

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.

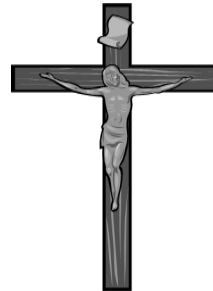
Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

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, June 23
 5:00 PM + Margaret Conkle
 by Suzanne & Rocky Eiseman

Sunday, June 24
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

Monday, June 25
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Michael Balon
 by A. Denise Balon

Tuesday, June 26
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Becky Smith
 by The McAnallen Family

Thursday, June 28
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM For The Conversion and Salvation of
 Dying Sinners

Friday, June 29
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM + Stanley Brzezicki
 by Audrey & Ray Deegan

Saturday, June 30
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, July 1
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
 Robert A. & Mary M. Nick Families
 by Steve Eidson

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, June 24
 8:00 AM Healing Mass for Ellen Forsyth
 by St. Joseph's Rosary Society

Sunday, July 1
 8:00 AM + Robert Barber
 by Robert Barber & Family,
 Karen Barber

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of June 17, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$ 1,691.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of June 17, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$ 386.00

Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th

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, Ellen Forsyth, Clara Paul, Ruth Hamilton.

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. 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.

St. Elizabeth/St. Joseph Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars Our parish picnic is coming soon, Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Hamlin Lake Park, This is always a great time of food and fellowship and you won't want to miss it. We will be celebrating 150 years this year. Lots of games and prizes, good food, and great fellowship.

Congratulations to Bill & Dot Sluga who recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Scam artists posing as parish priests are sending email requests to parishioners and parish volunteers to purchase gift cards. Should you receive an unsolicited request to purchase gift cards or other items, exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information in the potential fraudulent request. 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 school will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you.



We served 81 households this past Tuesday at Second Harvest. 102 Adults (18-59), 66 children (0-17), 49 Seniors (60+), for a total of 217 people. 7 new households and 15 new individuals.

Peter's Pence

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

DID YOU HEAR IT?

HEAR WHAT?

O.K., NOW LISTEN AND PRAY!

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A CATECHIST?

Think and pray about it! We all are facing many challenges and choices in society and our youth are facing things that are more challenging than in the past; just watch the news or log onto the internet. Faith in God needs to be present in all lives; the young and not so old. Our Catholic Faith must be continued to anchor our youth to the Rock of Salvation – Jesus. What does the Bible say regarding teaching the faith in God? We are called to spread the Good News by word and deed by giving our time, talent or treasure.

Here are a few Bible verses regarding the rewards to the children as well to those who teach them.

- Isaiah 54:13 "All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children."
- Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- Mark 9:37 "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not only me but the one who sent me."
- Matthew 10:42 "And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

Again, think and pray about it! By becoming a catechist, your knowledge, faith and relationship with Jesus will abound! Do it for Jesus, the children, our parishes and yourself!

Sunday, Jun 24, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Discovering the mystery of you

Each newborn child is a mystery about to unfold in the world. Always there is the potential for joy and pain, great good or tremendous misery. A good bit of what the child becomes is contained in the context of the family: its resources, stability, and capacity to nurture. Parents and children together become what they would never have been without the challenge and the privilege of their relationship. John might never have become the Baptist without Elizabeth and Zechariah. What parts of yourself do you owe to those who took that journey of trust with you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587). "All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, 'What, then, will this child be?'"

Monday, Jun 25, 2018

Judge not

It's a well-known part of Christian faith that you shouldn't judge (though of course that hasn't stopped many Christians from doing just that!). Most people understand the command not to judge others as a moral issue: Unless you've never done anything deserving of judgment, don't dole it out to others. But it's also a theological issue—about God. Judgment belongs to God, so not judging becomes a matter of faith: If you believe in and respect God, then don't judge.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5 (371). "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."

Tuesday, Jun 26, 2018

Show yourself the door

During a tour of San Francesco Basilica in Assisi, Italy, a friar took a group of pilgrims through the upper and lower churches and to the crypt where Saint Francis and his companions were buried. Throughout the tour he talked about the life of Francis and the architecture, art, and history connected to him. At the end the friar brought the group back to the upper church and showed them the stunning frescoes attributed to Giotto illustrating scenes from scripture and Francis' life. As he guided the group to the exit he explained that on this wall was the most important scene yet: the door! The exit, he said, is a reminder to go through the doors and spread the Good News to the whole world.

Something to think about next time you exit a church!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372). "Enter through the narrow gate."

Wednesday, Jun 27, 2018

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The mother of all role models

Bishop Cyril (c. 374-444) was a scholar and writer who promoted the use of the title *Theotokos* ("God-bearer") for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Council of Ephesus in 431 approved the name, which is used to this day in the Eastern and Orthodox Catholic traditions. In the West, "Mother of God" is more common, but religious historian Jaroslav Pelikan offered a translation that comes closer to the original meaning: "The one who gives birth to the one who is God." However you choose to address the courageous woman who dared to say, "Thy will be

done," you honor her most by responding in the same way to God's invitation in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20 (373). "Every good tree bears good fruit."

Thursday, Jun 28, 2018

MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

Think before you act

The church calendar identifies the second-century saint Irenaeus as a "bishop and martyr." He was certainly a bishop (of Lyons in France), but his martyrdom may be more legendary. He is remembered primarily, though, not for his death but for what he did in life. His era was a time when Christian doctrine was a boiling cauldron of sometimes wildly conflicting ideas, and it was not clear what would rise to the top. As a theologian, Irenaeus' efforts to defend what was emerging as orthodox dogma made him one of the first people to think about Christianity systematically. Irenaeus teaches us that before we condemn a position we should seek to understand it.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29 (374). "The crowds were astonished at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having authority."

Friday, Jun 29, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Rock of ages

The *pallium* is an ancient liturgical vestment worn only by the pope and a very few other high church officials on whom the pope bestows it as a symbol of the jurisdiction delegated to them. In honor of Saints Peter and Paul, today is the day of the liturgical year on which these officials receive this symbol of their office. In its current form it is a narrow band of white lamb's wool from sheep raised by Trappist monks, looped and draped over other liturgical vestments. The pallium is a reminder of the serious duty placed on the shoulders of the highest church leaders. Pray today that they may fulfill their offices wisely, faithfully, and with compassion.

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591). "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

Saturday, Jun 30, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH IN ROME

Don't fan the flames

In the summer of A.D. 64 a terrible fire swept through the city of Rome. Emperor Nero found himself both praised for his efforts to help the victims and also accused of setting the fire. To deflect the criticism, he blamed the city's Christian community, whom many Romans disliked already because they felt Christians set themselves apart from the rest of society. But Nero's move backfired, so to speak. The hideous executions he inflicted on Christians actually aroused the pity of many Romans. The victims continue to witness (*martyr* in Greek) both to the power of faith and to the dangers of prejudice and hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17 (376). "They faint away like the wounded in the streets of the city."

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:



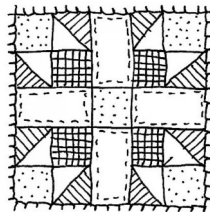
At Saint Joseph's:

St. Elizabeth Women's Group:

A baby quilt was donated to St. Elizabeth's to support the Women's Fellowship service projects. The quilt will be on display along with tickets (\$1.00/ticket; 5 tickets/pack) in the vestibule of the church. St. Elizabeth Women would appreciate your help with selling/purchasing raffle tickets. If you would like to help, please take a packet of tickets and sell them for \$1.00 each and return sold and unsold tickets along with money in an envelope labeled "**QUILT RAFFLE**" in the collection basket at mass or drop it off at the rectory office from now until July 13. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Parish Picnic on July 14, 2018.

The raffle includes:

- **a crib size baby quilt (38"x52") **a nap cuddle
- **changing pad
- **burp cloths
- **bibs
- **pacifier
- **teething toy



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector:
David Gerber

Ministers:
Mary Ann Schafer
Mary Smith
Kevin Housler

Server: Mick

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 JUNE 30-JULY 1, 2018

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Nichole Kreiner Mary Jo Kreiner	Bernie Valenti Marian Bush Steve Valenti
Lectors:	Colleen White	Steve Eidson
Altar Servers:	Sabrina	Elizabeth

Summer Youth Program at St. Joseph: Another year has passed and this week marks the end of the SYP for 2018. Friday was Wet & Wild Day with water squirt guns and a picnic for all involved. The kids have a great time learning things every year without realizing they are learning. They have wonderful crafts each year and they aren't repeated. Look forward to 2019 and see what our crafters and director can come up with.

Saint Elizabeth/Saint Joseph has a few Sundays and many weekday Mass openings for 2018 for intentions. We can only have 1 family intention per Mass. You can put in your request for Mass intentions by calling the parish office 9 AM—1 PM Monday thru Friday (we have call forwarding for those living in Mt. Jewett area) or drop your requests in the collection basket. These Mass intentions can be used to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary as well as in memory.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren..."(Luke 1:7) God said to Zechariah, "Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son." (Luke 1:13) Perhaps you long for a child. Perhaps you already have a child or several. Regardless, ponder how your married love can reflect the generativity of God by supporting a child who is not your biological child.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Following the will of God is not always the most popular thing to do according to some peers. Even parents face this fact from time to time. What is popular is not always what is right; and what is right, is not always popular. Elizabeth and Zechariah got it 'right', despite the pressure of neighbors. Do we?

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

The 2018 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held in the diocese: Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. George in Erie and Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Ss. Cosmas and Damian in Punxsutawney. To register, please go online to <https://www.ericcd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities (814)824-1250 or (800)374-3723 ext. 250.

St. Joseph's (Lucinda, PA) 79th Annual 4th of July Celebration July 4th 11 AM—4 PM Parish Grounds—112 Rectory Lane, Lucinda PA—Route 66. Clarion County's Oldest Independence Day Celebration! Traditional all-you-can-eat Chicken & Ham Dinners, Homemade pie & Soup with our famous Homemade noodles, Games of skill & chance for all ages—Live Entertainment-Festival Food-Bingo. Over \$40,000 in Cash & Prizes including over 15 Handmade Quilts, a YETI Tundra 45 Cooler and a \$5,000 Grand Prize. Event held rain or shine, canopy covered. Handicap accessible. Parking shuttle available. Dining room serving 11 AM-3 PM; takeouts available 11 AM-2 PM; Dinner ticket sales open at 10 AM. Adults: \$9.00 Children 6-12: \$4.50 Children under 6: Free. Festival proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School. Come Celebrate!

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Steve Valenti
Sena Kean Visits: Marian Bush & Penny Eddy
Lakeview: Kelli Swanson