

St. Elizabeth of Hungary/St. Mark

5700 Bear Creek Boulevard, Bear Creek, Pennsylvania 18602



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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



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

May 24, 2026

Weekly	\$3382.00
Online	\$883.00
	\$4265.00
Diocesan	-\$20.00
TOTAL	\$4245.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Eucharistic Celebration

SATURDAY, MAY 30

4:00pm (M) George & Irene Cooney *Req. by Kathy & Steve Rector*

6:00pm (E) Michele Janowicz *Req. by Helen Aston*

SUNDAY, MAY 31 **MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

8:30am (M) Mother's Day Intentions

10:30am (E) Joseph Kachurak *Req. by Al Sheridan*

MONDAY, JUNE 1

9:00am (E) Charles Hannon Jr. *Req. by Joan Hannon*

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

9:00am (E) Dolores Richards *Req. by Bernard & Jacalyn Wellicker*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

9:00am (E) Irene Vertucci *Req. by The Jaffe Family*

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 **FIRST FRIDAY**

9:00am (E) Gandi Alberti *Req. by Tina Brostoski*

Adoration after Mass until 12 Noon

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

4:00pm (M) Carol Silvi *Req. by Liz & John Strasberger*

6:00pm (E) Reparation for Blasphemies Against Mary's Immaculate Conception

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 **CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

10:30am (E) Gary Walker *Req. by Edward Kalinowski*



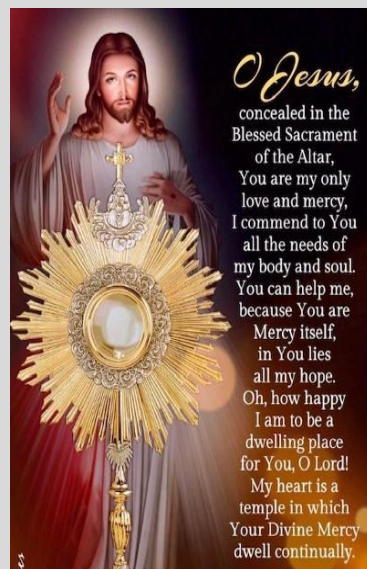
This week we pray for our sick, elderly and homebound parishioners and friends, especially...



Noreen Catani Amico, Patricia Cronauer, Richard Emmert, Bobby Everett, Kelly Fry, Lea Furlong, James Geremia, Bernard Hendrzak, Erin Himes, Jake Johnson, Patrick Kildea, Michael Lilienthal, Mollie Litchman, Amber Moyer, Carolyn Palencar, Donald Scharf, Mary Soos, Byran Stanton, Verna Stavish, Milo Grunza, John Tucker, Rev. Anthony Urban, Hank Walker, Loretta Washick, Michelle Welebob

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

YOU ARE CALLED TO SIT WITH THE LORD



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

**First Friday,
June 5, 2026
immediately
following the
9AM Mass**

**All are
welcome**

"Of all the devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

Important Notice

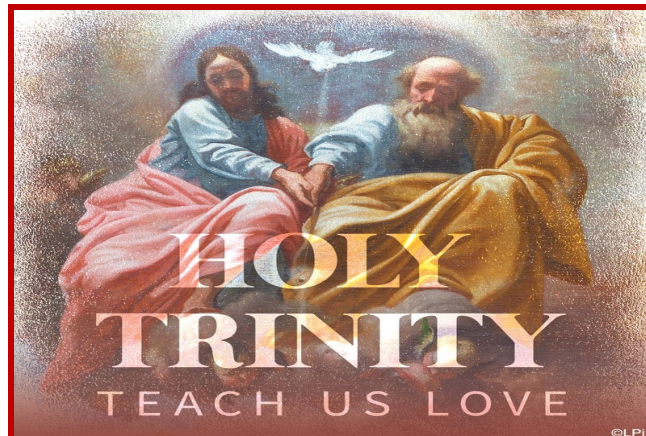
Please use designated **MY OFFERING** envelopes when making your offertory donations. If writing a check, make out one check and

INCLUDE ALL ENVELOPES with amount you wish to give for that specific fund. Your cooperation will make our accounting easier.

Thank you



Festival baskets will be at St Mark's May 30 till June 14 and at St Elizabeth's from June 20 till July 11. Basket donations will be accepted up until July 6.



Father Rawel's
Corner



LOVE REVEALED AS TRINITY

Today we are invited into the mystery of the Trinity, three persons in one God. In history, church has always insisted on the truth that God is not a monolithic, rather a community of persons bound together in mutual love. When our nuclear families operate as God first planned, we get a glimpse of what life in the Trinity must be like.

The sacrament of Baptism invites us to enter ever more deeply into Trinitarian life. This invitation challenges us to share in the Father's creative ways, the Son's redeeming ways, the Spirit's sanctifying ways.

Our relationship with God is distinctively painted in the first reading from Exodus where God communicates with Moses as God of mercy and kindness. St. Paul in the second reading says, "Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the Lord of Love and peace will be with you."

The Trinity is not an abstract theology; it is grace experienced, lived within the Christian community. The Gospel reveals the deepest truth of the Trinity: God so loved the world that He gave His only son, not to condemn, but to save. This, the Trinity shows us who God is and who are called to be as people shaped by love, mercy, and communion.

May the Most Holy Trinity teach us to live in unity and peace with one another. And our lives reflect the love we have received, so that we may not judge or condemn, but become instruments of your love and peace in the world.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUNDAY!!!!



The concept of the Trinity is the belief that the one God, described in the Holy Bible, eternally exists in three Persons: the *Father*, the *Son*, and the *Holy Spirit*, and that these three are one God, co-equal and co-eternal, having precisely the same nature and attributes, and worthy of precisely the same worship, confidence, and obedience. They are each individually detailed in Scripture, all exalted with the same power and holiness of our Creator.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**" (Matthew 28:19)*

"And God said, Let us make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness..." (Genesis 1:26)

This might sound confusing at first, but it's a beautiful expression of the complexity and depth of God's nature. Someone has said it this way: If you try to explain the Trinity, you will lose your mind. But if you deny it, you will lose your soul.

Footsteps of Our Ancestors Walking Pilgrimage

The fourth annual Footsteps of Our Ancestors Walking Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, June 13, beginning at St. Mary's Church, 130 Rectory Road, Mocanaqua, and concluding at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 153 E. Main Street, Glen Lyon. The pilgrimage will begin with registration and an opportunity for Confession from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. A blessing of pilgrims will take place at 8:45 a.m., after which participants will depart for the seven-mile journey through the Mocanaqua Tract of Pinchot State Forest. Brief stops will be made at St. Adalbert's Cemetery and at the sites of the former St. Michael's and St. Adalbert's churches in Glen Lyon. Divine Liturgy will be offered at St. Nicholas Church at 12:30 p.m. or upon arrival of the pilgrims. Those who are unable to walk the pilgrimage route are welcome to attend the Liturgy. Lunch will be served, and bus transportation back to Mocanaqua will be available at 3:00 p.m. There is no cost to participate. Online registration is open at www.tinyurl.com/foapilgrimage26. Prayer requests or questions may be directed to Raphael Micca at 570-301-9253 or . The pilgrimage will be held rain or shine; participants are asked to dress accordingly and modestly.



FOOTSTEPS OF OUR ANCESTORS
WALKING PILGRIMAGE



Saturday, June 13, 2026

Join us for a 7 mile walking pilgrimage from **St. Mary's Church, Mocanaqua** through the Pinchot State Forest to **St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon**. *Divine Liturgy will be offered and lunch served at the end of the walk.*

Register by June 6 at www.tinyurl.com/foapilgrimage26

For more information, call/text 570-301-9253
or email foapilgrimage@gmail.com



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Monday:

2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/
Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday:

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14
and 16/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday:

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday:

2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Mk 12:28-34

Friday:

2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166,
168/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday:

2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/
Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday:

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-
20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."** (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood
with Moses there
and proclaimed his name, "LORD." (Ex 34:5)

Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3)

Second Reading:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
(2 Cor 13:13)

Gospel:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

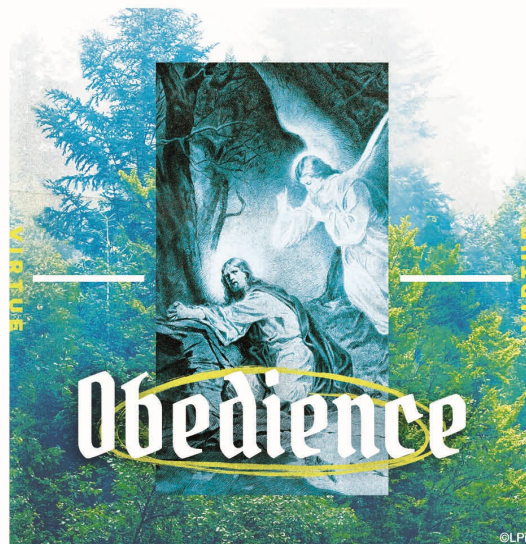
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Salvation is a gift God dearly wishes us to
accept. It is not a yardstick against which He
measures our worth. He has made it so simple.
So, will we accept?

Observances for the week of May 31, 2026

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: St. Justin, Martyr
Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions,
Martyrs
Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Virtues, Explained!

We see perfect obedience shown
by Christ amidst his agony in the
garden. His human will dreads what
will come, but his divine will, which
is never at odds with his human will,
submits to the Truth: "Yet, not as I
will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)

Trinity Prayer

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity!
Surround us with Your wisdom, love,
power, and grace.
Draw us to Yourself. Help us to rest in
Your goodness.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

The Gift of Not Understanding

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining *hypostasis*, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: *Any further than this, I dare not go.*

I’ve never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is not the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

In some passages of the Bible, Jesus makes it sound like only a few people will be saved. But we talk about hoping for everyone’s salvation. So which one is it — will many or few people be saved?

Answer:

Salvation is a mystery of God’s grace. St. Paul encourages us to offer prayers for everyone. He calls it “*good and pleasing to God*” because God Himself “*wills everyone to be saved*” (c.f. 1 Tm 2:1-4). The redemption that Jesus offers is held out to all of us. His sacrifice on the cross was already for everyone. Now it is a matter of if and how we accept that salvation in our own lives.

Here on earth, we can’t possibly know the exact number of people who will be in heaven. When we hear words like “many” and “few,” we tend to think of them in quantitative terms. Four wine glasses for six guests is too few. Three slices of cake for one person is too many. For God, however, “many” and “few” are qualitative terms. Imagine for a moment that nearly every human person is in heaven and only a handful had, by their actions on earth, separated themselves from God. For a God who infinitely loves, even one person spending eternity apart from Him is too many!

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
- Jn 3:16-17

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear how God proclaims His name as “Lord” to Moses on Mount Sinai, describing Himself as merciful, gracious, kind, and faithful. How would you describe your experience of God?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of the grace, love, and fellowship of our triune God and encourages the Corinthians to treat each other likewise. Who needs your love and fellowship this week?

Gospel:

Jesus speaks of God’s love and commitment to both people and planet. What do you imagine a “saved” world will look like?

