

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

*307 Franklin St.
Smethport, PA 16749*

*20 Division St.
Mount Jewett, Pa 16740*



Sacramental Information

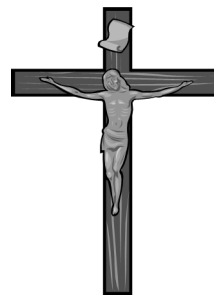
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

Matrimony: An appointment with the parish priest, needs to be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date, before the wedding can be scheduled. PreCana, Engagement Encounter, or NOVA is required.

Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

New Members are always welcome. Contact the parish office to register or use the form on back of bulletin. Moving? Please let us know.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Any individual seeking information on becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith should call the parish office.



Liturgy & Reconciliation

- Daily & weekend Mass times for this week are inside bulletin
- Reconciliation held Saturdays at Saint Elizabeth 3:30-4:15 pm, after Mass at St. Joseph, or by appointment at either parish
- Holy Days: Call parish for times
- Nursing Home Masses at Sena Kean and Lakeview Homes held the first and third Thursday each month

PASTORAL STAFF

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Prayer Requests: 814-778-5520

SAINT ELIZABETH, SMETHPORT, PA

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, Jan. 18
 5:00 PM + Paul Andrew Platko
 by Barb Platko

Sunday, Jan. 19
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

Monday, Jan. 20
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Donald Switzer
 by The Meyer Family

Tuesday, Jan. 21
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Bruce Fay
 by Colleen White

Thursday, Jan. 23
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM Bud Rosenswie
 by Cecilia

Friday, Jan. 24
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM Living & Deceased Members of The
 Sokoloski Family
 by Mary Ann Schafer

Saturday, Jan. 25
 3:30-4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM + Brian Morris
 by Ron & Bev

Sunday, Jan. 26
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Jan. 19
 8:00 AM + Vicki & Kari Carrow
 by Bill & Dot Sluga

Sunday, Jan. 26
 8:00 AM + Robert Yancosek
 by St. Joseph Rosary Society

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Jan. 12 , 2020

Weekly Collection: \$ 1,597.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Jan. 12, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$ 401.00

St. Joseph's for the month of January

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of
Vicki & Kari Carrow by The William Sluga Family



INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of **Keesler & Transue Families** by Barb Transue & Mary Porter

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN. 26, 2020
 FOR ST. JOSEPH 8:00 AM**

Lector: Dave Gerber

Ministers:
 Mary Ann Schafer
 Patricia Marrero
 Dave Gerber

Server:

Eucharistic Ministers: Please be sure to check before visiting for any changes or additions. Let us know of changes in the resident list at the nursing homes. Thank you.

All Ministries: Please remember to find a substitute if you cannot serve during the Mass scheduled.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN. 25-26, 2020

St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jo Kreiner Nikki Kreiner	Patricia Green Lu Vandermark Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Paul Costa	Steve Eidson
Altar Servers:	Lila Vinnie	Carter Lilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Sena Kean Visits: Lu Vandermark
 Margaret Vandermark
 Lakeview: Crystal Raymond
 Homebound: Crystal Raymond

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: A Special Intention, Pat Peterson, Special Intention, Rita Bidwell, Shelly Maybury, Jack & Janine Sokoloski, Dylan Lunder, John Crowley, A Special Intention, Patti Price, Caitlyn Bankovich, Elijah Waite, Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland, Special Intention, Carmela Hamilton, Mary Kay Peters, Adam DeSio.

Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese

Jan. 19 Rev. Casimir J. Wozniak
 Jan. 20 Rev. Joseph P. Staszewski
 Jan. 21 Rev. Msgr. Bernard Urbaniak
 Jan. 22 Rev. Lawrence R. Richards
 Jan. 23 Rev. Robert Horgas
 Jan. 24 Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McSweeney
 Jan. 25 Rev. Msgr. Henry J. Schauerman





January 6, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for taking a moment to read this brief note about the importance of strong communications from the Diocese of Erie. It's a key priority among my many responsibilities and is a form of evangelization.

As the crush of information that comes our way continues to increase, it becomes harder and harder to remain informed. What's important? What's straightforward? How can we discern the truth? The more access we have, the harder it is for us to pull out what is of value.

Among the many solutions the Diocese of Erie tries to provide is our award-winning Diocese of ErieE-News. I encourage you to visit www.nwpaCatholic.com and subscribe to this free, weekly email that provides links to stories and news from the diocese, as well as a top national and international story of interest to Catholics. We work to make it engaging, often including a picture or video of the week and highlighting the work we do in social media and in our flagship publication, Faith magazine.

I am grateful to the students at Gannon University who recently completed a marketing study for us, helping us to refine our messaging so that we can reach a broader audience more effectively. Their insights are already having an impact on our work.

Your contributions to the Help Spread the Faith campaign, scheduled to take place in parishes the weekend of Jan. 26, 2020, will continue to help us make the most effective use of all forms of communications, from videos and publications, to work online and in social media. Please know of my gratitude for your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



Sunday, Jan 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come together

Relationships go awry when people stop talking. That's as true in marriage as it is among Christians in general. Lutheran theologian George Lindbeck was a delegate observer at the Second Vatican Council. It prompted him to make a life's work of the Lutheran-Catholic conversation. He viewed doctrines as "rules of grammar" rather than unscalable walls. He saw justice, peace, and the environment best served when Christians work together. The fundamental disease of our times, Lindbeck advised, is the weakening of natural allies. As Saint Paul might say: Let's not be partisans, let's be church!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). *"To you . . . with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Monday, Jan 20, 2020

MEMORIAL OF FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR; SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

Ultimate discipleship

This day is filled with martyrs. Fabian (c. 200-250) was elected pope when a white dove landed on his head during the voting, a clear sign to the electors. Christianity was still illegal, so he died in prison 14 years later. Sebastian (c. 256-288) died in Rome sometime after he was shot full of arrows. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-68), commemorated today, was gunned down by an assassin in Memphis, Tennessee. Despite being harassed by the government, Dr. King won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize and was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Three men who shed their blood for what they believed inspire us to be activists for what we believe.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311). *"To the upright I will show the saving power of God."*

Tuesday, Jan 21, 2020

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Take a stand

Often throughout the church year we remember our martyrs, those women and men who were killed because of their faith in Jesus the Christ. These are sometimes difficult days to "celebrate" because on the one hand, we are grateful for and inspired by their faith. But on the other hand, the suffering they endured is horrific—torture, rape, mutilation, burning, and ultimately death. The martyrdom of Saint Agnes, for example, came because of her faith in Christ but was expressed by sexualizing and abusing her. When we celebrate our martyrs, we might also take a stand against torture and murder today. This indeed is a worthy form of reverence for the brave women and men, our martyrs and saints. What saint compels you to action on behalf of justice?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312). *"The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath."*

Wednesday, Jan 22, 2020

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Lend a lifesaving hand

The Sisters of Life are a women's religious order founded in 2004 in New York. More than 70 sisters each year provide aid and support to more than 1,000 pregnant women at their convents in Toronto and New York City. At one of their convents, women

can stay as long as six months prior to giving birth and up to a year afterward. What are you and your parish doing to support pregnant women and mothers who need help establishing their families and creating a secure future for their children?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313). *"Looking around at them with anger and grieved at their hardness of heart . . ."*

Thursday, Jan 23, 2020

MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN

God's aloha at work

Rarely is a saint's last name so apt. When more than 50 religious communities in Canada and the United States refused a request to work with lepers, Sister Marianne Cope, a Sister of St. Francis of Syracuse, responded, "I am hungry for the work." She and her sisters who served on Molokai, Hawaii were called "God's aloha," or God's love. She assured a dying Saint Damien that his work would continue, then brought beauty and artistry to challenging conditions. Encouraging laughter and gardens, she said, "We must make best use of the fleeting moments. They will not return." Do one thing to bring God's love and beauty to your living space, or someone else's, today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314). *"Hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers."*

Friday, Jan 24, 2020

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Include God in the conversation

Francis de Sales (1567-1622) was a bishop and doctor of the church who encouraged the importance of lay spirituality. At the time, people thought that only priests and sisters were called to holiness. But Francis took the church back to its roots, encouraging laypeople to pray and find God in their daily lives. As a noted spiritual director he suggested: "Retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart, even while outwardly engaged in discussion or transactions with others, and talk to God."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315). *"He named twelve as his companions whom he would send to preach the Good News."*

Saturday, Jan 25, 2020

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

Be a force for unity

Once he was blinded by light on the road to Damascus, Paul began to see with a clarity that amazed everyone who knew of him. As he preached the Good News, Paul began to speak persuasively against requiring Gentiles to follow Jewish law, while at the same time allowing Jewish Christians to keep their lifelong ritual practices. In the midst of diversity, Paul worked to unite the followers of Jesus. It is fitting that the feast of his conversion has been chosen as the final day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Today your work is to do something to bring unity in the midst of diversity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"This man is the instrument I have chosen to bring my name to the Gentiles."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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**At Saint Elizabeth's:**

- Wed. Jan. 22 10:00 AM Reciting the Rosary
meet in the vestibule
- Thurs. Jan. 23 11-1:00 PM Soup Luncheon
church hall
- Sat. Jan. 25 10-12 PM Eucharistic Adoration and
Minister Mtg.
- Sat. Jan. 25 DVD Series/Lite Supper
Following 5 PM Mass

**At Saint Joseph's:****Marriage Moments**

Martin Luther King emphasized that our differences need not divide us. Think of a way that you and your spouse are different yet your traits complement each other. (Consider things like attention to detail vs. seeing the whole picture, quick thinker vs. thorough planner, extrovert vs. self-reflective...)

Envelopes for 2020: If you did not receive envelopes for 2020 and you want them, please just call the parish office, Mon.-Fri. 9-1 at 887-9254 or drop a note in the collection basket.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Needed

St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Training is provided for both. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact the parish office or Fr. Vince for additional information .

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie

Get resources and suggestions for your family at the Diocese of Erie's family website, www.eriercd.org/familiesmatter. Feel supported, encouraged, and blessed whether your family is a traditional, single-parent, blended, military, or an adoptive/foster family. Go Families!

In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you.

Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Next week, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of the money collected remains here in the Erie Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Pastoral Council Nominations: St. Elizabeth will start taking nominations for 5-3 year positions on Pastoral Council Sunday, January 26. You can be from either Church because we are a combined Parish. Turn them in to Fr. Vince or put them in the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked for nominations.

"Blessing of Homes" Blessing of Homes will be done until Ash Wednesday. Call the Rectory, 887-9254, for a mutual times for a visit to Bless your home.

Parish Development Memorial

Brian Morris

by Stacey & Ginny Lunn

Eucharistic Minister Meeting will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 25th** at 11:00 AM in St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Ministers are asked to spend 1 hour of Eucharistic Adoration before meeting from 10-11 AM.

Please join us for prayer to promote and protect the culture of life and undo the prevailing culture of death. We will be praying the rosary at **10am on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary church** on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children for our culture to recognize and preserve the sanctity of families and every life. We will meet in the vestibule at 10:00 AM.



End of Year: Anyone needing a financial statement for the year may call the parish office Monday-Friday, 9-1.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

FORMED: To learn more about our Catholic Faith sign-up to use Formed.org. Use the Parish code **TRY7DX**. This website has many movies, audio books and discussions about our Faith. Give it a try.