

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, Jan. 4
 5:00 PM A Mass of Thanksgiving in Honor of Fr. Vince's 25th Jubilee by St. Elizabeth Women's Group

Sunday, Jan. 5
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

Monday, Jan. 6
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Connie Schreiber by Fr. Vince & Wendy

Tuesday, Jan. 7
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Donald Switzer by Mike Mulvihill & Geri Steele

Thursday, Jan. 9
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Tom Victor, Sr. by The Meyer Family

Friday, Jan. 10
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM + Bruce Fay by The Meyer Family

Saturday, Jan. 11
 3:30-4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM + Elmer Campbell by Fella & Deb Wright & Family

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

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Jan. 5
 8:00 AM + Donald Warren by Francis Fusco Sr. & Family

Sunday, Jan. 12
 8:00 AM + Patrick Eaton by Susan Eaton & Family

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Dec. 22, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$2,558.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Dec. 22, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$ 346.00

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN. 12, 2020
 FOR ST. JOSEPH 8:00 AM**

Lector: Patricia Marrero

Ministers:

Mary Ann Schafer
 Mary Smith
 Dave Gerber

Server:

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 JAN. 11-12, 2020

St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Vicki Alfieri Rose Campbell	John Carr Terri Carr Marian Bush
Lectors:	Deb Babcox	Tom Kreiner
Altar Servers:	Ithilien Ruby	Sabrina

Eucharistic Ministers: Sena Kean Visits: John & Terri Carr
 Lakeview: Marian Bush
 Homebound: Crystal Raymond

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, Adam DeSio.

Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese

Jan. 5 Rev. Msgr. Bruce R. Allison
 Jan. 6 Rev. Michael Polinek
 Jan. 7 Rev. Robert L. Humenary
 Jan. 8 Rev. David J. Wilson
 Jan. 9 Rev. Richard J. Toohey
 Jan. 10 Rev. William M. Laska
 Jan. 11 Rev. Thomas N. Trocchio





TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE: TIME LIMITS IN THE ANNULMENT PROCESS

We have discussed in previous issues the impossibility of determining in advance a specific length of time that an annulment case will take due to the number of variables in the process that are beyond the tribunal's control. Other parts of the process do not vary but still affect the time the entire process takes. Among the latter are certain time limits assigned to different steps in the process. In this issue we will look at the different kinds of time limits and offer examples of each.

The first kind of time limit is determined by its effect. Peremptory time limits determine the specific length of time that someone involved in the process has to exercise a right. Once the time limit expires, the person loses that right. Non-peremptory time limits do not extinguish a right when time expires but simply enable the tribunal to move the process forward to the next step.

A good example of a peremptory time limit is the fifteen-day period that the parties in the case have to appeal a decision. The clock starts the day the judge informs the parties of the decision. If neither party files an appeal by the end of the fifteenth day, the decision takes effect and can no longer be appealed.

A good example of a non-peremptory time limit is the fifteen-day period that the Respondent is given to answer the initial citation. This step takes place once the tribunal has accepted a petition and invites the Respondent to participate. If the Respondent fails to answer the citation within those fifteen days, then the tribunal declares the person absent from the case and moves on with the process. However, the Respondent does not lose the right to participate because of this. He or she is free to join the process at any point, even after the fifteen days have expired. This time limit simply makes it possible to keep the process moving in the Respondent's absence and prevents him or her from stalling the process by refusing to answer the citation.

Another kind of time limit is determined by the limit's source. Most time limits are determined by the law itself

(the fifteen days to appeal a decision, for example). Others are determined by the tribunal. A good example of this kind of time limit is the ten-day period within which the parties can inspect the acts of the case (the testimony of the parties and witnesses) before the tribunal concludes the case. The law does not set this time limit but gives the tribunal the authority to do so.

A final consideration on the subject of time limits is the calculation of time. Most time limits in the annulment process are measured in what are called "useful days," days the parties can use to communicate with the tribunal and exercise their rights. These are different from business days in that weekends and holidays are considered useful, even though the office is not open. Only if the last day of the time limit falls on a day when the office is closed is it not considered useful. In such a case, the time limit is extended to the first day after that when the office is open.

That's it for now. Until next time, keep the faith, love God's people, and always honor the code!



Sunday, Jan 05, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Shoot for radiance

There's not much we can do about last year—beyond remembering and, perhaps, repenting. But the new year is laid out before us smooth as glass and innocent as a baby. Why not aim higher, cast our thoughts in a more benevolent direction, and shoot for radiance? Isaiah leads the way, beckoning us to walk in celestial light. A certain group of Magi did just that, and it led them to the Christ child. Affix a star where you can see it regularly. Let it remind you to keep your attention on the child at the end of its rays.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). *"Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow."*

Monday, Jan 06, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

Really see who's at the door

No matter how humble your work, sainthood is your call. The life of André (Alfred) Bessette (1845-1937) makes that clear. Rejected initially, Brother André was eventually accepted into the Congregation of Holy Cross. Physically frail and undereducated, he was given the work of doorkeeper at Montreal's Notre Dame College. He greeted and prayed with visitors, asking Saint Joseph to intercede for all who came seeking physical healing. In time, people came simply to pray with Brother André. When he died at age 91, more than a million mourners came to honor the Miracle Man of Montreal. Greet everyone today with love and compassion.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212). *"He cured the people of every disease and illness."*

Tuesday, Jan 07, 2020

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

Good works live on

Today the church honors the brilliant Dominican Saint Raymond of Peñafort (d. 1275). At the behest of the pope, he organized decades of church decrees into the *Decretals of Gregory IX*, which made a major contribution to the development of Canon Law, and as head of the Dominicans, he wrote a congregational constitution that lasted nearly 700 years. Saint Raymond had no way of knowing his contributions would have such enduring impact. As you use your talents to help build the Kingdom for good, remember that your contributions are part of a lasting legacy.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). *"When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."*

Wednesday, Jan 08, 2020

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Take a break with God

Need a vacation to recover from the holidays? We all know the feeling. As busy as most of us are—even in our leisure time—it's understandable when we fantasize about getting away from it all. That actually can be a good thing—when we do it to reconnect with God and recharge our spirit. Christianity has a long tradition that supports retreating from the world for prayer and reflection

—whether for a lifetime or just a weekend. Jesus himself often took time-outs from his ministry. It's break time!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). *"He went off to the mountain to pray."*

Thursday, Jan 09, 2020

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

The greatest of these is love

Last weekend, the church celebrated the Epiphany—revealing Christ to the larger world. This weekend, we observe the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, where Jesus is revealed once more, this time by divine proclamation: "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." While many of us slog through the chilly bleakness of January, Saint John the Evangelist—often called the Beloved Disciple—warms hearts by reminding us that we too are beloved. If today finds you struggling with post-holiday blues or the darkness of winter days, reach out in love to others, remembering that faith, hope, and love abide—but the greatest of these is love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22a (215). *"If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar."*

Friday, Jan 10, 2020

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Sit. Stand. Kneel. Repeat.

Why is there so much up and down and gesturing in Catholic rituals and prayers? When we pray, we pray not just with a part of us but with our whole being—mind, body, feelings, thoughts. The posture of the body can express what is on our hearts, and, when we do postures in common, we also express our unity with one another and the universal church. For example, though infrequently used, the posture of prostration involves lying face down on the ground. This is a symbol both of deep humility and of placing ourselves in the embrace of the God who made earth and heaven. What postures help you communicate with God?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). *"And when the leper saw Jesus, he fell prostrate."*

Saturday, Jan 11, 2020

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Ours is a fluid faith

Today's gospel opens with both John and Jesus busy baptizing their followers. It's really no surprise that Baptism has been part of the Christian tradition from its earliest days. Even children understand the symbolism of water and its association with cleanliness and purity. From the River Jordan to today's baptismal font, the waters of Baptism and the deep desire for a clean, new life in Christ has a strong pull on us. The next time you place your hand in water, recall your own Baptism and pledge to follow John's simple directive in today's gospel: "He must increase; I must decrease."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). *"Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea, where he spent some time with them baptizing."*

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:

Sat. Jan. 11

DVD Series: Wild Goose, Part 5
Following 5:00 PM Mass



At Saint Joseph's:

Marriage Moments

The Epiphany is a feast of outreach and inclusion. The appearance of Jesus to the three wise men from the East reminds us that Jesus came for all humankind, not just the Jewish people. So too, married love is not a gift to be hoarded. Reach out to someone who is sad, in trouble, or from a different culture. Can you do it together?

Envelopes for 2020: If you did not receive envelopes for 2020 and you want them, please just call the parish office, Mon.-Fri. 9-1 at 887-9254 or drop a note in the collection basket.

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 .

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

End of Year: Anyone needing a financial statement for the year may call the parish office Monday-Friday, 9-1.

Parish Development Memorial Fund

- Brian Morris by Steve Eidson
- Donald Switzer by Chesterfield County Police Department
- Brian Morris by Ann Buchholz & Family

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!

St. Joseph's for the month of January

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of **Vicki & Kari Carrow** by The William Sluga Family

INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of **Keesler & Transue Families** by Barb Transue & Mary Porter



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month:

Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under age 18 engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking, even if the youth's participation is not forced or coerced. Be aware of recruiting tactics. Traffickers target victims through social media sites, telephone chat lines, afterschool programs, at shopping malls, bus depots, clubs/bars or through friends and acquaintances. To help protect your child, ask questions about your child's friends, monitor their computer use and know where he/she hangs out. For more information on protecting our youth from human trafficking or to report suspected trafficking visit: https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficking_ts_2019.pdf Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

Dear Friends,

At Christmas and always, you are appreciated! Thank you so much for the donation of \$250.00 from the dinner to be used to assist those in need. God bless each of you for the many ways you, as parishioners, reflect God's love and dedicated service to all people. You and your families are remembered in our prayers.

Sisters Mary and Phyllis

Additional Christmas Flowers

- Mr. & Mrs. George Case by Jeff & Marcie Murphy
- Mr. & Mrs. Pascal Murphy by Jeff & Marcie Murphy
- Kathy Murphy by Jeff & Marcie Murphy

Christian Community Services

Thank you so much for helping those in the community that need a little extra help this time of year. You have been such a blessing
Christian Community Service

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.

Planning Your Wedding?

Openings Remain for Engagement Encounter

Next to your own wedding day, Engagement Encounter is a weekend you will never forget! EE still has a few openings for its for January 24th through 26th weekend at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814.824.1261 to register. Space is limited; register today! Interfaith couples are encouraged to apply.