

July 5, 2026 / Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PARISH VISION

To both welcome the unchurched in the Eastern Pocono Region and beyond, and to nourish and challenge all current church members by forming leaders and creating an irresistible weekend experience at the Church of St. John.

Mass Schedule

Monday – 7:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday – 12:00 PM
Friday – 9:00 AM
Saturday – 4:00 PM
Sunday – 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM (Spanish Mass)

Live stream available on Saturday and Sunday on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and church website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Frid: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM &
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Or by appointment

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Word, Worship and Prayer

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 4

4:00 pm Rita Clifford by The Crane Family

SUNDAY, July 5 Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

8:30 am Victor Nakielski by Nakielski Family

11:00 am George Greene by Angelina Gaudioso

1:30 pm Amanda Rebellon by German Castro

MONDAY, July 6 Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26

7:00 pm Diane Zito by Bill & Res Montgomery

TUESDAY, July 7 Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

12:00 pm Mike Guillaume
by Violette & Max Francois

THURSDAY, July 9 Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15

12:00 pm Justin Hopkins by Pamela Hopkins

FRIDAY, July 10 Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23

9:00 am Hilda Galindez by The Melchiorre Family

SATURDAY, July 11

4:00 pm Louis & Rosemary Knaub by Kaitlin Pecha

SUNDAY, July 12

8:30 am Anthony Melchiorre
by The Melchiorre Family

11:00 am Jan Zyskowski by Mariusz Zyskowski and
Linda Broda by Janet Broda

For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

James Goetz, Dana McCarthy, Joe Clampet,
Marilyn Brizzi, Grellita Sipalay,
Karter Reid-Tullis, CJ and Chey, Lisa Felipe,
Susan Skidmore, Kevin Overbey,
Johawn Sebastian Rodriguez, Erin Padilla,
Chris Pace

For The Souls Of Our Dearly Departed

Elizabeth White, Anthony Zanella,
Anthony DeRobertis, Virginia Khan,
Michael Carcaterra, Ann Cirillo,
Mary Galayda, Blanche Gallo,
Josephine Dominguez, Antonio R Gonzalez,
Julie Jupin, Miriam Bruno, Irene Chee,
Brian Olney Junior

*To add to this list, please email:
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Announcements for this Week

A Prayer for the **United States on Independence Day**

Father of all nations and ages,
We recall the day when our country
claimed its place among the family of
nations; for what has been achieved we
give you thanks, for the work that still
remains we ask your help, and as you
have called us from many peoples to be
one nation, grant that, under your
providence, our country may share your
blessings with all the peoples of the earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever.
Amen

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace and Unity Around the World
by The Church of St. John
July 4, 2026 — July 10, 2026

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Souls of the Faithful Departed
by The Church of St. John
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You may reserve a candle for your special intentions—
whether in memory of a loved one, for healing, or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other
meaningful occasions. A special card is available to accompany the reservation.
To arrange this, please contact the Parish Office.



"Deliver Us" Week 6: The King Who Gives Rest

As we conclude our first summer series, *Deliver Us*, we do so on a very special weekend. Across our nation, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It is an occasion to give thanks to God for the blessings of freedom, to pray for our country, and to remember that every good gift ultimately comes from the Lord. Throughout this series, we have seen that God is a God who delivers. He delivered Noah through the flood, Israel through the Red Sea, Elijah in his despair, and countless others throughout salvation history. Yet every act of deliverance in the Old Testament pointed toward an even greater rescue that would come through Jesus Christ.

This Sunday's readings bring that story to its beautiful conclusion. The prophet Zechariah spoke to a people who knew what it meant to lose their freedom. Jerusalem had fallen; the Temple had been destroyed the people had lived in exile, and although some had returned home, they would never again enjoy the independence they once had. Yet God promised that a King would come – not riding a warhorse but humbly riding on a donkey. His reign would bring peace, not merely political victory, but lasting salvation.

That promise is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus offers one of the most comforting invitations in all of Scripture: ***"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest"*** (Matthew 11:28). Notice what Jesus does not promise. He does not say we will never have burdens; he does not promise an easy life free from suffering, disappointment, or uncertainty. Instead, he promises himself. He promises that when we yoke our lives to his, we will discover a peace that no circumstance can take away.

That is the deepest meaning of deliverance. Nations rise and fall; empires come and go. History reminds us that no earthly kingdom lasts forever. As grateful as we are for the freedoms we enjoy in our country, our ultimate hope has never rested in politics, governments, or military strength. Our hope rests in Christ the King, whose Kingdom is already among us and whose victory will one day be complete.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, let us do so with grateful hearts. Give thanks for those who have sacrificed to preserve our freedoms. Pray for our leaders. Pray for peace. Pray that our nation may continue to seek justice, protect the dignity of every human person, and acknowledge its dependence upon God. Most importantly, bring your own burdens to Jesus. Whatever worries you carry – for your family, your health, our nation, or the future – place them into his hands. The One who has delivered his people throughout history has not stopped working. God is still faithful; Christ is still King; and because he has already conquered sin and death, we can live with confident hope. In the end, God always wins!

With love and blessings, **Fr. Reichlen**

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- Dansbury Park Pavilion, 15 Day Street E. Stbg, PA 18301
- Stroud Borough Park, 209 Stadium St. Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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