



*St. Elizabeth of Hungary/St. Mark*

5700 Bear Creek Boulevard, Bear Creek, Pennsylvania 18602

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JESUS SAID,  
I HAVE MUCH  
MORE TO  
**TELL YOU.**

— JOHN 16:12 —

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | JUNE 15, 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. ~

### SERVED BY

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Pastor Emeritus

**Rev. William J. Karle**  
Pastor Emeritus

### PARISH WEBSITE

Churchofstelizabethstmark.org

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK



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

**June 8, 2025**

Weekly	\$2965.00
Online	+\$778.00
	\$3743.00
Diocesan	-\$20.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3723.00</b>

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

Parish Weekly Budget set at \$5000



# Eucharistic Celebration

**Saturday, June 14, 2025 — Sunday, June 22, 2025**

## Sat, JUNE 14

4:00pm (M) FOR ALL FATHERS

6:00pm (E) FOR ALL FATHERS

## Sun, JUNE 15 **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

8:30am (M) FOR ALL FATHERS

10:30am (E) FOR ALL FATHERS

## Mon, JUNE 16

9:00am (E) Charles Katcavage  
*Judy Pomento*

## Tues, JUNE 17

9:00am (E) Michele Williams  
*Judy Pomento*

## Wed, JUNE 18

9:00am (E) Martha Lock

## Thurs, JUNE 19

9:00am (E) NO MASS

## Fri, JUNE 20

9:00am (E) Mr. David M. Soda  
*Theodore & Diane Haas*

## Sat, JUNE 21

4:00pm (M) James Starr  
*Nancy Bilski*

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  
*Susan & Gary Walker*

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



Noreen Catani Amico, Andrew Chismar,  
Lea Furlong, Mary Groucke, 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 removed. 570-472-3061*



We welcome this weekend Sr. Ann Monica Bubser a missionary sister from the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sr. Monica Ann is requesting your support in their Mission Cooperative Appeal to be conducted at all Masses this weekend. The IHM sisters minister to thousands of people each year and have served in the Scranton Diocese for many years. They are now seeking your support for their service to the poor in Peru. They have been serving the needs of the marginalized poor in Peru through educational, health care, and pastoral outreach. They have ministered through difficult periods of political instability, food shortages, COVID pandemic, and natural disasters. Please be as generous as possible to the support of these good sisters who hold you in their prayers. Thank you!

## ST. ELIZABETH/ST. MARK SUMMERFEST



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

**NOON—7PM**

**BEAR CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL**



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.

**Blessings**  
on  
**Father's**  
**day**

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### A Prayer for Christian Fathers

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience.

Support them in the work they have to  
do, protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and de-  
fender. (author unknown)

**Proverbs 23:24** - *The father of the righteous  
will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise  
son will be glad in him.*

**The Pro Life Center**  
*of Wilkes-Barre*

Parishioners of St.  
Elizabeth &  
St. Mark's Parish

Thank you for the generous donation to our center. We truly appreciate your kindness and commitment to Pro Life Issues. Your donation will support our efforts to provide for our clients and promote Pro Life initiatives.

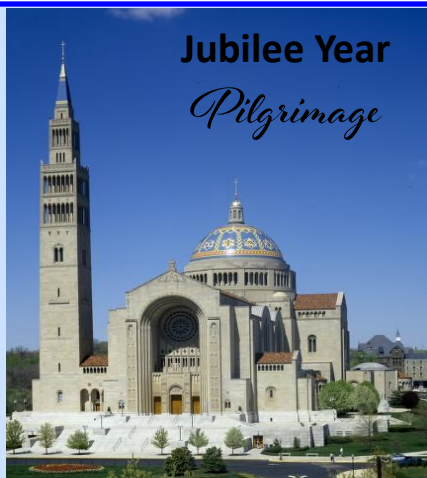
God bless you all,  
The Pro Life Center



Angels on Stage - Adults with disabilities will bring a unique performance to the stage at Peoples Security Bank Theater at Lackawanna College. On Thursday, June 19, at 7:00 PM the ARC of NEPA presents a free performance of: "Willy Wonka Flavored" performed one night only by adults with intellectual and physical disabilities. Be part of the audience for this free theatrical presentation which celebrates the dignity of the human person, and their unique gifts!



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.



### 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.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of June 15, 2025

### Sunday:

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/  
Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

### Monday:

2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/  
Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday:

2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/  
Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday:

2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday:

2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

### Friday:

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday:

2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/  
Mt 6:24-34

### Next Sunday:

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



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am amazed at how my four siblings teach their many kids in age-appropriate ways. For example, now that my nephew Brandon is 24 years of age, they give him insights and freedoms that would have been positively confounding or even dangerous when he was a toddler. Imagine if they had taught him at age four how to drive a car, use a credit card online, or handle power tools. But eventually, they did, and he is a high functioning young man, I'm proud to say. They are good teachers.

This week we learn that Jesus teaches us in a similar way. He says to his Apostles, **"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now" (John 16:12)**. How disappointing for them. But imagine at that moment, before his resurrection and ascension, if the Lord had started telling them about synods and sacraments, popes and parishes, martyrs and monasteries, rosaries and relics, catechisms and crucifixes? They would have been absolutely overwhelmed, confused, and discouraged. He tells them what they need to know, when it is time for them to know it.

So he does for us. Jesus has unceasingly taught the Church as she matures through the centuries, just as he teaches you and me through our lives in ways we can understand. Our task should be to learn what he is teaching us now, knowing that (although revelation per se is complete in him and his Apostles), he never ceases to teach us as we spiritually mature. Be confident: he knows what you are ready to learn now.

— Father John Muir

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there,  
when he marked out the vault over the face  
of the deep;  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; (Prv 8:27)

### Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!  
(Ps 8)

### Second Reading:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Rom 5:1)

### Gospel:

Everything that the Father has is mine;  
for this reason I told you that he will take from what  
is mine  
and declare it to you." (Jn 16:15)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus knew how it would be. He knew we would stumble in the dark, grasping for answers. And so he sent us a light: the Holy Spirit, the illumination of all that is true. Dare we look into the light? Are we ready to see the truth?

## Observances for the week of June 15, 2025

**Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day  
**Thursday:** St. Romuald, Abbot  
**Friday:** World Refugee Day  
**Saturday:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious  
**Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need.

## Prayer of Christian Love

Glory be to God the Father,  
God the Son, and God the  
Holy Spirit, who calls us  
into communion with Him,  
a life of grace and mystery,  
reconciliation and unity.  
Amen.



"He will glorify me,  
because he will take from  
what is mine and declare it to  
you.

Everything that the  
Father has is mine;  
for this reason I told  
you that he will take  
from what is mine and  
declare it to you.

—Jn 16:14-15

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## Questions of the Week

### Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading:

Proverbs teaches us that the wisdom of God was present with God throughout creation, playing on earth and finding delight in humans. What brings delight to your life?

#### Second Reading:

Paul encouraged believers that in Jesus we have peace with God and through the Holy Spirit we have the love of God in our hearts. Why do you think these fruits of the Holy Trinity have been given to us?

#### Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that the Spirit gives to believers everything the Father has given to the Son. When have you been generous to others?

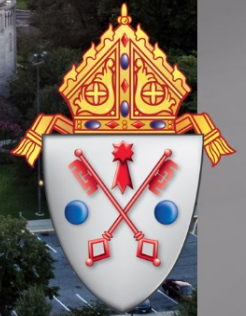


Friday, June 20th



# JUBILEE YEAR

## *Pilgrimage*



## Schedule for October 1, 2025

- 6:00 a.m. (approx) - **Buses depart from locations throughout Diocese**
- 9:30 a.m. - **Morning Prayer prayed on individual buses**
- 11:00 a.m. - **Bus Arrival begins at the National Shrine in Washington**
- Noon - **Welcome by Msgr. Vito Buonanno  
(Vice Rector of National Shrine)**
- 12:15 pm. - **Free time for lunch, individual tours and private prayer**
- 1:15 p.m. - **Confessions begin in lower Crypt Church**
- 2:00 p.m. - **Eucharistic Holy Hour with Rosary in Upper Church**
- 3:00 p.m. - **Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera**
- 4:00 p.m. - **Depart the National Shrine for home**