

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH.

— LUKE 9:13 —

St. Elizabeth of Hungary/St. Mark

5700 Bear Creek Boulevard, Bear Creek, Pennsylvania 18602

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

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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



*Hospitality and God's
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 15, 2025

Weekly	\$1520.00
Online	<u>+\$1028.00</u>
	\$2548.00
Diocesan	<u>-\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2548.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Parish Weekly Budget set at \$5000

Eucharistic Celebration

Saturday, June 21, 2025 — Sunday, June 29, 2025

Sat, JUNE 21

4:00pm (M) James Starr
Nancy Bielski

6:00pm (E) Ron Petro
Steve & Mer Rish

Sun, JUNE 22 **CORPUS CHRISTI**

8:30am (M) For the Souls in Purgatory

10:30am (E) Stella & Adam Sawicki
Sue & Gary Walker

Mon, JUNE 23

9:00am (E) Margaret Zasada

Tues, JUNE 24

9:00am (E) Jean Lesinski
Stan & Jean Swaintek

Wed, JUNE 25

9:00am (E) Barbara Noto
Armand & Bonnie Fiorani

Thurs, JUNE 26

9:00am (E) NO MASS

Fri, JUNE 27

9:00am (E) Marian Cybuch

Sat, JUNE 28

4:00pm (M) George & Irene Cooney
Steve & Kathy Rector

6:00pm (E) Health & Blessings for John Corcoran
A Friend

Sun, JUNE 29

8:30am (M) Marie & Joe Griswold
David & Linda Hamill

10:30am (E) Jane Crognale
Mario & Ellen Sindaco

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, 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

PLEASE KEEP MARY GROURKE AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS. MARY PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 12TH AND WAS BURIED FROM ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH THIS PAST WEDNESDAY.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN



Thank you to all who have contributed to the IHM mission this past weekend. A total of \$1169 was collected. We also thank Sr. Elizabeth for enlightening us on their mission and needs in the poor country of Peru. The IHM sisters minister to thousands of people each year and have served in the Scranton Diocese for many years.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ZANE, ZUCK, ZEVLAN AND ZEALAND PEREZ WHO WILL BE BAPTIZED THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH AT ST. ELIZABETH'S.

Lord, bless and renew these boys as they are baptized, and may their love and passion for you shine through this act of faith.



St. Elizabeth/St. Mark Parish is sponsoring a McCarthy Car Wash Fundraiser. All proceeds will be going towards decreasing the debt. Coupons can be purchased after church. There will be three different coupons available: Express for \$9, Full Service for \$13 and The Works for \$20.

Father Rawel's
Corner



CORPUS CHRISTI

This feast day of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ encourages us to reflect on the Eucharist - Jesus' enduring presence- and evaluate our own faith in it, inviting us to experience the miracle of Christ's Body and Blood.

This feast started in the 13th century when people doubted Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. In 1263, during a pilgrimage to Rome, Fr. Peter from Prague, a devout but doubtful priest, questioned whether the bread and wine truly became Jesus' Body and Blood during consecration. While celebrating mass at St Christina's tomb, the host in his hands began to bleed, astonishing him. He went to Pope Urban 4th, who declared it a miracle. A year later, the Pope made Corpus Christi a Universal Church celebration. We believe that the Eucharist nourishes our souls. By receiving it regularly, we grow spiritually. It connects us to Jesus, starting with Baptism, peaking in Holy Communion, and strengthened with Confirmation. The Eucharist unites us as a community, sharing communion with each other in Christ, making us one body sharing one bread, as St. Paul said. Approaching the altar shows our love and commitment to kindness and compassion, rooted in the Eucharist. Lastly, the Eucharist assures us of eternal life, as Jesus promised to raise those who partake in it on the last day.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, nourish our souls and unite us in love and compassion, guiding us towards eternal life.

Have a Blessed weekend!

ST. ELIZABETH/ST. MARK SUMMERFEST



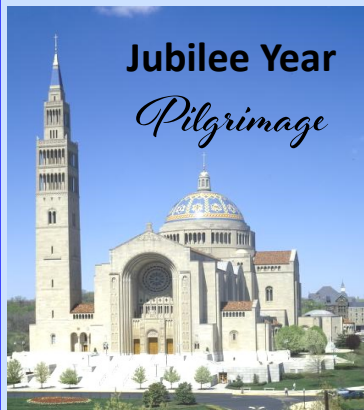
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

NOON—7PM

BEAR CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL



Jubilee Year *Pilgrimage*



17th Diocese of Scranton Pilgrimage of Faith

On Wednesday, October 1, 2025, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will lead the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The day will include opportunities for public as well as private prayer, confession, touring the National Shrine as well as the Campus of The Catholic University of America concluding with Mass. There are two ways to register either on the Diocese of Scranton Webpage or by contacting the Parish office. Bus fare: \$80.00 per person made payable to (enter name of parish) with buses leaving from either our parish or our deanery. To ensure bus transportation it is requested by the bus company to hold strictly to a deadline of AUGUST 18, 2025, for reservations.

PROROME



A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy—Meet the New Pope!

Join Fr. William Langan and pilgrims from the Diocese of Scranton on an extraordinary pilgrimage to Italy this November. The dates are November 5-15, 2025 and the cost is \$3490 with round trip direct group air from Newark available for an additional \$1090. Everything is included except daily lunch and travel insurance, which is available for purchase through the agency, ProRome Tours.

Featuring six nights in Rome at the best hotel located next to the Vatican—the four-star Michelangelo Hotel, and three nights at a deluxe hotel in the ancient city of Assisi. This pilgrimage will offer you the chance to see the new Pope at a Papal Audience and gain all the graces of the Jubilee Year in Rome and Assisi!

For more information or to register, please visit the trip web page at prorometours.com/jubilee2025, or call ProRome Tours at 434-953-1112 or by email at office@prorome.com.



On **Monday, June 30 at 7:00 PM**, the music ministries of the Roman Catholic parishes of Pittston, joined by musicians from the community, will present a concert for Independence Day at Saint John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston. Members and friends of the parish choirs will sing, with some opportunities for all in attendance to sing along. Guest instrumentalists for this year's concert will include a brass quartet (Dale Chase, Dan Coyle, Chuck Smith, and Geoff Speicher), flutist Cindy Thomas, and percussionist Monica Spishock. Veterans of the United States Armed Services will receive special recognition during the concert. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday:

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab
and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt
7:15-20

Thursday:

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/
Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/
Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday:

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53,
54-55/Mt 8:5-17

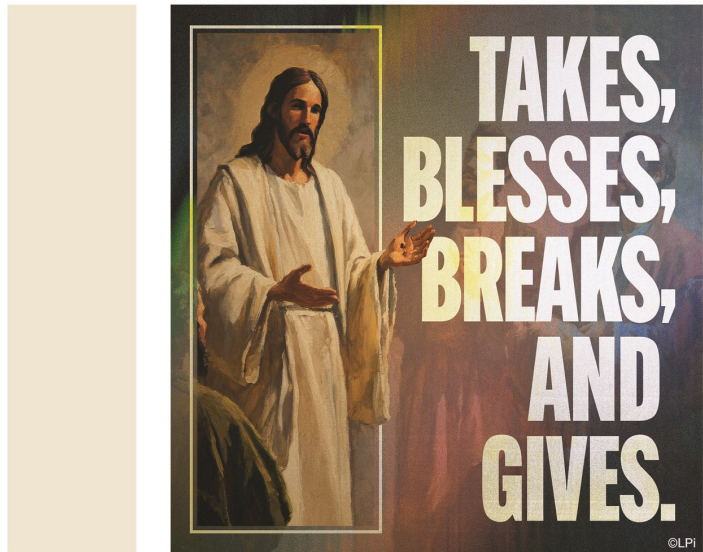
Next Sunday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, “The Eucharist is not a noun. It’s a verb.” In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn’t simply Jesus’ bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let’s consider each one.

He **takes**: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God’s hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He **blesses**: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He **breaks**: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He **gives**: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

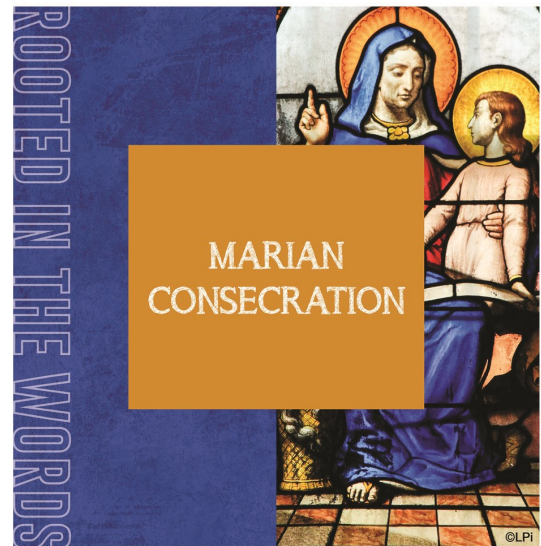
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles



Devotions, *Explained!*

Marian consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and is rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27).

Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,
What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, something to bolster our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die.

As the Day Was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: *Stupid, you've done it again.*

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

"As the day was drawing to a close," it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hungry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, "Finally"? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

Then taking the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

Luke 9:16-17

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Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

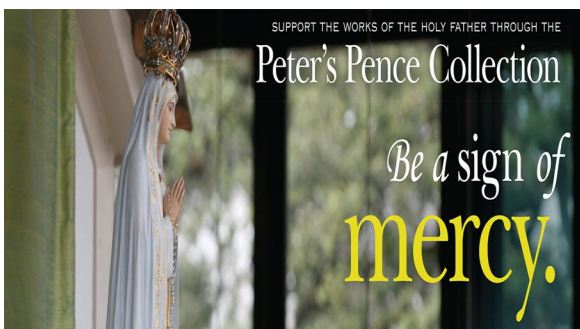
In reaction to the thanksgiving meal of bread and wine, Abram generously gave Melchizedek a tenth of his possessions. What could you give back to God this week out of gratitude?

Second Reading:

Paul tells us from the very beginning the early Church celebrated the Eucharistic meal as a remembrance of Jesus' death and as central to our faith. How does the Eucharist strengthen your faith?

Gospel:

The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 underscores Jesus' desire to feed us. What do you find yourself hungry for today?



Next week we will take up the

Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

