

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.

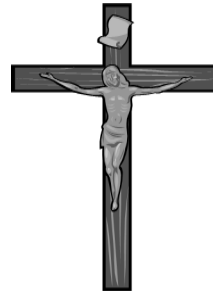
Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

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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SAINT ELIZABETH, SMETHPORT, PA

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, Nov. 17
5:00 PM For The People
Sunday, Nov. 18
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM + Betty Faes
by American Legion Aux. Unit #976
Monday, Nov. 19
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM + Joseph Segulin
by The White Family
Tuesday, Nov. 20
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM + Eileen McKean
by The Brown Family
Saturday, Nov. 24
3:30-4:15 PM Confession
5:00 PM + Julia Zawacki
by Julie Marquart
Sunday, Nov. 25
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM + For The People

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Nov. 18
8:00 AM + Robert & Gloria Barber
by Karen Barber &
Robert Barber & Family
Sunday, Nov. 25
8:00 AM + Deena Kaye-Rugo
by Sisters & Brother

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

No report due to early bulletin deadline

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Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, December 16th will be the last day to turn in your flower envelopes to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Please be sure and write clearly on the envelope. Thank you.



Fellowship Sunday at St. Joseph will take place on Sunday, November 25th following the 8 AM Mass. Come join us for good fellowship and sweet treats.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: A Special Intention, Pat Peterson, Rita Bidwell, Shelly Maybury, Jack & Janine Sokoloski, Dylan Lunder, John Crowley, Cathy Kaltenbach, A Special Intention, Patti Price, Caitlyn Bankovich, Elijah Waite, Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland, Louise DeSio.

**St. Joseph Rosary Society News:
Ladies mark you calendars for St.**

Joseph's Annual Rosary Christmas Party. It will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4th at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. This year the dinner will be catered so sign-up sheets will be available starting Monday, Nov. 5th in the back of **both churches.** Deadline to sign-up is **Sunday, Nov. 25th.** Menu is: Baked Ham & Scalloped Potatoes or Chicken & Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Veggies and Dessert. Feel free to bring a wrapped gift for "Dirty Bingo".



**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL WEEKDAY MASSES
WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL.**



The Smethport Peer Helpers are sponsoring a Hat and Glove Drive. The items will be donated to the Smethport Food Bank for those in need. Please donate new winter accessories. The drive ends on November 30th."

St. Elizabeth Christmas Party Tickets

for "Believe" the 7th annual Christmas Party will be on sale for 3 weekends starting Nov. 24th. The party will be Sunday, Dec. 16th at 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, 6 years or older (children 5 years and younger are free). See Wendy before or after weekend Masses or call the office to purchase your tickets



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy, and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

—Mary Fairchild

7 th. Annual

St. Elizabeth's CHRISTMAS PARTY

Believe



Sunday, December 16, 2018

St Elizabeth's Hall

Doors open at 1:00 pm

Dinner, door prizes, caroling, and more

ONLY \$5.00 PER PERSON

{children 5 and under free}

Tickets on sale starting Nov 24

No tickets will be sold at the door

No take outs available

Sunday, Nov 18, 2018

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Christ the light shine

It used to be that sensible people shrugged off most apocalyptic talk as a religious scare tactic. After all, only Chicken Little seriously believes the sky is falling and life as we know it is ending! Yet the present global situation makes apocalypse sound pertinent, even descriptive of the texture of our times. The light of hope can seem dimmer than ever; nonetheless, when fear begins to sound like the wisest course and paralysis the only option, hold fast to the Good News and its promise of light and life!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32 (158). "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Monday, Nov 19, 2018

Live your faith day by day

You may know "Day by Day," the popular song from the 1970s musical *Godspell*. The refrain, which was adapted from a 13th-century English prayer, includes the lines: "Three things I pray: To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly." Those words pretty well summarize the yearning in the heart of all Christians. It begins with "seeing clearly" because it's hard to love or follow Jesus unless you do your best to focus on him and his message. The blind man who begged Jesus "Lord, please let me see" spoke for all of us. Spend a moment today reflecting on blind spots in your own faith—areas where doubt, fear, ego, or simple neglect have carried the day thus far.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43 (497). "Have sight; your faith has saved you."

Tuesday, Nov 20, 2018

Mercy is the great equalizer

"Mercy that is truly Christian is also the most perfect incarnation of 'equality' between people," wrote Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Rich in Mercy*. Our compassion compels us to see the dignity of persons in need. They become lovable simply because they are. Despite any faults, poor choices, weaknesses, or circumstances beyond their control, those in need are worthy of alms (from the Greek words for *compassion* and *mercy*)—for Christ's sake. Strive to see in others what Jesus saw in tax collectors, sinners, and the least among us: the face of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10 (498). "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

Wednesday, Nov 21, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Moment by moment, grace upon grace

Make a list of what you've been taught about Mary of Nazareth: virgin, mother of Jesus, Mother of God, conceived immaculately, assumed into heaven bodily—it's an astonishing list. Her life was "full of grace," yet the Bible says little of her beyond the first moments of Jesus' life and the last. Church tradition supplies the rest, not to invent history but to illustrate how this Jewish girl's life was made holy by her choices and those of the family that

nurtured her. Our families become holy in the same way, one decision at a time.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28 (499). "To everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

Thursday, Nov 22, 2018

THANKSGIVING DAY

Gratitude is good for the body and soul

The gratitude you feel on Thanksgiving is good for your mental health. Practicing daily gratitude, psychologists say, results in higher levels of energy, alertness, enthusiasm, and determination. Better yet, people who feel grateful are more likely to feel loved and repay kindnesses. Benedictine Brother David Stendl-Rast, one of the founders of gratefulness.org, says that, by freely choosing gratitude, we can "create a better life for ourselves and for others." Now there's something to be thankful for.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19 (943-947). "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

Friday, Nov 23, 2018

MEMORIAL OF CLEMENT I, POPE, MARTYR

Take a letter

We tend to think that important letter-writing in the early church was limited to the New Testament, Saint Paul being the star correspondent. But others wrote letters to Christian communities, like the third bishop of Rome, Clement, who wrote to the same church in Corinth that Paul had tried to straighten out earlier. Though we don't know much else about Clement, we know he lived in Rome at the end of first century, only a generation or two after Peter and Paul had died there. Clement mentions their deaths, writing of Peter, "Let us set before our eyes the illustrious apostles. Peter . . . endured not one or two, but numerous labors, and when he had finally suffered martyrdom, departed to the place of glory due to him." Let us recall those early martyrs who gave everything for Christ and his church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48 (501). "Jesus entered the temple area and proceeded to drive out those who were selling things."

Saturday, Nov 24, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Culture gets holy; holiness gets culture

In 1988, when Pope John Paul II canonized the Vietnam martyrs whose feast we celebrate today, he used the opportunity to speak of the value of enculturation. The pope praised the martyrs and witnesses for initiating dialogue among various religious groups and proposing ways to put Christian faith in action that were suited to Asian culture, such as teaching that "one should respect and venerate one's ancestors according to the customs of the land in light of the mystery of the Resurrection." Out of respect for these humble and courageous martyrs, do your best to respect the customs and religious practices of all faiths as you freely practice your own cultural expressions of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40 (502). "Some of the scribes said in reply, 'Teacher, you have answered well.'"

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:

Fri. Nov. 23 6-8:30 PM Hall in Use
 Sun. Nov. 25 No Religious Education Classes



At Saint Joseph's:

Sun. Nov. 25 Fellowship Sunday following 8 AM Mass

Pray for Priest-November 18-24
 Nov. 18th Rev. James J. Kennelley
 Nov. 19th Rev. Msgr. Andrew H. Karg
 Nov. 20th Rev. William M. Kuba
 Nov. 21st Rev. Msgr. Joseph K. Bobal
 Nov. 22nd GIVE THANKS
 Nov. 23rd Rev. John L. Miller
 Nov. 24th Rev. Kyle Seyler



Saint Elizabeth weekday Mass openings for 2018 for intentions and you can also start requesting dates for 2019. You can put in your request for Mass intentions by calling the parish office 9 AM—1 PM Monday thru Friday or drop your requests in the collection basket.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector:
 Mary Smith

Server:
 Mackenzie

Ministers:
 Carole Walker
 Holly Hamilton
 Kevin Housler

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 NOV. 24-25, 2018

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jo Kreiner Nichole Kreiner	Bernie Valenti Steve Valenti Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Colleen White	Kelli Swanson
Altar Servers:	Chloe	Sabrina

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Lu Vandermark
 Sena Kean Visits: Vicki Bickford, Penny Eddy
 Lakeview: Steve Eidson



**St. Joseph's
 For the month of November**

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of Michael Ferko & Yancosek Families
INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of John & Jerry Forsyth

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

With Thanksgiving coming up review whose job it is to cook, to decorate, to entertain guests... Remember the Martha and Mary story (Luke 10:41). Want to try anything different this year?

Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie

Need some ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the Families Always Matter website, www.ErieRCD.org/familiesmatter, to find information/ideas for traditional, single-parent, blended, military, and adoptive/foster families. At the Diocese of Erie, families always matter! Go Families! Also Formed.org using our parish code **TRY7DX**.

Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Smethport Area Chamber of Commerce is once again holding "Light Up The Night" on Friday, Nov. 23rd at 6 PM on Main St. Fun Activities, snacks & music are planned. Refreshments will be served in St. Elizabeth's parish hall.



Give your loved ones the gift of Engagement Encounter

What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held on January 25th through 27th in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office for details at 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. Also, you may register on line at www.erieRCD.org/ee.htm. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."