

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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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, July 11
5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, July 12
8:45 AM Recitation of The Rosary
9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of
The Robert A. and Mary M. Nick Families
by Steve Eidson

Monday, July 13
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM For The People

Saturday, July 18
3:30-4:15 PM Confessions
5:00 PM + Owen F. Meyer
by The Meyer Family

Sunday, July 19
8:45 AM Recitation of The Rosary
9:30 AM For The People

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, July 12
8:00 AM Schrecengost Family
by Kathy Schrecengost
Robert Barber & Family

Sunday, July 19
8:00 AM + Raymond Cole
by His Daughters and Family

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of June 28, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$1,164.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of June 28, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$67.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of July 5, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$2,746.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of July 5, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$156.00

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention: July

Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with
love, respect and guidance.

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.

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

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!

Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese

July 12 Rev. Richard C. Tomasone
July 13 Rev. Matthew J. Strickenberger
July 14 Rev. Johnathan P. Schmolt
July 15 PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
July 16 The Most Rev. Donald Trautman
July 17 Rev. Msgr. Joseph V. Wardanski
July 18 Rev. Paul A. Schill



Recitation of The Rosary

On Monday, July 13th at 10:00 AM at the front steps of
St. Elizabeth. **Masks/Face Covering required**

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

**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"**

Building Fund Memorial

Tom Cioffi
Bill Lerch

by James & Lorri Kane
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Sunday, Jul 12, 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Tell me what you see

Most stories aren't very mysterious. Even so-called mysteries have predictable plots that we anticipate before they unfold. We know, for example, that the fellow wandering into the cemetery at dusk is going to meet a bad end, and the storyteller knows that we know. It's all part of the fun. When reading Bible parables, the meaning is rarely mysterious. Seeds fall on different soil, reap different results. No surprise there. A parable's mystery isn't in not knowing, but in not seeing. What kind of soil are we? What seed has been planted in us, awaiting its harvest?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 (103). *"The disciples approached him and said, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?'"*

Monday, Jul 13, 2020

Looking for prophets in our midst

Many of us lately have learned what it's like to be held back by illness, as the coronavirus brought about grinding halts to life as we knew it. Blessed Charlie Rodríguez Santiago, a candidate to be the first Puerto Rican saint, was prevented from getting an education because of severe chronic illness. He died on this day in 1963 at the age of 44—and left behind a legacy of liturgical renewal in the church. He advocated for use of vernacular languages and increased lay participation—which came to be shortly after his death with Vatican II reforms. How can you too be a prophet for hope and change in our own disease-challenged days?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389). *"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."*

Tuesday, Jul 14, 2020

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

Indigenous help to heal the world

Kateri Tekakwitha—born Mohawk and Algonquin in 1656, canonized in 2012—is a fitting intercessor for coronavirus, though she is actually patron saint of ecology. Losing her family to the same smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind, Kateri knew firsthand the suffering wrought by disease. Perhaps her empathy helps account for so many miraculous healings attributed to her to this day. But Kateri's love of the earth may also inspire our continued care of the environment, which has seen healing of its own during human quarantine. Kateri, pray for us on all fronts!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"Will you be exalted to heaven?"*

Wednesday, Jul 15, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Love finds the common ground

Saint Bonaventure (1221-74) was born Giovanni di Fidanza to a noble Italian family and joined the Franciscan order at the age of 22. By then, Francis had been dead for 17 years, and conflict had arisen among his followers as they tried to imitate the poverty Francis embraced. Bonaventure, who brought gifts of intellect and organization, emerged as a leader and teacher who helped the order resolve differences and renew its purpose. He encouraged a

Franciscan detachment from wealth and practiced it himself, but not at the expense of generous love. Bring a spirit of love to the conflicts you face today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). *"What you have hidden from the learned and clever, you have revealed to the merest children."*

Thursday, Jul 16, 2020

Easy does it

Today's readings promise both a smooth path (the first reading) and a light yoke (the gospel). But Christianity does not promise comfort and ease. Rather, our faith is founded on the idea that Christ conquered death *through* suffering. One of our primary symbols is the crucifix, an ongoing reminder that Christ offers victory over suffering and death but first experienced them. Ultimately, our rough paths and burdens do find rest in Christ. If you are tempted today to give in to ridicule, anger, despair, or a sin that weighs you down, try to "put on the yoke of Christ," and see if your mood lightens.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Friday, Jul 17, 2020

Kyrie eleison, down the road that I must travel

The Greek words *Kyrie eleison* are some of the most ancient—and powerful—words of the Christian liturgy: "Lord, have mercy." Typically we find these words in the penitential rite where the church asks God's mercy and forgiveness. But these words are not just for penance; they are words of life and encouragement to the weary soul. It is as if we are saying, "Look kindly upon me." This call for mercy is not just directed toward God; it is also part of the fabric of our relationships with ourselves and the world. We can look kindly upon ourselves, instead of berating ourselves for what we didn't get done. We can look kindly upon those around us filled with fear and hatred. We can look kindly upon the fragile earth and God's good creation. How is mercy calling you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). *"If you knew what this meant, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned these innocent men."*

Saturday, Jul 18, 2020

A tireless voice for justice

During the era of European conquest of the Americas, Native American people were typically regarded as savages who must be "conquered" and coerced into conversion or pushed aside. Bartolomé de Las Casas is remembered today as one of the few voices opposing the dominant ideology of religious and secular leaders alike. Appalled by colonial cruelties in the Caribbean in the 1500s, he doggedly advocated for the rights of indigenous people for some 50 years, urging an end to the cruelties and coerced conversions. Remember de Las Casas and make justice a central part of your own witness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). *"They oppress householder and house, people and their inheritance."*

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



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Online Parish Offertory Giving

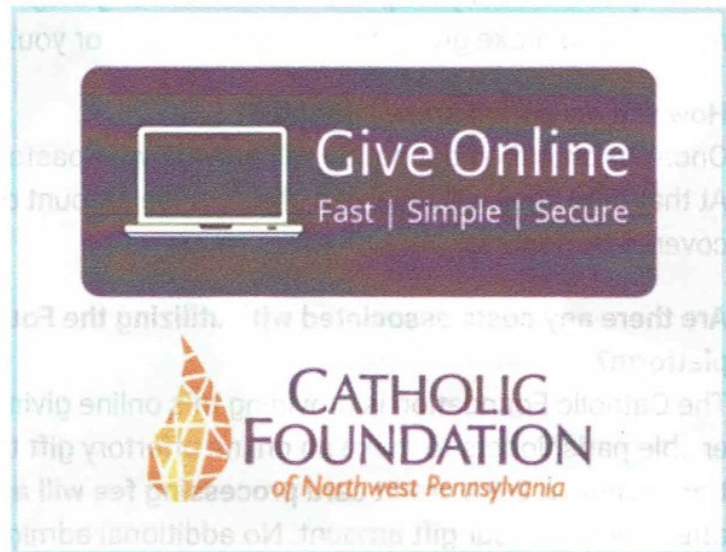
In service to the Catholic community in northwest Pennsylvania, the Catholic Foundation is assisting parishes in the Diocese of Erie by facilitating an important new trend: online giving.

Offertory giving during the stay-at-home-order brought on in March by the pandemic was especially problematic for parishes that did not have an online giving program. The Catholic Foundation responded by creating a tool every parish could use for offertory gifts. This effort

was so well received, the Foundation continues to provide this service to parishes for the foreseeable future.

If you are unable to attend Mass for any reason, or simply find online giving to be more convenient, this option makes giving easy and safe.

[GIVE NOW](#)



Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some answers to common questions you may have about this initiative. If you need any additional information, please contact the Foundation at info@cfnwpa.org or **[\(814\) 824-1253](tel:8148241253)**.

Who is the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania?

The Catholic Foundation is an independent, nonprofit community foundation whose mission is to provide a permanent and secure funding stream to strengthen and grow the



At Saint Elizabeth's:

Mon. July 13 10:00 AM Recitation of The Rosary
front steps of St. Elizabeth



At Saint Joseph's:

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "went out of the house" so He could connect with the people he loved. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate the people you love.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"All Creation is groaning in labor pains...we also groan within ourselves as we wait for...the redemption of our bodies." (Romans 8: 18- 22-23) As we humans continue to groan about Covid-19, we wait. We wait for a vaccine, for return to normal, or even an improvement on the normalcy of the past. We groan, and we pray



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.

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

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.

Church's mission and ministries in northwest Pennsylvania. The Catholic Foundation is the only community foundation in the Diocese of Erie guided by Catholic values and investment principles.

Can I continue using my parish's online giving platform?

Absolutely. If your parish has an established online giving platform, we strongly encourage you to continue utilizing it. You are also encouraged to take or mail in your regular offertory envelopes if that is your preferred method of giving. This online giving option is just one more way to make giving to your parish easy for you.

How will my parish know I donated?

Once a month the Foundation will provide your pastor a listing of donors and contributions. At that time, they will receive a check in the amount donated, less any credit card fees not covered by donors.

Are there any costs associated with utilizing the Foundation's Parish Offertory giving platform?

The Catholic Foundation is providing this online giving tool free of charge to parishes to enable parishioners to make an online offertory gift to their parish. **As with any online transaction, a 2-3% credit card processing fee will apply.** You may elect to cover that fee after selecting your gift amount. No additional administrative fee from the Catholic Foundation or diocese will be charged to parishes when you donate to your parish on this site. Checks issued by the Foundation to your parish will be the net contribution of proceeds after deductions for standard credit card fees.