

# *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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**SAINT ELIZABETH, SMETHPORT, PA**

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

Saturday, Aug. 17  
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Aug. 18  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM + Kirklyn Tronetti  
 by Aunt Ann & Family

Monday, Aug. 19  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Lloyd Mulvihill  
 by Michael Mulvihill

Tuesday, Aug. 20  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Elmer Campbell  
 by Jim & Linda McFetridge

Thursday, Aug. 22  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM For The People

Friday, Aug. 23  
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 12:10 PM + Raymond Deegan  
 by Friends

Saturday, Aug. 24  
 3:30-4:15 PM Confessions  
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Aug. 25  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM + Aton & Mary Placer  
 by Katie & Dave Rumsey

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

Sunday, Aug. 18  
 8:00 AM + Fr. Jack Barwin  
 by St. Joseph Rosary Society

Sunday, Aug. 25  
 8:00 AM + Steven Lenard, Donald Allegretto  
 by Family

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Aug. 11 2019**

**Weekly Collection: \$3,241.00**

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Aug. 11, 2019**

**Weekly Collection: \$ 240.00**

**Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services** extends our sincere gratitude for the generous donation of \$250.00 to our agency. This donation will be used directly to help mothers in the area having difficulty meeting the needs of their infants. Again, thank you for your generosity and support.

**Finance Council Meeting** is on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 PM in the parish hall.

**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, Louise DeSio, Bob Yancosek, Special Intention.

**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 .

**Religious Education:** It's that time of year again. School will be starting soon and so will our Religious Education Program. We need 2 Catechists this year. If this is something your interested in or would like more information about, please contact Fr. Vince or Jan Adamoski, R.E. coordinator (887-4992).

**Anniversary** Sister Mary will celebrate her 70th Jubilarian Anniversary on Thursday, August 22nd. Her address is as follows for anyone would like to send her good wishes. 472 Sartwell Creek Road, Port Allegany, PA 16743

**Latin America**

This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newly Baptized into the Waters of Life at Saint Elizabeth's Parish ! Octavian Francis Meyer, son of Lawrence & Sarah Meyer was baptized on Saturday, August 10, 2019.

**Parish Development Memorial Fund**

Elmer Campbell	by Scott & Maria Nielsen
Elmer Campbell	by Carl & Jane Defilippi
Elmer Campbell	by Judy Abbey
Elmer Campbell	by Ann Buchholz & Family
Elmer Campbell	by Anna Chubon, Frank L. & Julie
Elmer Campbell	by The Pavlock Family
Elmer Campbell	by James & Linda McFetridge
Elmer Campbell	by Applied Geology & Environmental Science, Inc.
Elmer Campbell	by Orval & Rose Minard & Family

**Building Memorial Fund**

Elmer Campbell	by Debbie Defibaugh
Elmer Campbell	by Gayle & Abbie Weaver
Robert Tronetti	by Ray & Carolee Learn
Elmer Campbell	by Ray & Carolee Learn
Mary Eidson	by Ray & Carolee Learn
Betty Faes	by Ray & Carolee Learn



## Sunday, Aug 18, 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Get fired up!

Author Jack London told the chilling tale of a brazen traveler who failed to take the peril of extreme weather conditions seriously. Building a proper fire in the right place might have kept him alive during a blizzard. Absent such a fire, the man's fate was sealed. Jesus assures his friends that his mission in this world is to set such a blazing, saving fire in the hearts of believers. If we carry this passionate flame, no circumstances can endanger us. Contemplate an image of the Sacred Heart, and stoke the fire in your own!

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53 (120). *"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"*

## Monday, Aug 19, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

### God cares through your hands

During the plagues of 1627 and 1631, John Eudes cared for the sick, sleeping in a field to avoid infecting his fellow priests. Similar efforts made today are honored by World Humanitarian Day, commemorating 22 United Nations staff killed by a terrorist attack in Baghdad in 2003. Since then, more than 4,000 aid workers have been injured, kidnapped, or killed, targeted as they served more than 65 million people displaced from their homes and more than 26,000 civilians killed or injured in six countries. Learn more at World Humanitarian Day and ask yourself how you can help contribute to a more humane world today and every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 2:11-10; Matthew 19:16-22 (419). *"The Lord would be moved to pity by their groaning."*

## Tuesday, Aug 20, 2019

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Saintly? It's complicated

Bernard of Clairvaux was a brilliant and charismatic leader of the Cistercian monastic reform that encouraged a return to the original Benedictine life of prayer and manual labor. At the same time he was friend and mentor to powerful church leaders and was drawn into the geopolitical struggles embodied in the Crusades. How to reconcile the image of the prayerful monk with that of spiritual cheerleader to a militant army of Crusaders? Church history is filled with contradictions—as is each one of us. We have the simple contemplative and the militant crusader living in our own heart. Which one shall we nurture?

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). *"Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven."*

## Wednesday, Aug 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

### Be a warm-hearted believer

Pope Pius X pastored the universal church from 1903 to 1914, a tumultuous period in world history, which saw traditional ways of life giving way, whether in the natural sciences, politics, or economic life, to new ways of thinking, organizing, believing. Though most commonly remembered as a staunch traditionalist and "anti-modernist," Pius should also be remembered for his simple, unpretentious lifestyle (he never lost sight of his poor

roots), his personal warmth and love of children, and his generous charitable outreach. After the horrific Messina earthquake of 1908, the most destructive earthquake ever recorded in Europe with some 100,000 casualties, Pius is said by one source to have filled the Apostolic Palace with refugees long before the Italian government acted. Make sure a warm heart is front and center in your own life of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). *"Are you envious because I am generous?"*

## Thursday, Aug 22, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### The sky is not the limit

*Lumen gentium*, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, declares the "Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the Universe." Going to Orlando, Florida anytime soon? Visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, a 2,000-seat church dedicated to the Queenship of Mary and established to serve the 30 million tourists who visit the Orlando area every year. Wish to be reminded of Mary's connection to the whole universe, and why that will matter into the future? Visit nearby Cape Canaveral.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14 (422). *"The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike."*

## Friday, Aug 23, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

### Care of the soul

Life isn't easy. It's good and beautiful, yes, but stressful, chaotic, and sometimes even devastating. Wouldn't it be great to "get away from it all"? One might think that this is what Saint Rose of Lima did when she became practically a recluse in her parents' house. She dedicated her life to solitude and a profound sense of solidarity with Jesus the Christ, especially the Suffering Christ. Yet within this calling, Rose found a spaciousness within herself to open a nearby room in the house to care for people in need. How do you experience this sacred dynamic of contemplative quiet and compassionate care?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

## Saturday, Aug 24, 2019

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

### Caught up in prayer

If you met Jesus face-to-face and he saw right through you—straight into your soul—and told you exactly what you had been doing before meeting him, what would he see and what would he say? Would he judge that you were honest and good? That you had spent the prior moment in prayer? That's what happened to the Apostle Bartholomew upon being introduced to Jesus. Let's always be ready to be "caught in the act" of communing with God, with a pure heart, recognizing our King when he greets us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). *"You will see greater things than this."*

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



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**YOU SAY TOMATO,  
I SAY MARRIAGE.**

We have covered many topics in this newsletter about the subject of marriage, but we have not really reflected in any depth on what marriage is. We will therefore look this month at the canonical definition of marriage and what kinds of marriages there are.

Canon 1055 §1 defines marriage as a “partnership of the whole of life...which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children.” Canon 1056 fleshes this definition out by identifying the essential properties of marriage: unity and indissolubility. So, by its very nature, marriage is an exclusive and permanent covenant established between a man and a woman for their good and the good of having and raising children. This is a matter of divine law (Matthew 19:3-9), and no human power on earth, including the pope, can change it.

Notice that nothing in the above definition mentions anything about being Catholic, or being Christian, or being married in the Church. Marriage is a natural institution that predates and goes far beyond Christianity, and we recognize Non-Christian and Non-Catholic marriages. This is why even Non-Catholics and Non-Christians who have a prior marriage and wish to enter a new marriage in the Catholic Church or who are in a second or subsequent marriage and wish to come into the Church through the RCIA must have the validity of any prior marriages resolved through the annulment process. All marriages are by definition permanent, for life, and exclusive, between one man and one woman, and, unless and until God changes that, we must uphold it for everyone, Catholics and Non-Catholics alike.

Marriage according to the above, universally applicable definition is commonly referred to as natural marriage. All marriages that are truly marriages are therefore natural marriages, but some natural marriages are also sacramental marriages. Canon 1055 §1 states that the natural institution of marriage “has been raised by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized.”

The next paragraph goes even further: “For this reason, a valid matrimonial contract cannot exist between the baptized without it being by that fact a sacrament.” This means that any valid marriage between the baptized is not only natural but sacramental. “Baptized” here means any baptized Christians, including Non-Catholics. So, if two baptized Non-Catholics marry, their marriage is sacramental according to the Catholic Church, even if they do not believe that marriage is a sacrament themselves. While this understanding of marriage may raise certain theological questions, the distinction between a merely natural marriage and a sacramental marriage is important for certain canonical procedures, the explanation of which goes beyond the limits of this newsletter.

That’s it for now. Next time we will look at some other kinds of marriages. Until then, keep the faith, love God’s people, and always honor the code!







**At Saint Elizabeth's:**

Tues. Aug. 27 6:30 PM Finance Council Mtg.  
Parish hall



**At Saint Joseph's:**

**Pray for Priests**

- Aug. 18 Rev. Msgr. Henry L. Krebs
- Aug. 19 Very Rev. Msgr. Richard R. Siefer, E.V.
- Aug. 20 Rev. Philip Bilotte
- Aug. 21 Rev. Raymond W. Hahn
- Aug. 22 Rev. Philip M. Oriole
- Aug. 23 Rev. Robert A. Manning
- Aug. 24 Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph C. Gregorck, V.F.



**Week day Masses are available at St. Elizabeth for intention.**

**St. Joseph** will have "Fellowship Sunday" on August 25th following the 8:00 AM Mass. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. If you wish to donate something, leave it in the kitchen marked for fellowship.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUG. 25, 2019 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:** Brittany Bizzak

**Ministers:**  
Mary Smith  
Mary Ann Schafer  
Kevin Housler

**Server:** Raychel

**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 AUG. 24-25, 2019**

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

**St. Joseph's for the month of August**



**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is In Loving Memory of Charles & Mary Kalinowski by Karen Barber & Robert Barber & Family

**INFANT OF PRAGUE** is In Loving Memory of Robert & Gloria Barber by Karen Barber & Robert Barber & Family

**Marriage Moments**

If your employment is home based or you are a homemaker, you may have to create your own "marriage friendly" work policies. Agree about when you will take work phone calls or when it is time to stop WORK and relax together. Of course, if you have young children, you don't fully control your time. You're always on call. Have the spouse who works "outside the home" spell you.

**Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie**

Get resources and suggestions for your family at the Diocese of Erie's family website, [www.erieecd.org/familiesmatter](http://www.erieecd.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 TRY7DX.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

**Missionary Cooperative Weekend**

On the weekend of Aug. 24-25, Sister Marian Wehler, OSB will be here to share about Catholic Rural Ministry II. Like Sisters Phyllis and Mary, who serve in Catholic Rural Ministry I in the Bradford Deanery, Sister Tina Geiger, RSM and Sister Marian Wehler, OSB serve parishes in a similar fashion in the Oil City Deanery. Sister Marian will share with us about the people and activities they are involved in serving. The collection taken will be divided between the two Catholic Rural Ministries.

**Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services**

Pregnancy Support Program would like to thank your congregation for their recent "Diaper Drive" donations for our infant pantry. Your generous donations will allow the agency to continue to serve area mothers in need, and improve the quality of life for their infants. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Vickie Bickford  
Sena Kean Visits: Kelli Swanson & Steve Valenti  
Lakeview: Marian Bush