

St. Elizabeth of Hungary/St. Mark

5700 Bear Creek Boulevard, Bear Creek, Pennsylvania 18602



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIGHT
YOUR LAMPS.

— LUKE 12:35 —

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 10, 2025

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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Pastor Emeritus

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Churchofstelizabethstmark.org

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



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

Aug 3, 2025

Weekly	\$2595.00
Online	+\$768.00
	\$3363.00
Diocesan	-\$70.00
TOTAL:	\$3293.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Parish Weekly Budget set at \$5000

Eucharistic Celebration

Saturday, August 9, 2025 — Sunday, August 17, 2025

Sat, AUG 9

4:00pm (M) Donna Anthony
Steve & Kathy Rector

6:00pm (E) John & Pearl Brzycki
Joseph & Marcia Boris

Sun, AUG 10

8:30am (M) James J. Straub Jr.
Paul Lukasiewicz

10:30am (E) Mr. Thomas Cox Sr.
Theodore & Diane Haas

Mon, AUG 11

9:00am (E) Harry Vogt
Debbie & Rich Mitchell

Tues, AUG 12

9:00am (E) Frank J. Franceshelli
Eleanor Morrison

Wed, AUG 13

9:00am (E) For the Souls in Purgatory

Thurs, AUG 14

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

Fri, AUG 15 **ASSUMPTION of the BVM**

9:00am (E) Ian Bachle
Stan & Jean Swaintek

6:00pm (M) Anthony Salerno
The Michael Family

Sat, AUG 16

4:00pm (M) Joseph Howley
Helen Howley

6:00pm (E) Charles A. Katcavage
Debbie Mitchell

Sun, AUG 17

8:30am (M) For the Parishioners

10:30am (E) Health & Blessings for Gary Walker
A Friend



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



Noreen Catani Amico,
Andrew Chismar, Lea Furlong, Tyrone Gayeski,
Bernard Hendrzak, Jake Johnson,
Joseph Kachurak, Patrick Kildea,
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**



2025 Fatima Devotions

**Our Lady of Victory Parish
16 Second Street
Harvey's Lake, PA**

Fatima Devotions every 13th of the month,
starting in May and continuing through Oc-
tober.

**Devotions begin at 7pm and include
Fatima prayers, the Rosary, and Marian
hymns.**

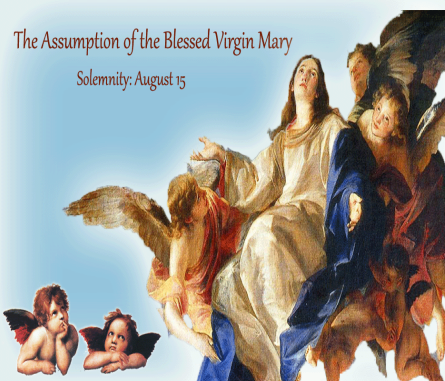
Light refreshments will be served at the con-
clusion. The public is welcome to attend and
celebrate our Blessed Mother. The next

Fatima Devotion will be on

Wednesday, August 13th at 7pm.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Solemnity: August 15



Mass Schedule

**9:00AM
St. Elizabeth**

**6:00PM
St. Mark**



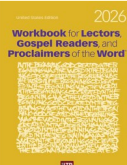
The first reading, from the book of wisdom, refers to the night of the Passover, recalling God's promises and paths to deliver the righteous and destroy their enemies. It serves as a reminder and a call for everyone to walk in the path of righteousness.

In the second reading, Abraham and Sarah are presented as exemplars of faith. They responded to God's call with prompt obedience, despite not knowing what lay ahead. Abraham left his homeland and the security it offered, solely trusting in God's promise. Likewise, Sarah, though advanced in age and barren, conceived Isaac because she believed in God's faithfulness. Their story reaches us that faith in God makes everything possible even if it seems humanly unachievable.

Today's Gospel also invited us to trust in God, remain detached from material possessions, and be ever - prepared for the coming of the 'Son of Man'. Jesus urges us to work for heavenly treasures through our good deeds, charity, forgiveness, faith, mercy etc. that neither perish nor can be stolen while we work for the treasures of heaven we also need to be ready and vigilant to welcome the Lord at any moment. Those whom the master finds watchful will be blessed and rewarded, while the unfaithful servant will face punishment. With greater blessings, knowledge, and responsibilities comes greater accountability.

May the Lord deepen our faith, keep us ever watchful, and instill in us a longing for the treasures of heaven.

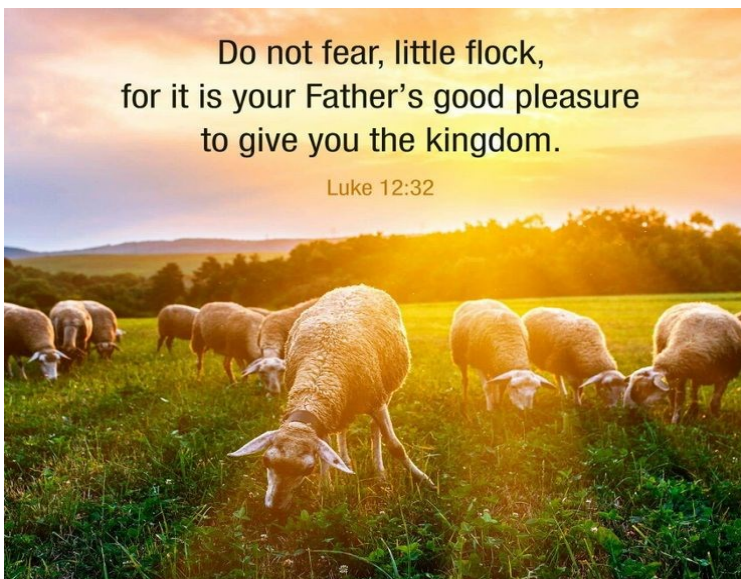
HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!



The new 2026 Lectors books are now available in the sacristy of St. Elizabeth. All lectors are asked to please pick up their new book.

Do not fear, little flock,
for it is your Father's good pleasure
to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32



**St. Elizabeth/St. Mark
SummerFest**

Saturday, August 23, 2025
Noon – 7:00 p.m.
**Bear Creek Community Charter
School Pavilion**
Bear Creek Twp.

Live MUSIC

**Cornhole
Tournament**

Bake Sale

BINGO

Basket Raffles
50/50 Drawings

Homemade Foods
Pierogi Piggy
Chicken Dinner Pork BBQ
Haluski and MUCH more .

**St. Elizabeth/St. Mark SummerFest
FAMILY "FRIENDLY" SOCCER MATCH!!!**

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. @ BCCCS Soccer Field

PARISH YOUTH VS. PARISH ADULTS

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Youth who play in | Any Parish Adult |
| - High School | that is 18+. |
| - Junior High | |
| - Travel | Father Rawel |
| - Recreation | WILL be playing! |

GEAR FOR BOTH TEAMS:

- NO CLEATS FOR ANY PLAYER
- SHIN GUARDS FOR EVERY PLAYER
- YOUTH TEAM WEARS WHITE
- ADULT TEAM WEARS NONWHITE

**Please contact Glenn Cronauer at
570-417-8511 if you are interested
in participating!!!**



If anyone would like to
volunteer their time at the Summerfest feel free
to contact Nicki at 570-881-4312 or
Chrissy at 570-899-4277.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday:

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday:

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, **“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34).** Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The night of the passover was known beforehand
to our fathers,
that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they
put their faith,
they might have courage. (Wis 18:6-7)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

Gospel:

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted
with more." (Lk 12:48)

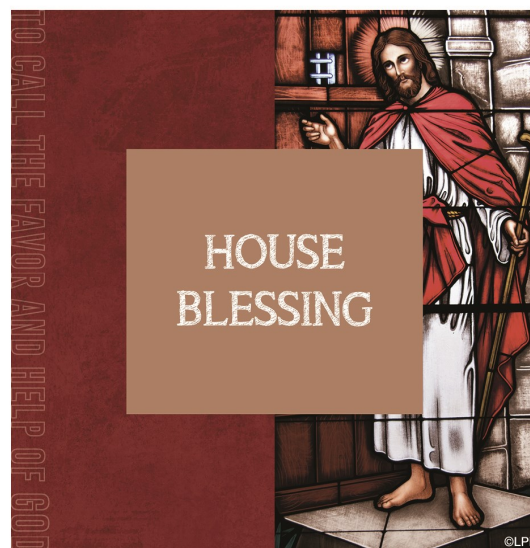
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are the servants and God is our master.
He has told us His will, and given us all that
we need to carry out His directions. Do
we have the courage to act as our master
desires? Do we have what it takes to be
stewards of God's grace?

Observances for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Wednesday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Friday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Stephen of Hungary
Next Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it. The Roman Ritual provides two formats for such blessings.

Prayer for Generosity

God who has gifted me every good thing,
Help me to remember what truly matters.
To treasure love above all else,
and to serve readily.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else.

Are You Talking to Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to *embrace the hunger*.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

"When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance," she said. "He is not."

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

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And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the *others*. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?" (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: "Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?"

Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Liturgical Life

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- Lk 12:39-40

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Book of Wisdom speaks of having faith and courage in the knowledge of God's providence. What do you pray for God to provide for you and your family?

Second Reading:

Hebrews cites Abraham as the model of faith and trust in the Lord. Who would you hold up today as a role model for our faith?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches the disciples to be vigilant and prudent with the gifts God has given to each of us. What are some of your gifts that you share with others?

