

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.

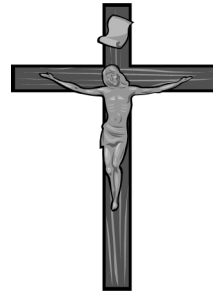
Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

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



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, Mar. 23
 5:00 PM For The People
Stations of The Cross

Sunday, Mar. 24
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Joseph & Anna Valenti
 by The Valenti Family

3:00 PM Penance Service

Monday, Mar. 25
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM Thelma Brooder

Tuesday, Mar. 26
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of The
 Lyle & Edna Cook Family

Thursday, Mar. 28
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM For The People

Friday, Mar. 29
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM + Connie Gergel
 by The Meyer Family
Stations of The Cross

Saturday, Mar. 30
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession
 5:00 PM For The People
Stations of The Cross

Sunday, Mar. 31
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM In Celebration of the 50th Wedding
 Anniversary of Ginny & Stacy Lunn
 by The Family

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Mar. 24
 8:00 AM + Olga & Oliva Biel
 by Granddaughters

Sunday, Mar. 31
 8:00 AM + Raymond Allegretto
 by This Children

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Mar. 10, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$2,836.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Mar. 10, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$359.00

St. Elizabeth Women's Fellowship will meet Sunday, March 31 at noon in the parish hall. The agenda will include a wrap-up of soup lunches and planning 2019 business. Bring a light lunch dish to share if you wish

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: A Special Intention, Pat Peterson, 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, Jacque Silvagni, Bob Yancosek, Special Intention.

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Mar. 17, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$1,491.50

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Mar. 17, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$ 471.00



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 **TRY7DX**.

The Smethport Area Peer Helpers are sponsoring a School Supplies Drive. All donations of new school supplies will be given to students at Smethport High School and Elementary School. The drive will end on March 31st. Thank you all for your generosity! Only two weeks left to bring in your donations.

Rice Bowl-Third Sunday of Lent—Encounter The Dhathcroos Family

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.



St. Joseph's Feast Day Breakfast: On Sunday, March 31st St Joseph will have breakfast following the 8:00 AM Mass. There are sign-up sheets in the back of both churches. **Today is the last day to sign-up.**

Summer Youth Program-St. Joseph's is in need of toilet paper rolls, about 900, for a craft planned for the kids. If you would bring them in there will be a box on the table in the hall way at St. Elizabeth's and a box in the back of the church at St. Joseph's.

Easter Flower Memorial: Please have your Easter Flower donations in by Sunday, April 7th so that you will be included in the Easter bulletin. Please write clearly. Thank You



St. Joseph Feast Day Breakfast

St. Joseph Parish Hall

20 Division St.

March 31, 2019 following 8:00 AM
Mass

All are invited



Sunday, Mar 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

When to be a quitter

In playground rhetoric, a quitter is among the worst things to be. Even in adulthood, none of us wishes to cultivate a reputation for not following through on projects and promises. But sometimes it's good to quit, as any nicotine addict, alcoholic, or gambler will attest. How do we judge "when to hold 'em, and when to fold 'em"? Jesus promotes fruitfulness as the most reliable measure of an effort's viability. Holding on to a fruitless situation that does not respond to herculean efforts toward cultivation is a waste of life's soil. Contemplate what to preserve and what to prune.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 (30). "So cut [this fig tree] down. Why should it exhaust the soil?"

Monday, Mar 25, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Do not be afraid

Artist Henry Ossawa Tanner's painting of the Annunciation allows us to imagine the awesome exchange between Mary and the angel Gabriel in a new way. The light in the painting depicts the Divine messenger, but it is the look on Mary's face that reminds us of her humanity and makes us ponder our own. When the unexpected or the confusing complexity of life stops us in our tracks, when we do not understand, and when we feel afraid, it is God's promise to be with us and Mary's model of acceptance and trust that can console and lead and guide us. If there is a doubt, or a struggle to understand, or a fear of the unknown for you today, surrender your worries to Mary and ask for her help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). "May it be done to me according to your word."

Tuesday, Mar 26, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Lighten your load

Forgiveness is one of those things that's easier said than done. Even after we've reluctantly uttered the words, "OK, you're forgiven," who among us hasn't secretly carried a grudge against our offender? Judging by the number of lawsuits filed each year, we aren't so good at forgiving our debtors or trespassers. But does "forgiving from the heart," as we are called to do, mean we have to become everyone's favorite doormat? Hardly. It simply means that we accept the fact that others are as human and prone to folly as are we. Lent is the perfect season to practice forgiving from the heart. Give it a try—you'll feel lighter when you no longer have to carry that grudge around.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

Wednesday, Mar 27, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

School is in session

In his sixth-century *Rule*, Saint Benedict, one of the founders of monasticism, described a monastery to be a "school of the Lord's service." School may not be everyone's favorite place, but in the best sense of the term, a school is a good place to learn, and the Catholic tradition offers a number of them. The liturgy, for example, is a school for prayer—think of all the different kinds of

prayer in the Mass—and also for life: You learn to make yourself a living sacrifice in communion with Jesus. Scripture, the saints, and the church's moral teachings also offer "learning opportunities" to explore. It's time to get some schooling!

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239). "Hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe."

Thursday, Mar 28, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

How to be more prophet-able

Many think of biblical prophets as people whom God gave the mysterious power to see into the future. Prophets, however, were not crystal-ball gazers who predicted what was to come. Most of the time they talked about the present—their present—and sometimes about the past as well. They focused on what the People of God were doing—or not doing—in their relationship with God. In bringing God's word to a situation, they called people back to God and showed them that God was still a guiding force in their lives. God summoned a long line of prophets to serve the Israelites, and there have been Christian prophets, too.

A few prophets might even be around today. Hear any?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). "I have sent you untiringly all my servants the prophets."

Friday, Mar 29, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

When will we forgive?

Nobody likes a traitor. From Brutus to John Wilkes Booth to Judas, those who betray ultimate loyalties like patriotism or friendship seem beyond redemption. A deep bond also exists within families that can be trespassed or broken. In times of infidelity, mistreatment, severed trust, or divorce, it can seem that the idea of family itself has been lost. While people often don't feel the capacity to pardon violations, emotion plays only a part in the task of forgiveness. Forgiving is also an act of will, not only of feelings. God models the decision of forgiveness for us, allowing the healing to begin. Abstain from meat today—and from withholding the healing power of forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). "I will love them freely; for my wrath is turned away from them."

Saturday, Mar 30, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Go ahead and ask

While most of us do not commit obviously grievous sins, we still "miss the mark" regularly in subtle ways, for example, by being angry or self-righteous. Although it is not easy or comfortable to admit that we are not perfect, our spiritual well-being depends upon it. May our prayer today be that we are made aware of the times and ways we have sinned so that we can ask for God's mercy. For although God doesn't wait to be asked before forgiving us, we cannot receive that forgiveness if we haven't acknowledged our need for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). "The tax collector prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'"

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:

Sun. Mar. 24 10:30 to 11:30 AM Religious Education
 Thurs. Mar. 28 8:00-4:00 PM Conservation Workshop



At Saint Joseph's:

Sun. Mar. 31 St. Joseph Feast Day Breakfast
 Following 8:00 AM Mass

Pray for Priests

Mar. 24 Very Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek, V.F.
 Mar. 25 Very Rev. Michael P. Ferrick, V.F.
 Mar. 26 Very Rev. Michael T. Kesicki
 Mar. 27 The Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman
 Mar. 28 Rev. Leo J. Gallina
 Mar. 29 Rev. Msgr. James E. Sanner
 Mar. 30 Rev. John J. Detisch



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 31, 2019
 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

Lector:
 Mary Smith

Ministers:
 Carole Walker
 Holly Hamilton
 Lois Housler

Server:
 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 MARCH 31-31, 2019

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jo Kreiner Nikki Kreiner	Patricia Green Denise Balon Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Paul Costa	Steve Eidson
Altar Servers:	Noah	Carter

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Crystal Raymond
 Sena Kean Visits: Steve Eidson & Margaret Vandermark
 Lakeview: Crystal Ramond

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



SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of Bessie & Frank Worrell, Raymond & Catherine Cole

INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of Dottie Ryan

Parish Development Memorial Fund

Anne Pettenati	by The Weaver Family
Mary Eidson	by Gayle Weaver
Mary Eidson	by Katie & Dave Rumsey
Mary Eidson	by Harry & Marsha Sheffer
Mary Eidson	by Sandra Walker
Mary Eidson	by Anita Campbell
Mary Eidson	by Jennifer Caruso, Laura Borish Calvin Kulik, Jerry Sopko
Mary Eidson	by Michael Murphy
Maurice Nielsen	by Steve Eidson
Mary Eidson	by Valerie & Keith Cousins
Mary Eidson	by Ron & Bev Mulauski
Raymond Deegan	by Ron & Bev Mulauski
Nancy Patrick	by Ron & Bev Mulauski
Mary Eidson	by Ralph & Mary Burton
Mary Eidson	by Betty Miller
Mary Eidson	by Dave & Susan Lerch
Mary Eidson	by The McAnallen Family
Mary Eidson	by Jay & Judy Gorton

Building Fund Memorial

Mary Eidson by Robert Murphy

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

There are many messages to be understood in the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42) - the role of women, the importance of hydration, what qualifies a person as a true husband, the woman being sent as a disciple to proclaim the Christ... Pick one and discuss it together.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Help Wanted: All Shifts at the Smethport Drive-In. Contact Marian Bush at 598-4844

McCarthy's Emporium at 124 North Union St., Olean, NY Carries a large selection of Baptism, First Communion gifts and cards. Also a small section of First Penance & RCIA gifts. Mention St. Elizabeth at time of purchase and St. Elizabeth will receive a 5% sacrament rebate at the end of the year.