

# *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.

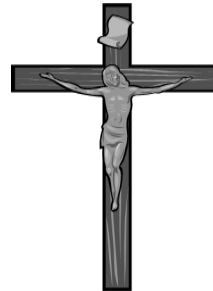
**Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion:** Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

**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. 11  
5:00 PM + Joseph Segulin  
by Dorothy Marsh

Sunday, Aug. 12  
**8:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
9:30 AM For The People

Monday, Aug. 13  
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 AM + Paul Connors  
by Frank & Barbara Sonnie

Tuesday, Aug. 14  
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 AM For The Suffering Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Aug. 15 **The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
7:00 AM For The People  
7:00 PM For The People

Thursday, Aug. 16  
2:30 PM Mass at Lakeview  
Deceased Members  
of The Cole Family  
by The Family

Friday, Aug. 17  
11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
12:10 AM + Lloyd E. Mulvihill  
by Lloyd Mulvihill

Saturday, Aug. 18  
3:30-4:15 PM Confession  
5:00 PM In Honor of Juniper Meyer's  
Birthday  
by The Meyer Family

Sunday, Aug. 19  
**8:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
9:30 AM For The People

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

Sunday, Aug. 12  
8:00 AM + George Peters  
by Marie Cunningham

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

Sunday, Aug. 19  
8:00 AM + Donald Allegretto & Steven Leonard  
by The Family

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Aug. 5, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$ 2072.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Aug. 5, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$ 442.00

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

**St. Joseph Rosary**

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on **Tuesday, September 4th at 6:00 PM** in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are asked to attend.



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

Get resources and suggestions for your family at the Diocese of Erie's family website, [www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm). Feel supported, encouraged, and blessed whether your family is a traditional, single-parent, blended, military, or an adoptive/foster family. Go Families! Go Families! Also Formed.org using our parish code **TRY7DX**.



Distribution will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 14th. Volunteers are needed from **12:30-4:00 PM** when the truck arrives and when **Distribution begins at 1:30**. **Help for any amount of time is**

**appreciated.**

**Child Protection and Creating Sage Environments Annual compliance Audit:**

Did you know that an independent auditing company audits the Diocese of Erie, and in turn, all parishes and catholic schools each year for compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*? Our 2016-2017 audit found the Diocese of Erie to be in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter. The Office for the Protection of Children and Youth is currently working on the yearly audit report due September 1st. To read the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* visit <http://www.usccb.org>. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>



**Religious Education News:**

A. Another registration Religious Education Registration will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church Hall after Mass on August 25th & 26th. If you are unable to register on those dates, please call or e-mail Jan Adamoski at 887-4992 ([sercc.re@gmail.com](mailto:sercc.re@gmail.com)). Student Information needs to be updated and checked for accuracy.

B. 1 Catechists Still Needed!!!

Grades 4&5 - 12 students

## Sunday, Aug 12, 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Food for the road

We cherish those moments when nourishment comes as if heaven-sent. Trapped at our desks for the evening, someone thoughtfully orders take-out. When we're in mourning, caring neighbors drop off casseroles. We're tempted to graze self-pityingly on the cupboard's junk food, when a friend calls with an invitation to a real meal. Sometimes the sustenance isn't food at all, but warmth, comfort, understanding, or forgiveness. Angels are everywhere on duty, supplying what's needed in the world's dark corners. Is it your turn to be that angel? Who might be hungry today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51 (116). *"The angel ordered, 'Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!'"*

## Monday, Aug 13, 2018

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

### Mom, what's an antipope?

When differences arise, popes, like family members, choose sides. In the third century, a Roman priest, Hippolytus, took exception to the teachings of the pope and gathered followers to his side. He was the first of what became known as the antipopes, those leaders who gained a significant following over and against legitimate popes. He lasted 10 years until, with new Pope Pontian in place, the Roman emperor had both Pontian and Hippolytus executed, just to make sure he got the right one. Tradition holds that the two were reconciled before they died and thus became today's martyr saints together. Conflict and betrayal are part of every human life, but reconciliation is the way of true faith. With whom can you reconcile today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *"The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised."*

## Tuesday, Aug 14, 2018

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

### A witness to the end

Franciscan Maximilian Kolbe is best known for the way he died: He offered his life in the Auschwitz Nazi death camp in exchange for another prisoner, a husband and father. But he led an incredibly active life before then. He founded a society for people consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (still in existence), a Franciscan community near Warsaw that in 12 years grew from 18 to 650 friars, and a publishing house that produced religious booklets and a newspaper and monthly magazine with circulations of 230,000 and more than 1 million respectively. He even established a missionary center in Nagasaki, Japan in 1930. His hard work reached its fulfillment in his martyrdom. Let the dedication of this saint serve as an example in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). *"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."*

## Wednesday, Aug 15, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### God is great!

Some Polish Americans still bring garden flowers to church today, what's left of a customary blessing of the harvest. It is the

time of killer tomatoes leaping off the vines and entirely too many zucchini, and such abundance can remind us that being just what you are, to the fullest, gives glory to God. Mary's Magnificat can be translated "My being magnifies the Lord," and as Rabbi Abraham Heschel said, "Just to be is a blessing." Your simple existence, let alone your bearing fruit that lasts, gives glory to the God of the harvest.

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). *"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."*

## Thursday, Aug 16, 2018

MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

### Advice for the Christian leader

Saint Stephen of Hungary (969-1038), king of the Magyars, gave the following advice to his son: "Be merciful to all who are suffering. . . . Be patient with everyone. . . . Be strong lest prosperity lift you up too much or adversity cast you down. . . . Be gentle so that you may never oppose justice. Be honorable so that you may never voluntarily bring disgrace upon anyone. All these virtues . . . make up the royal crown, and without them no one is fit to rule here on earth or attain the heavenly kingdom." In your leadership roles at home and work, commit to helping others feel the presence of Christ by living the virtues Stephen outlines.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). *"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?"*

## Friday, Aug 17, 2018

### Traveling mercies

If you have flown recently you probably have a gripe or two to add to the large pile of complaints of missing luggage, brusque employees, and long lines. But put it all in perspective: On this day in 1807 people were celebrating the first-ever commercial steamboat service, which carried passengers 150 miles—in 32 hours! Step back even further, when the first Christian disciples trekked for days, weeks, and months to bring the Good News to lands unknown. While we'd all appreciate a little less time in line and a little more leg room, make sure you're attentive to opportunities to be kind, generous, and gentle with your fellow passengers along the way. As the poet John Milton put it, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *"I will remember the covenant I made with you."*

## Saturday, Aug 18, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Stay mindful all week

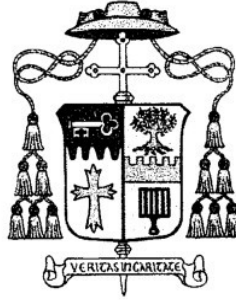
According to the church's *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, the traditional Saturday memorial of Mary is a "remembrance of the maternal example and discipleship of the Blessed Virgin Mary," a "prelude and introduction to the celebration of Sunday," and a "sign that the Virgin Mary is continuously present and operative in the life of the church." It's tempting to compartmentalize religion to one day a week. The steadfastness of Mary is a reminder that religion belongs in your life every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

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



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July 30, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Latin America is home to millions of faithful Catholics. However, due to circumstances of distance, terrain, political instability and lack of resources, it is often very difficult for the people to practice their faith. In fact, in some rural areas of Mexico, priests and catechists are only able to visit the villages twice a year. Many of these communities lack books and religious materials, while others do not even have a church or education center.

The annual collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) allows us to help. For example, thousands of people living in the Amazon jungle of Ecuador can grow in their Catholic faith through materials now published in their native language. The CLA collection has helped to produce and distribute prayer and catechetical books. It has helped to fund Catholic radio programs which are now broadcast over a wide territory. Your contributions in previous years have made a real difference in sharing our Catholic faith with others.

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 collection for the Church in Latin America, which will be taken up on the weekend of August 18-19. Together we can make a concrete difference in the lives of our fellow Catholics throughout Central and South America. Please know my gratitude for your generosity. Be assured of my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

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



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**At Saint Elizabeth's:**

Tues. Aug. 14 12:30 PM Second Harvest



**At Saint Joseph's:**

Sun. Aug. 12 1:00 PM Center in Use

**Church in Latin America**

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 15, 2018 FOR ST. ELIZABETH**

**7:00 AM**

Lector: Paul Costa Ministers: Heather Murphy  
Server: Noah Penny Eddy

**7:00 AM**

Lector: Josh Costa Ministers: Mary Jo Kreiner  
Server: Lila & Ava Nicole Kreiner

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 19, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:** Brittany Bizzak **Ministers:** Holly Hamilton  
Mary Smith  
**Server:** Raychel & Mackenzie Lois 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 AUG. 18-19, 2018**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Nicole Kreiner Mary Jo Kreiner	Bernie Valenti Joan Washburn Steve Valenti
Lectors:	Penny Eddy	Mary Palmer
Altar Servers:	Noah	Gavin

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

"God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27) Pronouns can be confusing and so can the differences between males and females. How does your spouse fit gender stereotypes? How not? More importantly, how does he/she reflect something of the Divine to you?

**Notice from the Diocese**

*In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, clergy and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information—including a request for gift cards of any type—exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.*

**Blessed Virgin**

In the Catholic Church, Mary is accorded the title "Blessed" (Latin: *beata*, Greek: μακάρια, *translit. makaria*) in recognition of her assumption to Heaven and her capacity to intercede on behalf of those who pray to her. There is a difference between the usage of the term "blessed" as pertaining to Mary and its usage as pertaining to a beatified person. "Blessed" as a Marian title refers to her exalted state as being the greatest among the saints; for a person who has been declared beatified, on the other hand, "blessed" simply indicates that they may be venerated despite not being officially canonized. Catholic teachings make clear that Mary is not considered divine and prayers to her are not answered by her, but rather by God through her intercession.<sup>1</sup> The four Catholic dogmas regarding Mary are: her status as *Theotokos*, or Mother of God; her perpetual virginity; her Immaculate Conception; and her bodily Assumption into heaven.

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**Icon Writing Workshop—Nov. 4-10 (Sun. to Sat.)**

Come to Bethany Retreat Center for a special opportunity to learn about and create an icon based upon this 13th century image of Archangel Gabriel. The days will include class instruction and painting, personal prayer time, daily Mass and home-cooked meals provided by the Bethany staff. Materials to be provided include: a prepared icon board, set of brushes, palette, 23K gold leaf, pigments, and all other necessary materials to complete the icon. Everyone is welcome!. To register or more info:

[www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org) Email: [bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com) or all 814-263-4855.

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Steve Valenti  
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Lakeview: