FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Gt. Elizabeth of Hungary/Gt. Mark

5700 Bear Creek Boulevard, Bear Creek, Pennsylvania 18602

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St. Elizabeth Church (E) 5700 Bear Creek Blvd Bear Creek, PA 18602 St. Mark Church (M) 1052 Bear Lake Rd Thornhurst, PA 18424

Mission Statement

Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to help people:

~ Through prayer and worship, discover God's desire to be in a relationship with us ~ Discover and develop the gifts and talents God has bestowed on each person ~ Share our faith in Jesus Christ through a welcoming community, beautiful liturgy and ongoing faith formation ~ Be of service to one another, to the communities in which we live and especially to those in need. ~

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The Roman Catholic Community of St Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Mark

Velcome Hospitality and God's to Our Church gracious love to all

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday-Wednesday, Friday 9:00AM (E)

First Fridays —Adoration after Mass— 12Noon (E)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00PM (M)

Saturday 6:00PM (E)

Sunday 8:30AM (M)

Sunday 10:30AM (E)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mark's Church—1/2 hr before all Masses

St. Elizabeth's Church —1/2 hr before all Masses

~ or anytime by appointment ~

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DAILY TV MASS

WARMING FAITHFUL HEARTS

Cathedral of St Peter in Scranton, available on CTV: Catholic Television of the

Diocese of Scranton.

Weekdays 12:10p.m., 3:30p.m. and 7:00p.m.

Weekends, Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m. and rebroadcast on Sunday morning at 10:00a.m.

STEWARDSHIP

June 29, 2025

Weekly \$2655.00
Online +<u>\$788.00</u>
\$3443.00

Diocesan <u>-\$185.00</u> TOTAL: \$3258.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Parish Weekly Budget set at \$5000

Eucharistic Celebration

Saturday, July 5, 2025 — Sunday, July 13, 2025

Sat, JULY 5

4:00pm (M) Brian Rector

Steve & Kathy Rector

6:00pm (E) Joseph J. Boris

Joseph & Marcia Boris

Sun, JULY 6

8:30am (M) Marilyn Barbini Lucchino

Charlie & Elaine Morehead

10:30am (E) Stella Sawicki

Ed Kalinowski

Mon, JULY 7

9:00am (E) Joyce Grohowski

Tues, JULY 8

9:00am (E) Sabina Voytek

Wed, JULY 9

9:00am (E) Mary Mannhardt

Debbie Trubella Mitchell

Thurs, JULY 10

9:00am (E) **NO MASS**

Fri, JULY 11

9:00am (E) Barbara Noto

The Stachnik Family

Sat, JULY 12

4:00pm (M) Ron Petro

Colleen MacDaniel

6:00pm (E) Margaret & James Carroll

John & Ann Tucker

Sun, JULY 13

8:30am (M) Alice Hamill

David & Linda Hamill

10:30am (E) Stella Sawicki

Judy Pomento

THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT IS RESERVED IN OUR CHURCH

We respectfully ask that all observe a reverent silence.





This week we pray for our sick, elderly and homebound parishioners and friends, especially...



Noreen Catani Amico,
Andrew Chismar, Lea Furlong,
Bernard Hendrzak, Jake Johnson,
Joseph Kachurak, Michael Lilienthal,
Mollie Litchman, Carolyn Palencar,
Richard Sawicki, Mary Soos, Byran Stanton,
John Tucker, Rev. Anthony Urban,
Gary Walker, Hank Walker, Loretta Washick

Please notify office when names should be removed. 570-472-3061



MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENT OR TRAGIC DEATH

The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 7:00PM in St Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The Mass will be televised on CTV: Catholic Television and also by livestream on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Names of deceased loved ones will be inscribed in the Book of Remembrance. Visit www.dioceseofscranton.org to register the name of a loved one, or use the registration form available in parish office. All forms must be received by July 11, 2025.

Father Rawel's Corner



MESSENGERS OF PEACE AND JOY

In today's readings, we hear a message of joy, mission, and transformation. Isaiah speaks of Jerusalem as a mother who nourishes her children with peace and comfort. St. Paul reminds us that true glory is found not in worldly status but in the Cross of Christ. And Jesus sends His disciples on a mission, instructing them to go with simplicity, bringing peace and healing.

In the world, where many struggle with social injustice, poverty, and communal tensions, these readings call us to be messengers of God's peace. The image of Jerusalem as a mother reminds us of the church's role in nurturing the poor, the marginalized, and those longing for justice. Like the seventy-two disciples, we too are sent - not with power or wealth, but with faith and love. Jesus warns of rejection but assures us that true joy lies not in success, but in knowing that our names are written in heaven. As we witness to Christ in a world resistant to His message, let us not be discouraged. May we carry His peace into our homes, workplace, and communities, trusting that the seeds we plant today will bear fruits in God's time.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, send us as messengers of God's peace and joy, that we may bring comfort and hope to a weary world.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEKEND!





St. Joseph Marello

Parish is proud to host our award-winning Summer Picnic on their Parish Grounds at 237 William Street in Pittston on July 17, 18 and 19, 2025 from 5pm to

10pm each night. We can't wait to welcome you to our parish for three unforgettable days of fun and festivities! Our picnic will include live music, basket raffles, and Christmas and July Prize Stand, kids' games, a large, indoor and air-conditioned flea market, and so much more! We hope you will stop by for a delicious menu of ethnic favorites and picnic staples including, pizza, pasta fagioli, vodka sauce, porketta, potato pancakes, pizza fritta, cannoli, cheesesteaks, and so much more! Entertainment will be provided by The Taxmen on Thursday, Joyce School of Irish Dance followed by Flaxy Morgan on Friday, and the Sperazza Band on Saturday! Don't miss it!



SAT., OCT. 4, 2025, 8 AM - 3:00 PM

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Penna. Ave., Wilkes-Barre Speakers: Mike Aquilina, David Bereit, Fr. Charles Connor Adoration, Reconciliation, Exhibitors, Mass- Bishop Bambera

\$40, (Early \$30 by 9-15-25) Students \$15, Priests/Deacons/Seminarians FREE Morning coffee & box lunch included

ONLINE info and registration:

BeACatholicMan.com



BY MAIL: Send name, address, email & parish with check or money order (payable to "Be a Catholic Man") Put "Men's Conference" in check memo.

Mail to: Be a Catholic Man, PO Box 669, Wyalusing, PA 18853

Contact: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 • mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com



If anyone would like to volunteer, donate a basket, or be a sponsor

feel free to contact Nicki at 570-881-4312.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/ Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday:

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/ Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/ Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/ Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/ Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading:

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

Gospel:

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you,

but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As he sends his disciples into the world to proclaim his name, Jesus tells them to be bold. He tells them to be flexible. To be forgiving. To be faithful. As we enter this week, let's remember these instructions. It's good advice, in any century.

Observances for the week of July 6, 2025

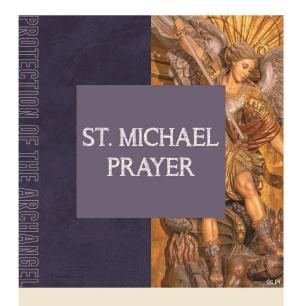
Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,

and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

The prayer to St. Michael, composed by Pope Leo XIII, invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. It is commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

Prayer for Evangelization

As You reach out to the world, Lord, let us be Your hands! As You answer those crying, send

us.

Let us be Your people, answer to prayers prayed, comfort to the

afflicted.

May we be laborers in Your

harvest. Amen.

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

On Pilgrimage

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us "The Five Rules of Pilgrimage."

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

- 1. Don't complain.
- 2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
- 3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
- 4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
- 5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, *at all*). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: *I cannot work in these conditions!*

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed—the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

Answer:

When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you." - Lk 10:8-9

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah speaks of God's love and care for Jerusalem as a loving mother who feeds and comforts her child. What are some favorite memories or images you have of your mother?

Second Reading:

Paul ends his letter to the Galatians emphasizing that believers are part of God's "new creation," no longer defined by circumcision and uncircumcision. How does your faith community encourage or energize you to think differently?

Gospel:

The 72 followers of Jesus succeeded in their work to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick and demon possessed. What does a successful parish look like today?

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