

*The Roman Catholic Parish of
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

*307 Franklin St.
Smethport, PA 16749*

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Sacramental Information

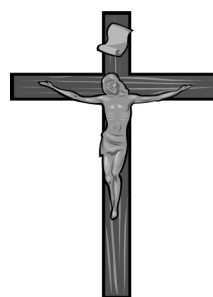
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

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

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Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

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Child Abuse Prevention Month: Be Vigilant- It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them - at every opportunity. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.



Rice Bowl

You may turn in your Rice Bowls to the rectory.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Apr. 22 is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Pick one day this week to especially enjoy creation together. Take a hike, plant something, gaze at the moon and stars. Be creative together.

Offertory: You can still support your parish during this time by mailing or dropping your envelopes at the rectory in the mail basket.

St. Joseph's for the month of April 2020

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of **Betty Allegretto Steven Leonard**
by Holly Hamilton & Family



INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of **Rudy & Ella Rose Batista** by Norma Batista

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!

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, Anonymous.

Mass Intentions: Intentions are being offered as scheduled.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed indefinitely.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel tells us that several arrived to discover the tomb in which Jesus was buried was now empty. What does an empty tomb mean for your family? Failure, loss, defeat? Or victory, life and resurrection? Scripture says that he "had to rise from the dead." Families, too, must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.



Easter Flowers

Quagliani, Morgan, Crandall, Demick Families

By Scott & Sharon Morgan

Ruth & Jack Mead, Bob & Joyce Carr, Mary V. Randall, John & Mary F. Randall,
Virgil Graham, Sr., Todd Raymond, Cin Stark, Alice & Harold Stark, Steve McElwee, Dan Honeychvck,
Lucas Fusco

By John & Terri Carr

Edward & Emily Sokoloski, Eugene & Phyllis Martin, Edward & Irene Wilk

By Mary Ann Schafer

Joe Schrecengost, Dean Schrecengost, Donna Schrecengost Truden

By Kathy Schrecengost

My Parents

By Barb Dragoone

Peter Gerber, Iona Meyer

By Dave & Amy Gerber

Victoria Lynn DeSio, Jacque Silvagni, Dominick J. DeSio, Adam DeSio, Clarence Criner, Flossie Meyers,
Sis Kilmer

By The DeSio's

McKean & Rice Families

By Bill & Judy

Frank S. Chubon, Shannon Chubon, Helen Stanko

By Anna Chubon

Leberfinger Families, Cioffi Families

By Tom & Sally Cioffi

Tom Abbey, Tony & Hattie Berne, Lynn & Jessie Abbey

By Judy Abbey

Our Family & Our Friends

By John & Patricia McAnallen & Kay

Ray Deegan, Living & Deceased Members of the Deegan Families, Bargielski Families

By Audrey Deegan

Deceased Members of The Placer Family

By Katie & Dave Rumsey

Dick Burdick, Kathleen & Mary, Parents & Grandparents

By Peg Burdick

Sunday, Apr 12, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

What do you see?

Once more, we arrive at the most significant void in sacred history: that empty tomb of Easter. What we see in this space defines the shape of our destiny. Do we view nothing or everything in this place? Is Jesus simply gone or restored to glory? Is death the end of us, or the start of something everlasting? Are we God's cherished children or just another expression of nature's capriciousness? Most of all, are we prepared to call Jesus Lord and to follow him through death into life? Or do we have other plans?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 (42); gospel for p.m. Mass: Luke 24:13-35 (46). "Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Monday, Apr 13, 2020

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Put the Resurrection to work

Do we bravely race from the tomb toward new life as Mary Magdalene and Mary did, or burrow into timid cover? Consider the example of Henri Perrin, born this day in 1914. He was part of the French worker-priest movement where priests went to work in factories to bridge the abyss between the working class and the church. The Vatican grew alarmed by the political activism of the priests on behalf of labor, and stopped the experiment. The concerns of worker-priests were given new life in the Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes*, "On the Church in the Modern World," and later by Pope John Paul II, who demanded of priests that the "fumes of incense mix with those of industry." Reflect on what worker-justice concerns you can give new life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed."

Tuesday, Apr 14, 2020

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Our star witness

Mary of Magdala was first to witness and testify to Jesus' Resurrection. She is called "apostle to the apostles" for good reason. Mentioned by name in the gospels more often than most apostles, Mary traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry financially. The question is, how do we witness to resurrection in our own life and times? In a world too often bent on destruction and death, how can we witness to hope and to life? Let "the Magdalene" be an inspiration!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). "Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."

Wednesday, Apr 15, 2020

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Call for backup

The miracles of Jesus did not end with Jesus' earthly sojourn. Today's reading from Acts describes Peter and John healing in

Jesus' name. What confidence that must have taken, to try healing a man lame from birth! The word *confidence* means "with trust." A nice way to understand the power of faith. Be a healing presence in the world, with the trust that Jesus has your back!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). "Peter said, 'I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk.'"

Thursday, Apr 16, 2020

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Eat, drink, and take heart

Where would Catholic culture be without food and drink? In today's gospel Jesus reassures his disciples that he is not a ghost by eating a piece of baked fish. Food is simple, basic, and necessary. It is natural that we eat and drink together at the Eucharist, at parish dinners, at family meals. Every bite of baked fish can remind us of our Savior. Savor your next meal with fellow believers and let it drive out fear as it opens you to love, the way it did for Jesus' disciples 2,000 years ago.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). "Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones."

Friday, Apr 17, 2020

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

No need to hide your solidarity

However did the fish symbol—two intersecting arcs—come to be associated with Jesus? Because his disciples were fishermen? Because of the miracle of the loaves and fishes? Because Catholics eat fish on Fridays? The letters of the Greek word for fish, *ichthys*, are an acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." It was a secret symbol used by the persecuted early Christians. What outward sign of solidarity can you make with those who are persecuted for their faith today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). "Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you just caught.'"

Saturday, Apr 18, 2020

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The news is still good

Do you ever think about how the followers of Jesus must have felt after his death? We see their situation through the lens of the Resurrection, but they thought his death was the end of everything. Those grief-stricken men and women were lost and afraid. Imagine their disbelief when some among them began to report that they had seen Jesus. Disbelief began to feel like hope as he continued to show up and even eat with them. That was the beginning. Two thousand years later, we continue to share the meals and tell the stories of this incredibly good news.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). "She went to announce the good news to his followers."

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



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"Jesus, life is crazy! So many people are relying on me, but I don't know what to do myself. I know that you promised to be with us always, to walk with me and provide for me and those I love. And I believe that promise is true - especially in the Eucharist. Right now we can't go to Mass, but I love you and want to be close to you, now more than ever. Please come spiritually into my heart. Give me all the grace and help you would give if I were receiving you physically. Never let me be separated from you. I love you, Jesus."

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