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250 Old Maxwell Road Latham, NY 12110 Office 518.453-2258 | Office Hours: Friday Noon-2:00 pm | Rectory 518.437-1889 www.bvmcChurch.org | E-mail: revmagncc@yahoo.com **Rev. Mark A. Gnidzinski, Pastor**



Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass (also livestream on Facebook)

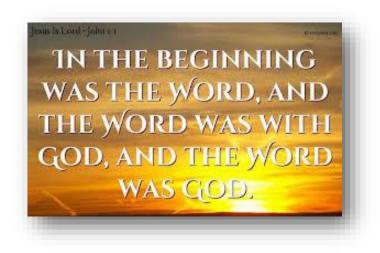
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The Word of God Sunday – Thirteenth Sunday in OT C June 29, 2025

Altar Servers: Abby, Parker Greeter: Ed Sawczak Trustees: Zofia, Justine Lector: Mary-Lou Epner Cantor: Dick Mossey

Mass Intentions:

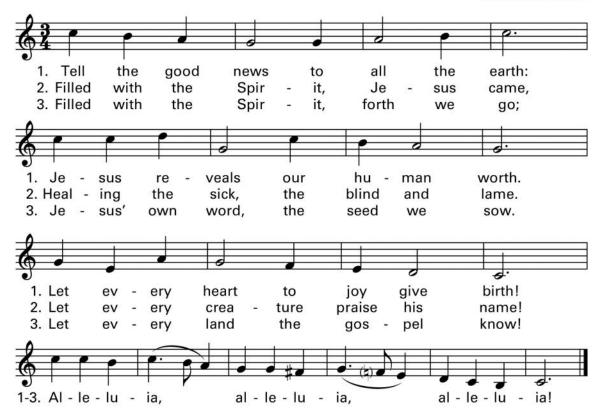
Sun. June 29 - In Memory of ††Peter, Richard M. & Richard S. Sawczak (req. by Edward Sawczak).



OPENING HYMN

TELL THE GOOD NEWS

GELOBT SEI GOTT



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STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

- C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- R/. Amen.
- C. Lord bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.
- R/. Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.

C. Let us open our hearts gratefully to receive God's reconciliation and forgiveness. Please make an examination of your conscience.

KNEEL or SIT

During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition. Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins:

All: I confess to almighty God

in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault

striking the breast three times and continuing

in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

Penance is given.

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R/. Amen.

The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying

- C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me, I absolve you from all your sins: in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- R/. Amen.

THE KYRIE

C. Lord, have mercy.C, Christ, have mercy.C. Lord, have mercy.

R/. Lord, have mercy.R/. Christ, have mercy.R/. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

All: Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of + God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.

O merciful God, grant that we may hear Your words with willing hearts and apply ourselves to fulfill them.

May we progress toward perfection, and after completing our earthly pilgrimage, may we be united with You in eternity.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jer 1:4–9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD came to me: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. "Ah, Lord GOD!" I said, "I do not know how to speak. I am too young!" But the LORD answered me, Do not say, "I am too young." To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you—oracle of the LORD. Then the LORD extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying to me, see, I place my words in your mouth!

L. The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11



R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. **R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. **R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just. **R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.** They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; Sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb. **R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

Second Reading <u>1 Thess 4:12–16</u>

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers. As you know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you conduct yourselves as worthy of the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

L. The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Rev 1:8)



STAND

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All the paths of the Lord are faithful toward those who the covenant demands.

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel <u>Jn 1:1–18</u>

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R/. And also with you.
- C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.
- R/. Glory be to You, Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God.

He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him,

but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said,

'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me."

From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace,

because while the law was given through Moses,

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God.

The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE (PSALM 19) **Bernadette Farrell** Refrain spir-it and life, Your words are 0 Lord: rich-er than gold, strong-er than death. Your words spir - it and are 0 life, Lord; life ev - er - last ing. Verses 1. God's law is per - fect, re - fresh - ing the soul, re -2. God's pre-cepts keep their pur - pose right. They us; is 3. Liv - ing by God's truth is ho - ly and sure; God's 4. God's word is pre - cious, de - sired more than gold; worth God's 1. viv - ing the spir - it. wea ry God's com-2. glad - den the hearts of peo - ple. 3. pres - ence is last - ing. God's ev er 4. more than dare mag - ine and, we i trust - ed: wis - dom, 1. rule can be bring - ing us 2. mand clear it brings us new vi - sion; is SO 3. truth is е ter - nal, bring - ing us jus - tice; -4. sweet - er than hon - ey, this word will feed us, to Refrain 1. bring - ing God's wis dom to birth. 2. bring - ing God's light to eyes. our 3. bring - ing God's jus tice to earth. 4. bring - ing ful fill - ment and joy.



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• HOMILY



STAND

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

C. I believe in One God, All: the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary (here genuflect or bow) AND BECAME MAN. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate: He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life Who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the + life of the world to come. Amen.

STAND

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

- C. Gathered as the people of God, sustained by the Word of God, and called to be disciples of Christ, together let us pray:
- 1. For all who teach and preach the Word of God: That their words may renew the faith of those who listen, and encourage them to trust in the promise of God. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For all who are working to resolve conflicts through negotiation rather than violence: May they be blessed with gifts of patience and understanding. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For all who are sick in mind, body or spirit, especially Steve Cremins. We pray for all who need God's healing presence and touch, for all who are in personal or spiritual darkness of any kind. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For ourselves that we may have an increasing openness to the Word of God, and allow it to enlighten our hearts and free us to follow Jesus more faithfully. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For Peter, Richard M. and Richard S. Sawczak for whom this Holy Mass is being offered, for Fr. Sr. Joseph Krusienski, and for all the faithful departed: May they dwell forever in the house of the Lord. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For own intentions [long pause for silent prayer] ... We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

C. Lord, God of eternal love and light, You speak to us throughout the Scriptures. You gave us Jesus as Your Incarnate Word. Hear our prayers and grant us the grace and courage to proclaim Your Gospel with our lives. Through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE (PSALM 19)



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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:

C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

> The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice. Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:

C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through You goodness, we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. May it become our Spiritual Drink.

The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Slightly bowing before the altar he says:

C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:

C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:

C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity, which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

STAND

- **C.** Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- R/. May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.

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SIT

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

STAND

C. Heavenly Father, grant that this holy offering, an expression of Your activity through the incarnation of Your Word Jesus Christ, may regenerate us in spirit and awaken us to a new life in You.We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE WORD OF GOD

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R/. And also with you.
- C. Lift up your hearts.
- R/. We lift them up to the Lord.
- C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are fed through Your Holy Scriptures, Your Word, through which we grow and mature as followers of Christ. Your holy and sacred Word nourishes and strengthens us to follow and fulfill the commands of Jesus. As disciples of Christ, may we share Your Word to enlighten Your path, the way for others to follow.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels, with all the saints and the entire church, we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly:

R/. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed + is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

KNEEL

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The celebrant with hands extended, says:

C. We give thanks to You, God our Father, through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
Whom You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will. He is Your Word, inseparable from You. Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased. You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb. There He dwelt and was made flesh. He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.
When He suffered. He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people.

When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people. He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You. When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness, to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just, to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection, He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

The celebrant takes the bread and says:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.

The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, then places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

He takes the Chalice and says:

C. In like manner He took the cup and said:

THIS IS MY BLOOD WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU. WHENEVER YOU DO THIS, DO IT IN MEMORY OF ME.

The celebrant elevates the Chalice, then places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.

With hands joined he says the following with the Congregation:

All: Calling then His death and resurrection to mind, we offer You the Bread and the Cup. We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.

The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:

C. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity. Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth. So may we praise and glorify You through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice and elevating them the celebrant says:

- C. Through Him may glory and honor be Yours, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.
- R/. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE The Lord's Prayer

STAND

The celebrant says the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

With hands extended, the celebrant says:

C. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude the prayer by saying the acclamation:

R/. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:

- C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?
- R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread.

Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:

- C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.
- R/. Amen.

With hands extended the celebrant says:

- C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you.Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live for ever and ever.
- R/. Amen.
- C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. And also with you.

C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)

AGNUS DEI

The celebrant and people say together:

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PRAYER

C. Let us pray together:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy SpiritYour death brought life to the world.By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil.Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say once:

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The celebrant says:

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

KNEEL or SIT

Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.

KNEEL

COMMUNION HYMN

Hallowed Be Forever





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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

C. Let us pray.

Almighty Father, as we have heard the Word of God and have received the Body and Blood of Your Son, may we be strengthened in spirit and become more zealous in Your holy Church. As we follow the voice of Your Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, may we continue to build Your Kingdom here on earth.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

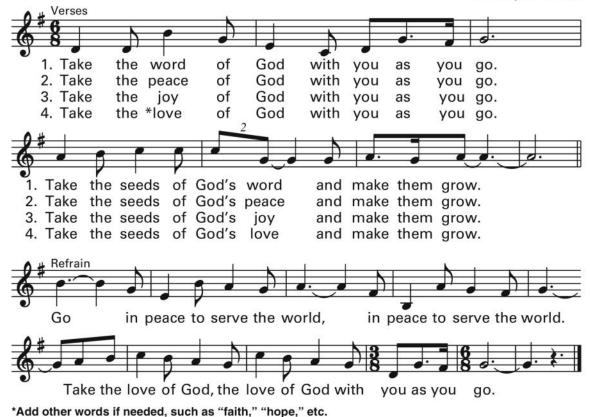
- C. The Lord be with you.
- R/. And also with you.
- C. May Almighty God bless you, the Father + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- R/. Amen.
- C. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- R/. Thanks be to God.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU

Christopher Walker



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Announcements

Requests must be received by noon Wednesday. Please contact Justine Fazziola bvmc.bulletin@gmail.com



- June is the Sacred Vocations Month. Please support the Clergy Pension Fund. The forms are available on the announcement board in the hallway. Let us support those whop faithfully ministered to as as pastors. Let us also pray that Jesus' call to follow Him as a priest or a deacon finds receptive hearts within our Church.
- Our Lutnia Choir begins its summer recess after today's Sunday Mass and will resume music ministry on Sunday, September 7th. During this time, we encourage all parishioners to lift their voices in song – let us fill our church with strong and joyful praise to our Lord!
- The **Erwins in Concert** are performing at our parish on **July 6 at 2PM**. This nationally-acclaimed Christian group will uplift and inspire you with their spirited Southern Gospel music. This event is made possible by the PNCC Central Diocese Enlivening Grant. Seating capacity in the church is limited to 200, so purchase your tickets soon Admission is \$20/person and available at www.bvmc.org/erwins.
- Queen of Hearts Raffle: 18 cards left! Jackpot starts at \$867. Get your tickets today!
- YMSofR Update: First Sunday Breakfast is suspended until Fall 2025. 'Thank you' for your continuing support of our parish. You can always donate by mail: BVMC Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY 12110, or through online giving, <u>https://www.bvmc.org/giving</u> which is secure and easy. If you need assistance, please contact our financial officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski <u>bvmc.church@gmail.com</u>. May God bless you abundantly!



Happening at BVMC

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Saturday, July 5 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, July 6

9:00 am Holy Mass (also livestream) Altar Servers: Abby, Everett Lectors: Mary-Lou Epner Greeter: Stephanie Trustees: Jim, Bob

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 6 (Sun) - The Erwins in Concert– Live at BVM Parish (2:00 pm)



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