

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

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, June 15

5:00 PM Deceased Members of
The Balon Family
by A. Denise Balon

Sunday, June 16

8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM For The People

Saturday, June 22

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

Sunday, June 23

8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM + Joseph Ognen
by St. Joseph Rosary Society

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, June 16

8:00 AM + Raymond Cole
by His Daughters

Sunday, June 23

8:00 AM + Patrick Eaton
by Ron Keim

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of June 9, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$1,718.92

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of June 9, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$464.00

Eucharistic Ministers: Any Eucharistic Ministers who go to Sena Kean must fill out a Volunteer Criminal Background Investigation Release. If you are a Catechist you already have your clearances on file with the Parish. All volunteers going to Sena Kean must have clearances from State Police and FBI (if a resident of PA for less than 2 years). Forms are available at the Parish Office.

What is the Trinity?

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way: The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three divine Persons are only one God because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature. They are really distinct from each other by reason of the relations which place them in correspondence to each other. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son [CCCC 48].

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, Special Intention, Elijah Waite, Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland, Louise DeSio, Bob Yancosek, Special Intention.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today we give thanks for our dads. In teaching us, healing our wounds and providing for us, our dads participate in the teaching, healing and feeding ministry of Jesus. In their generosity, God is made present.

Summer Youth Program at St. Joseph's is going strong and has entered into it's final week. On Friday the annual "Wet & Wild" picnic will be going on. The morning session starts later and ends up with a picnic for all involved.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Affliction produces endurance..." (Romans 5:3) Now that's not a happy thought! Who wants to suffer affliction? But, as much as we try to avoid physical or emotional pain, it happens. Share with your beloved a time that a hardship eventually made you stronger.

Building Fund Memorial

Robert Tronetti by Robert Murphy

Parish Development Fund

Robert Tronetti by Tom & Sally Cioffi
Robert Tronetti by Scott Nielsen Family



BANNS OF MARRIAGE II :

Rebecca Lathrup and Nate Schwab

Saturday, July 6, 2019



To the members of the St. Joseph Church,

The Leaders and Scouts of Boy Scout Troop #410 are very grateful for your generous donation. Your gift will definitely help us to make our Philmont trek this summer. We are ready and so excited to go!

Thank you!

Boy Scout Troop #410 and Tom Geer, Scoutmaster

The Wilcox Cemetery Association wants to sincerely thank you for your donation. We appreciate your generosity. Wilcox Cemetery Association, Mrs. Gale Lehman, Secretary

These donations were made with monies received from St. Joseph's Pancake Breakfasts

Sunday, Jun 16, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Truth is what reveals reality

A powerful politician once asked a condemned man: "What is truth?" If Pilate had sought truth, he'd have recognized his prisoner and set Jesus—and himself—free. Dostoevsky warned what happens to those who lose contact with the truth: They "lose all respect for themselves and for others. And having no respect, they cease to love." It's easy for Pilate to condemn a man who doesn't matter. Choose respect, choose love, and everyone begins to matter.

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 (166). *"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."*

Monday, Jun 17, 2019

Wage peace

Jesus' call to nonviolence is often misinterpreted as passivity and weakness. Far from it! In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, nonviolence does not mean surrendering to evil, but actively and courageously responding to it with good, "and thus breaking the chain of injustice." It means being someone "who is convinced of God's love and power, who is not afraid to confront evil with the weapons of love and truth alone." Join what the Holy Father called the "Christian revolution" of loving your enemy and start waging peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). *"When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well."*

Tuesday, Jun 18, 2019

It rains on everybody

Jesus asks us to love people who've been hateful and pray for people who are hurting us. Why should we do such a thing? Because it makes us more like God—and after all, we are the children of God. God brings rain down on everybody indiscriminately, and sunshine, too. God does not withhold divine blessings from bad people and give them to good people, though you'd have a hard time getting some folks to believe that. Perfect human justice is merely even-steven. Divine justice, bounded by mercy, goes way beyond just deserts.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). *"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."*

Wednesday, Jun 19, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

Get some expert advice

Saint Romuald lived from the first millennium into the second. He likewise bridged the world of monastic prayer and the rest of the world by showing that ordinary experiences are examples of how to relate to God. He said, for example, "Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it"—perhaps anticipating today's "turn off your cell phone and television." He said, "Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish," suggesting that if you know how to fish—be silent, still, and wait for the fish to make themselves known—then you know how

to pray. A great saint can point us to holiness in simple, commonplace ways.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). *"Your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."*

Thursday, Jun 20, 2019

Needs need testing

Perhaps you've heard the saying: "God doesn't need our prayers—we do." God knows what we need even before we ask. Truth be told, often enough we don't really know what we *need*, only what we *want*. They aren't always the same thing, as another popular saying reminds us: "Be careful what you pray for, you just might get it!" So we pray for what we want, and God sees to it that we get what we really need, and later, we realize God was right, again—thank God!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). *"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

Friday, Jun 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

Earthen treasures

Young Aloysius Gonzaga intentionally walked away from his family's wealth and power, choosing to join the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. Gonzaga lived such an extreme life of prayer and self-denial that his superiors told him to eat more and spend increased time with friends. While studying theology in Rome when a plague broke out, he volunteered to care for the sick in a Jesuit hospital. That sacrifice eventually claimed his life at the tender age of 23. Give thanks for the friends who stand by you and renew you in times of joy and of struggle—the real treasure in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy . . . but store up treasures in heaven."*

Saturday, Jun 22, 2019

MEMORIALS OF JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

Be a believer for all seasons

Fisher and More, who were friends, were executed (in 1535) within 15 days of one another over their opposition to King Henry VIII's divorce of Catherine of Aragon and his plans to take over the church in England. On the scaffold More described himself as the "king's good servant—but God's first." The film version of More's life, *A Man for All Seasons*, won six Oscars, including Best Picture. Watch the movie and give some thought to how you can put God first in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). *"Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"*

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



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The Prayer of the Faithful

The petitions we know as the General Intercessions or Prayers of the Faithful are called the Universal Prayer in the 2012 revision of the Roman Missal. Their purpose remains the same—to appeal to God for the needs of our community and the needs of the world. The official name may cause us to pay more attention to the global focus of the prayer. In the flow of the mass, the Universal Prayer follows the Creed and concludes the section of mass known as the Liturgy of the Word.

An old adage recommends that these petitions be composed with the Scriptures in one hand and a newspaper—or newsfeed — in the other. It's good advice. These intentions are meant to address local and specific needs as well as the needs of all of God's creation. "[P]etitions may be offered for holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world," according to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM).

It may come as a surprise but our Intercessions evolved from the 18 Jewish synagogue prayers of petition called *Tefillah* or *Amidah* and became part of early Christian worship. Over the centuries they fell out of use until they were recovered with the liturgical revisions of Vatican II.

The Universal Prayer has three parts: An **invitation** to the assembly to present their needs, the reading of the **petitions** with a response and a **closing prayer**. Let's look at this structure more closely.

The presider invites the assembly to bring their needs before God. The *Introduction to the Lectionary of the Mass* says that he may use a reference from the Scriptures of the day in his invitation. A deacon or a lector reads the petitions speaking to the assembly, not to God. These petitions "should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and the should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community" (GIRM). Each petition concludes with a cue to the people, such as, "Let us pray to the

Lord." The assembly's response, often "Lord, hear our prayer" is the actual prayer addressed to God.

Petitions are most effective when they address actual needs of the community. "Canned" resources should be carefully edited. Remember that petitions are to be universal and should include global and national issues that affect all of God's people. Nonetheless, petitions should avoid making political or partisan distinctions.

Some cautions: Avoid **anonymous prayers**, such as, for a *special intention*. These are to be public prayers with intentions that everyone can agree to pray for. Avoid **prayers of thanksgiving**. The entire Eucharistic celebration is all about thanksgiving. These are to be prayers of petition. Avoid **the phrase "for N., for whom this mass is offered**. Parishioners often make a donation to the church asking that a loved one be remembered at a mass. For these petitions, use this or a similar form "For N. and all who have died...." This retains the fundamental belief that mass is offered for all of us.

The Universal Prayer is a dialogue between reader and people and the new Missal encourages us to sing dialogues when possible. Here are some suggestions. The people's response may be a sung. The cue to the response, and the people's response itself, may be sung. For more festive liturgies, the petitions themselves might be sung, as on Good Friday, with its tradition of sung solemn petitions and sung response.

To help engage the community, a general intention followed by a brief pause may help: "For peace in the world," (Pause for the assembly to consider the situations of war and violence in need of prayer.) "that *country N.* and *country N.*...may see beyond their differences and seek peace." This allows all of us to join our personal prayers for peace with the specific petition and praying "Lord hear our prayer."

In the Universal Prayer, we acknowledge our need for divine help and this opens us up to the transformation of our relationship with God—and with our community.



At Saint Elizabeth's:



At Saint Joseph's:

Mon June 17-21 9:00 AM Summer Youth Program
 Mon June 17-21 6:30 PM Summer Youth Program
 St. Joseph hall

Pray for Priests

June 16 Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel
 June 17 Rev. Mark J. Mastrian
 June 18 Rev. Ian McElrath
 June 19 Rev. Joseph C. Campbell
 June 20 Rev. Msgr. William C. Karg
 June 21 Very Rev. Matthew J. Kujawinski, V.F.
 June 22 Very Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lohse, V.G.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 23, 2019
 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

Lector: Tony DeSio
Ministers: Mary Ann Schafer
 Patricia Marrero
Server: Mackenzie Kevin Housler

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. 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 **TRYDX**.

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 June 22-23, 2019

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Heather Costa Vicki Bickford	Bernie Valenti Steve Valenti Kelli Swanson
Lectors:	Paul Costa	Tom Kreiner
Altar Servers:	Chloe	Elizabeth Zach

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Vicki Bickford
 Sena Kean Visits: Steve Valenti & Kelli Swanson
 Lakeview:

St. Joseph's for the month of June

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of The Napolitan & Segulin Families
INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of Jackie Walker Cartwright, Connie Walker & Carson Walker



THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Life Line Screening, will be here on **Saturday, July 13th**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Saint Elizabeth's Church Hall on 7/13/2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations 4
 Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, August 4, at St. Catherine of Siena in DuBois or Sunday, August 25, at Sacred Heart in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Marriage and Family Life Office, (814) 824-1265 or (800) 374-3723 ext. 265.



On Sunday, July 21, join Bishop Lawrence Persico and faithful from around the diocese in celebrating God's plan for love and life during the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, PA. A free, family-friendly luncheon will follow in the Mother Teresa Academy Cafeteria. Families from around the diocese have appreciated this annual opportunity to enjoy each other's company, build new friendships, and kick off national Natural Family Planning Awareness Week.