ceremony.

Thank You!!

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our **End of Summer Bash** such a wonderful success! We are incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers, families, parishioners, vendors, donors, and community members who gave their time, talents, and support to make the evening possible.

A very special shout-out to the Knights of Columbus for their tremendous help and support. Your willingness to step up and serve our parish and community is truly appreciated.

Thanks to the generosity and support of everyone involved, the **End of Summer Bash raised a profit of \$1,980.75 for Acorn School!** These funds will directly support the school and its students, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make that possible.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) — formerly known as RCIA — is a welcoming, no-pressure journey of faith, prayer, and study. Together we share our faith, ask deep questions, and explore the teachings of Jesus Christ in a warm, friendly community. Those who decide to commit can join the Church as soon as Easter.

Who it's for:

- Non-baptized adult seekers
- Baptized adult Christians interested in joining the Catholic Church
- Adults baptized Catholic who still need Confirmation and Eucharist

When: Sessions begin on Monday, September 21st at 6:00 PM.

Where: Parish Center, 2nd floor

There's no obligation or pressure to join — just an open door to come and see. Contact Tammy Nesbitt at tnesbitt@dioceseaj.org, 570-748-7303.

Box of Joy

Dear Parish Family, You have been so generous! Thank you for filling the Boxes of Joy. There are just a few items still needed:

Safety scissors (Children's)

Flip-flops or summer sandals for 2 to 4 year-old girls

Matchbox cars

T-shirts for 2 to 4 year-old boys

God bless you! We love your generous hearts, CDA

Ladies

HSP PURSE BINGO

Tickets for our upcoming **Purse Bingo** are now available in the churches! Pick up your tickets today. **Presale tickets are \$25 and tickets at the door are \$30.** Please return your **ticket stubs with payment** in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office.

Saturday, September 19th, doors open at 11:00 AM, with Bingo beginning at 1:00 PM. Come early and enjoy all the fun! Starting at 11:00 AM, we'll have **raffle baskets, 50/50 sales, and plenty of delicious food available for purchase.**

Grab your friends and join us for a great ladies' day out filled with **beautiful purses, great prizes, tasty food, raffles, and lots of goodies!**

Want to help make the day a success? We are also looking for individuals, families, and businesses who would like to **sponsor a round of Bingo or donate a basket for our raffle.** All donations and sponsorships are greatly appreciated! **Get your tickets early and save \$5!**

Labor Day Dinner

The Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish Williamsport invite you to our **Labor Day Country style Ham & Turkey Dinner, Monday, September 7th, Noon to 5 PM** In addition to the dinner, sandwiches, French fries, funnel cakes, ice cream and soda are available on the grounds, as well as a few small games of chance and bingo, too. We will have a variety of homemade jams and jellies and a variety of fudge for sale in the Summer Kitchen. Bingo will take place in the basement of the Parish Hall. Ticket Prices: \$14. Adults; \$6. Children 4-12; Children 3 and under are free
Place; **Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Bastress, on Jacks Hollow Road, off of Route 654**
Take outs are available around 12:30 PM

Stewardship REFLECTION

Our readings today reveal beautiful truths about our God, and they challenge us to look at the truth about ourselves as well. Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter gets the answer right, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely, we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God. But do our lives truly reflect this answer? The gifts and blessings that God has given us – our time, our talents, our material possessions – are meant to be used in a manner that says, "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

Sanctuary Candles

The sanctuary candle for the second two weeks of August at St. Agnes Church is burning in memory of **Ken Sohmer** by Alison Sohmer.

The sanctuary candle for the second two weeks of August at Immaculate Conception Church is burning in honor of the **90th Birthday of Mary Lou Putek.**

Featured Saint



St. Augustine
(354-430)

Church Memorial - August 28

Born in Tagaste, North Africa, in 354, Augustine entered the Church at the age of thirty-two.

After his baptism by St. Ambrose in 387, he was ordained and then in

395 elected Bishop of Hippo. A prolific writer, Augustine penned over 1,700 writings, including sermons, treatises, scriptural commentaries, and full-length books, prompting his biographer, Possidius, to ponder how any one individual could possibly produce such a large body of written work over a lifetime. At the end of his life, Augustine requested that the seven penitential psalms, copied in large print, be hung in his bedroom. Augustine recited each of them for the ten days leading up to his death on August 28, 430.

From: Magnificat