

# *The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

*307 Franklin St.  
Smethport, PA 16749*

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Mount Jewett, Pa 16740*



## **Sacramental Information**

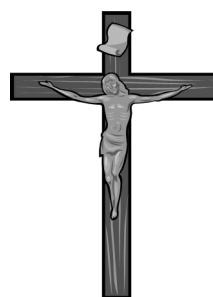
**Baptism:** Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

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

Saturday, June 27  
 5:00 PM + Elmer Campbell  
 by Nancy Nick

Sunday, June 28  
**8:45 AM Recitation of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM + Marsha Hall  
 by Katie & Dave Rumsey

Monday, June 29  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Michael Balon  
 by A. Denise Balon

Tuesday, June 30  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM Most Abandoned Souls in  
 Purgatory

Thursday, July 2  
 4-5:00 PM Confession  
 7:00 PM + Brian Morris  
 by Mom and Dad

Friday, July 3 **First Friday**  
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 12:10 PM In Reparation for Sins Committed  
 Against Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, July 4 **First Saturday**  
 8:00 AM In Reparation for The Offensive  
 Blasphemies Committed Against  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary

3:30-4:15 PM Confessions  
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, July 5  
**8:45 AM Recitation of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM + William Good  
 by Philip Griffin

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

Sunday, June 28  
 8:00 AM For The People

Sunday, July 5  
 8:00 AM + Robert Barber  
 by Karen Barber  
 Robert Barber & Family

**Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese**

June 28 Rev. Mark A. Nowak  
 June 29 Rev. Chris M. Hamlett  
 June 30 Very Rev. Richard J. Allen, E.V.  
 July 1 Rev. David M. Renne  
 July 2 Rev. John J. Murphy  
 July 3 Rev. Jerry S. Priscaro  
 July 4 Rev. Msgr. John W. Swoger



**St. Joseph's for the month of July 2020**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is In Loving Memory of  
**Betty & Raymond Allegretto**  
 by Dorothy Allegretto-Johnson



**INFANT OF PRAGUE** is In Loving Memory of  
**Mary Weston & Dee Sample** by Carole Walker

**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: You may still schedule Mass intentions for the week day Masses. There are many openings.**

**Face Covering must be worn in both Parish Churches**

**Wash your hands and fold them in prayer: A Catholic response to the coronavirus, "Get plenty of sleep and drink plenty of fluids, take your meds, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer"**

**Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie**  
 Get resources and suggestions for your family at the Diocese of Erie's family website, [www.eriecd.org/familiesmatter](http://www.eriecd.org/familiesmatter). Feel supported, encouraged, and blessed whether your family is a traditional, single-parent, blended, military, or an adoptive/foster family. Go Families!

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

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of June 21, 2020**

Weekly Collection: \$2,973.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of June 21, 2020**

Weekly Collection: \$228.00



**PERSON OF INTEREST**

Marriage Matters is back! After a long hiatus due to COVID-19, the Office of the Tribunal and Matrimonial Concerns has returned to continue our mission of helping pastoral ministers with questions regarding marriage and annulments. In these unprecedented times, when pastoral ministers are struggling to meet the needs of their people in an environment that often prohibits even proximity to people, much less physical contact, many questions have arisen about how exactly to carry out that ministry. This is true of marriage and annulments as well. Whether the questions concern marriage preparation, filing an annulment petition, or the celebration of marriage, if we cannot meet with people in person, how can we do these things?

It is beyond the scope of this humble newsletter to address all these issues. At the heart of all of them, however, at least as far as canon law is concerned, is our understanding of the human

person. Even divine law, as we know it, comes to us as it relates to people. That being so, having a solid grasp of the canonical understanding of persons will help us understand what adaptations are permitted to marriage and annulments during the current pandemic.

The term “person” in canon law refers to a subject of rights and obligations. Canon law deals basically with two different kinds of persons: physical and juridic. Juridic persons are essentially corporations and have little if anything to do with marriage and annulments. Physical persons are persons in the traditional sense of the term, as described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: “The human person, created in the image of God, is a being at once corporeal and spiritual...spirit and matter, in man, are not two natures united, but rather their union forms a single nature” (362 & 365).

Since physical persons are bodily in nature, they exercise their rights and fulfill their obligations bodily, hence the obligation that they perform legal (juridic) acts bodily. This means that, normally, people must complete marriage and annulment forms in person, or at least sign the completed forms in person with a witness

(notary), verifying the signature. In the United States, we at times bend this rule, accepting testimony on an M-B form by phone, for example, but this is not the practice envisioned in canon law. In fact, in Rome, such practices are pejoratively referred to as the “American style”, but the legal separation of church and state, and the subsequent lack of compulsory authority on the part of the church, requires us to be creative in fulfilling the demands of canon law.

That creativity reaches its limit when it comes to sacraments. Only persons in the full sense of the term can celebrate sacraments. Therefore, there can be no virtual, digital, or Zoom weddings. Only real, physical people, assisted by a real, physical and duly authorized minister, and witnessed by real, physical witnesses can validly contract marriage. Maybe someday our understanding of the person will change, but it hasn't yet, and perhaps we should thank God for that. That's all for now. Until next time, keep the faith, love God's people (even if from a distance), and always honor the code!





## Sunday, Jun 28, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Welcome, prophet

Younger generations are quick to tell older ones how wrong they are about everything. But wise elders don't dismiss challenges to their perspective lightly—especially when they have some truth to them. A prophetic word may at times come more naturally to the young: free of the accretions of habit and with no comfortable niche to defend (yet). Take time today to talk across the age gap. Hear the words to another generation's songs, consider their protests, withhold instant judgment. Having a conversation partner, as we've learned from the time of isolation, is worth the investment.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42 (97). *"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."*

## Monday, Jun 29, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

### A matching set for all eternity

Saints Peter and Paul are together the patrons of Rome, where both were martyred around the same time. The two men had their differences, but they were central in establishing the Christian faith, which eventually won over the Roman Empire despite fierce opposition from officials. Saint Augustine wrote: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one. . . Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith." Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591). *"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

## Tuesday, Jun 30, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

### Holiness involves dying a little each day

Tertullian, one of the first Christian theologians, wrote: "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." The church's first martyrs are commemorated a day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul—who tradition says were also victims of Nero's slaughter, beginning in 64. And martyrs aren't meant to be just a memory but also a model. Look no further than first responders and essential workers to see modern examples of those following the model of self-sacrifice for the sake of others. Offer a sign of gratitude for their service.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27 (378). *"Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?"*

## Wednesday, Jul 01, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST

### Live and learn

Missionaries in the age of the Iberian conquest of the Americas played a complex role, as protectors of the Indians but also projectors of the empire's power. Junípero Serra shares that mixed legacy—a mission priest who brought the saving power of Jesus but also was part of a colonization project that brought harsh treatment and epidemics. We know a little more about

indigenous rights today—and about epidemics too, for that matter. Keep the faith, but mix it with a healthy dose of respect for different traditions.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34 (379). *"Seek good and not evil, that you may live."*

## Thursday, Jul 02, 2020

### The healing power of compassion

Jesus healed in ways we consider miraculous, not because he had anything to prove about his power, but because his compassion urged him to alleviate suffering in whatever ways he could. His teaching and his healing went hand in hand: Both were focused on bringing us to wholeness. When he calls the paralytic man his son or child, it displays a mark of the tenderness he feels for all of us. Jesus draws us close in a healing embrace. Accept his healing today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8 (380). *"Courage, child, your sins are forgiven."*

## Friday, Jul 03, 2020

FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE

### Beyond all doubt

Thomas may have started out doubting, but once he saw and touched the truth, his faith took him very far indeed. It is said he traveled to the southwest coast of India in the year 52 and spent the last 20 years of his life there planting Christianity. To this day, "Saint Thomas Christians" in India trace their origins back to the apostle. In fact, Thomas is so popular that India has issued a commemorative stamp in his honor! Doubt does not oppose faith, it makes faith possible.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29 (593). *"Thomas answered and said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'"*

## Saturday, Jul 04, 2020

INDEPENDENCE DAY

### 'Tis of thee

It's not all that well known that at its founding, the United States was not a terribly tolerant collection of colonies when it came to religion. Every colony but Pennsylvania had some form of anti-Catholic law at the time of Independence. Thankfully, customs, attitudes, and laws have evolved. But freedom can never be taken for granted, lest it be taken for good! Celebrate your freedom today—as an American and as a Catholic!

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17 (382). *"The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."*

*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:**



**At Saint Joseph's:**

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the "lowly ones." What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Marriage advice from 1886: "Let your love be stronger than your anger...Believe the best rather than the worst...Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship. The person you choose to marry is deserving of the courtesies and kindnesses you bestow on your friends." Jane Wells (1886)

Your support of our parish is still so important in this time of pandemic.

If you are able, please remember to support our parish offertory.



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**Important Notes for Summer Travelers**

You can view the weekly bulletin on the Saint Elizabeth website:

<http://stelizabethsmethport.org>

Bookmark us on your smartphone, tablet, or laptop and take us on vacation with you!

Also, you can set up your weekly contributions on myEoffering if you will be away. Easy to use, safe, and convenient. Set up one-time payments for times you cannot put your envelope in the basket, or regular weekly or monthly giving.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our recently Baptized in the Waters of Life at Saint Elizabeth's Parish ! Lillian Michelle and Brock Jay Acker daughter and son of Jay and Michelle Acker who were baptized on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

**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.



**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*