

# *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.

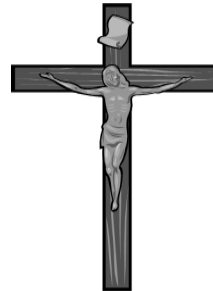
**Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion:** Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

**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**

**Pastor Rev. Vincent P. Cieslewicz, Jr. - Saint Elizabeth Rectory— 814-887-9254**

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**SAINT ELIZABETH, SMETHPORT, PA**

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Saturday, July 14  
 5:00 PM + Thomas Marquart  
 by Julie, Joe and Mary

Sunday, July 15  
**8:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
 9:30 AM For The People

Monday, July 16  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Arthur Brooder

Tuesday, July 17  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Raymond Cole  
 by His Family

Saturday, July 21  
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, July 22  
**8:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
 9:30 AM James Kane, Sr.  
 by Jim & Connie and Family

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH**

Sunday, July 15  
 8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of  
 The Sokoloski Family  
 by Mary Ann Schafer

Sunday, July 22  
 8:00 AM + George Peters  
 by St. Joseph Rosary Society

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of July 1, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$1,823.10  
 Peter's Pence: \$ 427.00

**For the week of July 8, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$1,944.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of July 1, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$485.00  
 Peter's Pence: \$177.00

**For the week of July 8, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$426.00

**Parish Development Memorial**

Betty Faes by American Legion Aux. Unit #976

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** A Special Intention, Pat Peterson, Rita Bidwell, Don Emberg, Shelly Maybury, Jack & Janine Sokoloski, Dylan Lunder, John Crowley, Cathy Kaltenbach, A Special Intention, Patti Price, Caitlyn Bankovich, Elijah Waite, Clara Paul, Ruth Hamilton, Penny Duncan.

**St. Joseph Rosary** will not meet until Tuesday, September 4th at 6:00 PM in the parish hall.

**St. Elizabeth Cemetery Association** will meet on July 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the parish hall.

**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/fam.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm). Feel supported, encouraged, and blessed whether your family is a traditional, single-parent, blended, military, or an adoptive/foster family. Go Families! Also Formed.org using our parish code TRY7DX.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Do you "overtalk"? Instead of saying, "Honey, my mom went in and the doctor diagnosed varicose veins. She's going to have to get them stripped, which will make it very difficult for her to walk for a couple of weeks. As you know, she lives all alone now, and the only person who can help her is Mrs. Jenkins, who just visits twice a week, on Thursdays and Fridays. Mom's going to need more help than that." Instead, try: "Honey, my mom is having surgery next week and needs some time to recover. Do you mind if she stays with us for a few days?" Keep it short.

**Dear Archbishop Walsh parents, students, and school-community,**

Pertaining to the Niagara Catholic Jr./Sr. High School announcement to close and the subsequent news coverage, it is important for you to know that Archbishop Walsh is open now, in the fall and for the future. Our Board of Trustees was appraised by the Diocese's late April decision to withdraw subsidy support for 6 Diocesan high schools, Walsh included. To the credit of our Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Director of Development, Business Manager, our administrative team, and our faculty & staff, the high school has been working to overcome the Diocesan shortfall by reducing spending in many budget line items like supplies, materials, equipment and contracted services. Our major donors and alumni base remain firm and strong in their support of Archbishop Walsh & Southern Tier Catholic School. Please know that our International Baccalaureate academic program, extracurricular programs, and staffing patterns remain strong and vibrant so that our students receive a first-rate education in the Franciscan tradition.

Please contact me at [thomas.manko@walshstcs.org](mailto:thomas.manko@walshstcs.org) or (C) 315-345-7587 if I may be able to provide clarification. In the meantime, please keep the Niagara Catholic Jr./Sr. High School community in your thoughts and prayers.

Your continued support and prayers are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Pax et Bonum,  
 Thomas J. Manko  
 School President & Principal

## Sunday, Jul 15, 2018

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### We're not alone

"Through him, with him, in him." This phrase from the Eucharistic Prayer we hear at every Mass says a lot with a few well-chosen prepositions. Whatever it is we're out there doing, we're never doing it alone. It's *through* Christ that we serve the needs of our families, friends, and strangers too with our charity. It's *with* Christ that we suffer burdens of loss, betrayal, sickness, loneliness. It's *in* Christ that we're strengthened to speak the truth, seek justice, and promote peace with our words and actions. Take a moment to ground yourself in Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mark 6:7-13 (104). "In him we have redemption . . . in him we were also chosen . . . in him you also . . . were sealed."

## Monday, Jul 16, 2018

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

### Our Lady of the hour of death

Death has a way of focusing one's attention. You may intend someday to pay more attention to your faith and "get right with God." But, as you learned in school, you shouldn't postpone studying until the night before finals. Today is the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, who in 1251 appeared to Saint Simon Stock, an English Carmelite, and bestowed on him the scapular and the promise to intercede at the hour of death for all who wore it in life. The original scapular was the brown sleeveless tunic that is still a part of the Carmelite habit today. The best way to prepare for a good death is to live a better life—starting today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34—11:1 (389). "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

## Tuesday, Jul 17, 2018

### Empty the schedule for a while

As you take some time for fun and pleasure this summer, remember that what you are doing is holy. It is our duty to rest, repair, and restore ourselves. Several times a year that actually means vacating our normal routine and residence. The word *vacation* comes from the Latin *vacare*, "to be empty, be free." Taking a vacation is a separate and very different act from making a retreat (from the Latin for "withdraw"), though that, too, is often a holy act. Without the release a vacation provides, our lives can easily get thrown off balance, which leads to stress, exhaustion, apathy, and eventually hardness of heart—a trait Jesus condemns in today's gospel.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). "If the mighty deeds done here had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until now."

## Wednesday, Jul 18, 2018

MEMORIAL OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

### Using what ails us

A six-foot-six-inch-tall soldier, strong and commanding, Camillus was brought low by pain and disease. His addiction to gambling led him to poverty. Instead of giving up, he worked to heal others and brought others to toil with him. Now he is the patron saint of hospitals and the sick as well as of nurses. He used the limitations, pain, and shortcomings of his own life to bring healing

to others and to sanctify himself. What ails us today that we can use to help others and ourselves?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). "Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

## Thursday, Jul 19, 2018

### What's in a name?

It makes a difference whether you know someone's name. To be introduced to a person involves learning their name. It puts you on personal terms. It was the same for the ancient Israelites, even when it came to God. When Moses asked God who he should say sent him, God revealed the divine name to Moses to tell the people. In this way they would know the Lord cared for them and would act on their behalf. Call on the Lord by name and ask God to be active in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). "This is what you shall tell the children of Israel: I AM sent me to you."

## Friday, Jul 20, 2018

### Follow the law of love

The Pharisees were a sect that demanded strict interpretation and observance of Mosaic Law. They sometime preferred rules and regulations to thoughtful consideration of circumstances or the larger picture. It's not hard to see why: Laws are neat, impartial, neutral, clear. Moreover, when we simply follow laws, thinking is generally not required! Jesus, however, calls his followers to a higher standard: to *love*, which, as Archbishop Desmond Tutu rightly observed, "is much more demanding than law." Just for today, let's immerse ourselves in the "something greater" that Jesus talked about. Let's immerse ourselves in love. What would your day be like if you did so?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). "I say to you, something greater than the temple is here."

## Saturday, Jul 21, 2018

MEMORIAL OF LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### The gift of a broken heart

In his *Personal Narrative*, the early American sermon writer Edward Fitzgerald reveals something important about love when he says, "I have greatly longed of late for a broken heart, and to lie low before God." It is unlikely any of us long for a broken heart. But to consider a broken heart a gift, Fitzgerald must have seen something akin to what Saint Lawrence of Brindisi approached when he wrote, "Love stirs itself from sorrow; and love itself is in equal measure lanced with sorrow." The lower we lie in sorrow, the further we can experience God's sacrificial love that comes down to us. Moreover, the pureness of our emotions when we are steeped in sorrow allows us to offer up to God a supple material for his grace. Instead of fearing your brokenness, use it to open to God's grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). "Many people followed him, and he cured them all."

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



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June 29, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we think of mission territory, we are likely to think of Africa or Asia, not of parts of our own country. Yet, there are many poor, sparsely populated dioceses in our country who need our help to minister to the People of God and to spread the Good News.

The **Collection for National Needs**, to be taken this year on **July 21 and 22**, gives each of us the opportunity to stand in solidarity with poorer dioceses in the United States. This collection is a combination of two other collections:

- **The Catholic Home Missions Appeal** impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds catechesis for children and adults, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses. The dioceses funded by the appeal comprise nearly 45 percent of all US dioceses.
- **The Black and Indian Mission Collection** helps to evangelize and support our African American, Native American and Alaskan Native communities with mission schools, religious education programs, the purchase of catechetical materials and ministry training.

The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is faced by thousands of faithful living in dioceses within our own country. I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 21 and 22. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families in these summer months.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

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



**At Saint Elizabeth's:**



**At Saint Joseph's:**

**Icon Writing Workshop—Nov. 4-10 (Sun. to Sat.)**

Come to Bethany Retreat Center for a special opportunity to learn about and create an icon based upon this 13th century image of Archangel Gabriel. The days will include class instruction and painting, personal prayer time, daily Mass and home-cooked meals provided by the Bethany staff. Materials to be provided include: a prepared icon board, set of brushes, palette, 23K gold leaf, pigments, and all other necessary materials to complete the icon. Everyone is welcome!. To register or more info: [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org) Email: [bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com) or all 814-263-4855.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of “things” because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our “things.” We even ignore each other because we have “things” to do. What “things” are separating you from your family?

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 22, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:**  
Tony DeSio

**Ministers:**  
Mary Smith  
Patricia Marrero  
Lois Housler

**Server:** Raychel & Mackenzie

**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 JULY 21-22, 2018**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jo Kreiner Nichol Kreiner	Terri Carr John Carr Bob Gross
Lectors:	Bob Murphy	Brooke Kane Walker
Altar Servers:	Noah	Gavin

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**Catholic Charities:** Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, staffed by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, helps expecting families with newborn infants and parents of children under 1 year of age. We are a United Way member agency that provides assistance to individuals of all faiths in the form of free diapers, infant clothing, and hygiene products. Our ability to provide these items is largely determined by donations either material or monetary. This year's donations have increased, however, “need” in our area remains high and difficult to support. **Sunday, July 29th** is “Diaper Sunday” and for the entire month of July the agency is collecting: Disposable diapers (any size. Any brand), gently used and new infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment, and wipes. Donations may be dropped off at the church in the designated area. Please help us touch and nurture the new lives that God has so richly blessed us with. Monetary donations should be made payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked “Catholic Charities-Diaper Drive”.

**NFP Awareness Week July 22-28, 2018**

*“Natural Family Planning: Celebrate God’s Gift of Married Love”* is this year’s theme for Natural Family Planning Awareness Week as designated by Bishop Persico in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. NFP is a way of life that incorporated fertility awareness, responsible parenthood and self-mastery into married love. To learn more about reliable family planning that respects your marriage, your body, and your faith: pick up literature from your parish, attend a class, visit our website at [www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm](http://www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm), or contact the Diocesan Chastity Education Office at 824-1259 or at 1-800-374-3723 ext. 259. Join NFP families from throughout the diocese on Sunday, July 22nd at the 11 AM Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie celebrated by Bishop Persico, followed by a luncheon and the opportunity to join other families at Presque Isle State Park.

**Free tours commemorate 125th anniversary of St. Peter Cathedral**

The public is welcome to participate in free tours of St. Peter Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese of Erie, on Aug. 4-5. The tours will begin following the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and after the 6:30, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Refreshments will be provided. The special weekend tour schedule commemorates the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Peter Cathedral, located at W. 10th and Sassafras streets, Erie. The people of the diocese are invited to learn about the history of the cathedral, which was designed shortly after the Civil War. Bishop Tobias Mullen and people from all over the diocese worked tirelessly to raise the funds to build it. Most people in the area were poor Irish, German and Italian immigrants who, despite their own hardships, came together to create a worship space for future generations. That legacy continues with a current restoration effort designed to preserve the building for the next 125 years. For more information, contact Sheila Grove at 814-450-7932.

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Lori Gross  
Sena Kean Visits: Terri & John Carr  
Lakeview: Mary Norgrove