

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

Pastor Rev. Vincent P. Cieslewicz, Jr. - Saint Elizabeth Rectory— 814-887-9254

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Prayer Requests: 814-778-5520

SAINT ELIZABETH, SMETHPORT, PA

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, Aug. 10
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Aug. 11
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM Deceased Members of The Mullane Family
 by A. Denise Balon

Monday, Aug. 12
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Alphonse Billiter
 by A Friend

Tuesday, Aug. 13
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM Victims of the recent violence

Thursday, Aug. 15
7:00 AM The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
 For The People
 2:30 PM Mass @ Lakeview
 + Grace Cole
 by The Family
7:00 PM For The People

Friday, Aug. 16
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM + Patrick Eaton
 by Art & Dorothy Johnson

Saturday, Aug. 17
 10:00 AM Baptism
 3:30-4:15 PM Confessions
 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

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Aug. 11
 8:00 AM + Helen Peters
 by Robert Barber & Family
 Karen Barber

Wednesday, Aug. 14 Mass of Anticipation of The
 Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 PM + Philip Frase & Bessie Worrell
 by Patty

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

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Aug. 4, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$3,950.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Aug. 4, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$ 358.00

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 .



Second Harvest distribution will be held on Tuesday, August 13th. Volunteers are needed from **12:30-4:00 PM** when the truck arrives and when **Distribution**

begins at 2:00.

Memorial Fund

Robert Tronetti	by Dave & Katie Rumsey
Alphonse Billiter	by Dave & Katie Rumsey
Elmer Campbell	by Robert Murphy
Elmer Campbell	by Steve Eidson, Mike & Margie Spencer
Sylvia Cappelletti	by Louis Cappelletti

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 Phyllis will celebrate her 61st Anniversary on Wednesday, August 14th. Her address is as follows for anyone would like to send her good wishes. 472 Sartwell Creek Road, Port Allegany, PA 16743

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged:	\$ 36,352.00
Paid:	\$ 26,042.00
Due:	\$ 10,310.00

Latin America

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Sunday, Aug 11, 2019

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ready, set, jump!

In a secular age, some believers feel the need to “prove” the credibility of religion. If only we could dig up Noah’s Ark, produce Jesus’ swaddling clothes, or locate Martha’s dishes! Even better, if only consecrated hosts would bleed before the eyes of skeptics. Archeological evidence and miraculous interventions aside, a life of faith requires neither and isn’t bolstered by either. Faith is grounded in the future, not the past, and is more about where we place our hope rather than where we misplaced the Holy Grail. Faith is a flying lesson. Let go!

TODAY’S READINGS: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (117). *“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.”*

Monday, Aug 12, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Make peace with the world

Jesus said, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s.” But at other times, he’s not so clear. What’s more, it’s not always clear what’s a worldly concern and what’s a godly one. No doubt Jane Frances de Chantal wrestled with this ambiguity. Left a widow in 1601, with four children to care for and an estate that she’d rescued from ruin, she found solace under the spiritual direction of Saint Francis de Sales. But even after her worldly affairs were put in order, Francis dissuaded her from jumping too quickly into the life of a nun. There was much good she still needed to do in the world. What in the world are you called to do?

TODAY’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *“The highest heavens belong to the Lord, your God, as well as the earth and everything on it.”*

Tuesday, Aug 13, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS

No finger-pointing, please

There is a lesson for us today in looking at the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire that led to the deaths of Pontian, Hippolytus, and many more. When Rome burned, Nero blamed the Christians. As the city fell on hard times, Christians were easy targets. A minority group, with unfamiliar religious customs—what more was needed to scapegoat them? Accused of being disloyal foreigners, things got so out of hand that Christians were suspected of incest for calling each other brothers and sisters and even of cannibalism because they consumed the “body and blood” of their Savior. Next time a demagogue points a finger to vilify a whole group, ask if one day that finger might be pointed at you.

TODAY’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). *“Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

Wednesday, Aug 14, 2019

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

Make a difference

Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941) was a Polish priest whose devotion to Mary was a central part of his life. He was a writer whose monthly columns expressed that devotion to a sizeable readership. Human like the rest of us, Maximilian sometimes was a difficult colleague, and initially his publications reflected some

of the anti-Semitic rhetoric of his time and place. However, he never abandoned the work of promoting faith, citing indifference as the poison of the time. Sentenced to Auschwitz in 1941, he ultimately gave his life to save another prisoner. His was a martyrdom of love. Be mindful today of the toxin of indifference within and around you.

TODAY’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). *“For where two or three are gathered together in my name . . . there I am in the midst of them.”*

Thursday, Aug 15, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Don’t assume faith is easy

The Assumption of Mary is often portrayed in art in a blissful scene of cherubs transporting Mary, eyes cast upward and robes flowing majestically, up into the heavens. Beneath this image, however, is a life of grit and grace in which Mary lived the fullness of Christian discipleship. Mary hears, ponders, challenges, and receives the Word of God, allowing it to permeate her whole being. Her Assumption then is a symbol and a promise to each of us that our journey of discipleship is one destined for ultimate wholeness in God.

TODAY’S READINGS: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). *“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”*

Friday, Aug 16, 2019

MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Hail, holy order

To some, Stephen of Hungary was an iron-fisted monarch who punished any hint of paganism among his people. To others, he was a grieving father who—having outlived his immediate family—spent the rest of his days washing the feet of paupers. Either would be great fodder for the high drama of a Hollywood screenplay. The reality? Stephen’s legacy stems from being an administrator. He created local dioceses for the successful establishment of the church in his country. His rule provided such a lasting peace that a route through Hungary became the preferred way for pilgrims to visit the Holy Land. We tend to bristle at “rules and regulations,” but when the motive behind them is good, more appreciation is perhaps in order.

TODAY’S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *“Whoever can accept this ought to accept it.”*

Saturday, Aug 17, 2019

A tribute to touch

Today’s gospel has Jesus placing his hands on children and praying for them. The simple gesture of “touch and prayer” can be profound because all humans crave a kind touch. Examples of “touch and prayer” abound. The sacraments are built on this combination. Some Christians hold hands during grace. In many Latin countries children routinely ask for a blessing from elders, who trace a cross on the child’s forehead as they pray. Can you bless somebody in your life today through the power of “touch and prayer”?

TODAY’S READINGS: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *“Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray.”*

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



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July 29, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you know, many of our southern neighbors are experiencing serious crises. Nearly every day we hear dramatic stories about the migrant crisis on our southern border. In recent months the news has also been filled with stories about the economic collapse of Venezuela. The annual collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) allows us to help.

The CLA helps provide lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as marriage and family life programs to the millions of Catholics in Latin America who would otherwise have no access to them.

Today I ask you to renew your support for our brothers and sisters in Latin America. I invite you to pray for them and to support this year's Church in Latin America Collection, which will be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Erie on the weekend of August 17-18. Together we can make a real difference in the lives of our fellow Catholics throughout Latin America. Please know my gratitude for your generosity and be assured of my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



At Saint Elizabeth's:

Tues. Aug. 13 2-4:00 PM Second Harvest Distribution



At Saint Joseph's:

Pray for Priests

- Aug. 11 Rev. Msgr. Robert M. Malene
- Aug. 12 Rev. Marc J. Solomon
- Aug. 13 Rev. Mark A. Hoffman
- Aug. 14 **Pray for Vocations**
- Aug. 15 Rev. Msgr. Daniel E. Magraw
- Aug. 16 Rev. Msgr. David A. Rubion
- Aug. 17 Rev. Msgr. H. Desmond McGee.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUG. 18, 2019
FOR ST. JOSEPH**

Lector: David Gerber

Ministers:
Patricia Marrero
Mary Ann Schafer
Lois Housler

Server: Mackenzie

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUG. 15, 2019
FOR ST. ELIZABETH 7:00 PM**

Lector: Penny Eddy

Ministers:
John Carr
Terri Carr

Server: John

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. 17-18, 2019

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jo Kreiner Nikki Kreiner	John Carr Terri Carr Marian Bush
Lectors:	Josh Costa	Fran DeLancy
Altar Servers:	Ave Lila	Gavin Lilly

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

Like the Boy Scout motto, Be prepared, Jesus tells us to be ready for the final coming (Luke 12:40), BUT, he also says "Sell your belongings and give alms" (Luke 12:33) How can we be prepared without money and possessions? Discuss how much is enough?

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**.

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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations 12

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on 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.