

*The Roman Catholic Parish of
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

*307 Franklin St.
Smethport, PA 16749*

*20 Division St.
Mount Jewett, Pa 16740*



Sacramental Information

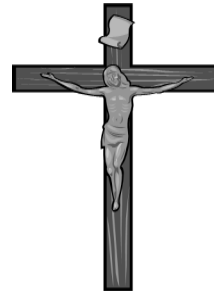
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

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, May 12
 12 Noon Baptism
 5:00 PM + Charlotte Fay
 by Mary & Terry Palmer

Sunday, May 13
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

Monday, May 14
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + John Conkle
 by Suzanne & Rocky Eiseman

Tuesday, May 15
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Tony Leonard
 by Katie & Dave Rumsey

Thursday, May 17
 2:30 PM Mass at Lakeview
 For The People

Friday, May 18
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM For The Repose of The Souls of
 Edwin & Josephine Meyer Family
 by The Meyer Family

Saturday, May 19
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, May 20
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Gaza Erleba
 by Geri Steele

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, May 13
7:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of
 The Sokoloski Family
 by Mary Ann Schafer

Sunday, May 20
7:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of The Sluga
 Family
 by The Sluga's

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH
For the week of May 6, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$1,857.75

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH
For the week of May 6, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$ 403.00

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, Ellen Forsyth.

St. Joseph Rosary: The Rosary will be recited before Mass on Sunday's during the month of May starting at 7:45 AM: The leaders will be as follows: May 13th-Mary Ann Schafer, May 20th-Carole Walker, May 26th-Mary Smith.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The words of Jesus in today's gospel, "Abide in me," are appropriate on a day we honor mothers because there is a special bond connecting mothers and their children, extending beyond birth and death. They will always "abide" in each other. It's a lasting presence.

Building Fund Memorial

Mr. & Mrs. John Ross by Elmer & Rose Campbell

Parish Development Memorial Fund

Joseph Segulin by Donald Morey
Kim & Dan Woods
Dean & Tara Morey

Sharon DeLancey Memorial Scholarship: To be eligible for this \$1,000.00 non-renewable award, applicant must be a registered member of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, a member of the Smethport or Kane High School Class of 2018 and accepted into a four-year bachelor's program. May 25, 2018 is the deadline for applications to be returned. The scholarship will be presented on Senior Recognition Sunday on June 3, 2018. Applications are available at the church office.

Summer Youth Program at St. Joseph: Will be starting soon and here is something they need: 2 liter clear plastic bottles with lids. We need 40-50 for a craft. They are needed by June 8th. There will be a can by the kitchen door at St. Elizabeth's and at St. Joseph you may leave them in the kitchen marked for Summer Youth.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day)



CONGRATULATIONS to our newly Baptized into the Waters of Life at Saint Elizabeth's Parish!

Rainey Mae Conner & Kyle Eugene Conner, son and daughter of Nicholas Conner & Kayla Carr. They were baptized on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Sunday, May 13, 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fake news and peace

Peace is possible only when truth is readily available. This is why Pope Francis has dedicated this World Communications Day to a reflection on the polarizing effect of fake news. False information creates and fuels division, bleeding its consequences into both personal and group behaviors. By contrast, a “journalism of peace” promotes understanding and unites us around common values and goals. Maybe it’s time to stop clicking on inflammatory headlines and refuse to forward the stuff that riles up our indignation. Propaganda is hardly new. Opt for something truly novel: good news!

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19 (60). *“Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.”*

Monday, May 14, 2018

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Let go and love

Jesus’ Last Supper discourses are surely some of the most poignant passages in John’s gospel. You can almost hear the urgency in Jesus’ voice as he exhorts his disciples to carry on and always love one another. Just *love one another*. Three simple words, yet how difficult they are to live at times! Or at least we make them that way. We prefer to hold on to our anger, resentment, or that small slight from this morning. We are entitled to feel the way we do—right? Yet, how much easier it is to simply let the negative feeling go. It’s as easy as opening your hand. Today, when you find yourself holding on to anger, visualize opening your hand. Let it go. Love one another.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564). *“You did not choose me but I chose you.”*

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE

Help bring a poor farmer to market

Seventy-five percent of the world’s poor—900 million people—“live in rural areas in conditions of extreme poverty,” according to a March 9, 2006 Vatican statement on agrarian reform. In the absence of internationally guaranteed protections, the Vatican says, “deprivation, exploitation, lack of access to the market, and social exclusion become more acute” among people who work the land. The Vatican urged rich countries to correct policies, such as farm subsidies and trade barriers, that adversely affect the economies of developing countries, and it condemned the concentration of productive farmland in the hands of a few. In honor of Saint Isidore, take steps to support small farmers by purchasing organic and fair trade products and frequenting local farmers’ markets. Learn more about the Catholic rural ethic at catholicrurallife.org.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). *“I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.”*

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

EASTER WEEKDAY

Take the long view

The proverb “This too shall pass” may come to mind while struggling through a tough period in life, such as a time of transition or a personal financial crisis. We hope and trust that the

pain of these situations is temporary and will eventually pass. Though not often invoked in good times, this proverb can also refer to the passing of good things in our life. It might be, for example, the death of a loved one or the departure of a close friend or mentor, as the early church experienced when Jesus and then Paul prepared to leave behind their earthly lives. It reminds us to be open to what life brings and draw comfort from the fact that God’s love remains constant.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *“They threw their arms around Paul and kissed him, for they were deeply distressed that he had said that they would never see his face again.”*

Thursday, May 17, 2018

EASTER WEEKDAY

Let’s attend the reunion

The Catholic Church’s approach to ecumenism has come a long way since the Second Vatican Council. The previous Code of Canon Law (from 1917) decreed: “It is illicit for the faithful to assist at or participate in any way in non-Catholic religious functions” (no. 1258). That changed with Vatican II and the new Code of Canon Law in 1983, and in 1993 the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity stated that “Christians may be encouraged to share in spiritual activities and resources, i.e., to share that spiritual heritage they have in common in a manner and to a degree appropriate to their present divided state” (no. 102). We still have a long road ahead, but the road map is clearer.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *“I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”*

Friday, May 18, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR

In search of what unites us

Many hopeful moments occurred during the impressive funeral and memorial rites for Pope John Paul II in 2005. Perhaps one of the most remarkable was the gathering of so many leaders of different religious traditions and denominations from around the world. This was a sign of hope that all believers, of whatever corner of the world, could recognize that God is more important than our differences and that, in fact, God longs to gather us all into one. There is one God, the God of all. Let us pray that we will have the faith and humility to let God be God.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *“Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”*

Saturday, May 19, 2018

EASTER WEEKDAY

Mind your own business

Celebrity gossip is so pervasive that it’s hard to avoid. How much do you know about the personal lives of the “glitterati”? Sure, these people invite the public into their lives for profit, but scrutinizing—even relishing—the foibles of strangers is a slippery slope. Jesus frequently reminded his followers to focus on themselves—their own failings and how they could improve—instead of worrying about those around them. Are you too quick to judge the actions of others?

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). *“What if I want him to remain until I come? What concern is it of yours?”*

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



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On Sunday, May 7th St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Smethport celebrated First Holy Communion. Pictured from left to right in the front row is Calidonia Dart, Mackenzie Ginkel, Adrianna Keesler, and Ruby Meyer. In the back row from left to right is Father Vince, Aidan Hollowell, Zachary Hungville, Laynee Cosper, and Jamie Douitt. A cupcake reception was held after Mass for the entire Parish to help celebrate this special day.



Sunday, April 22nd the following celebrated receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Bernard's. Noah Costa, Abigail Holohan, Raychel Keller and Cordell Tanner, Bishop Persico, Fr. Vince.



At Saint Elizabeth's:

Sat. May 12 12 Noon Baptism



At Saint Joseph's:

A Mother's Love

By Carol Matthews

A mother loves right from the start, She holds her baby close to her heart. The bond that grows will never falter, Her love is so strong it will never alter.

A mother gives never ending love, She never feels that she has given enough. For you she will always do her best, Constantly working, there's no time to rest.

A mother is there when things go wrong, A hug and a kiss to help us along. Always there when we need her near, Gently wipes our eyes when we shed a tear.

A mother's prayer means so very much, Believing in God and his gentle touch. Keeping you safe both day and night, Your mother's prayer will time it just right.

So on this day shower your mother with love, Gifts and presents are nice but that is not enough. Give your mother a day to have some peace of mind, Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Charismatic Mass planned in Emporium

A Charismatic Mass will be offered May 18 at 6 p.m. in the chapel of Elk County Catholic High School, 600 Maurus St., St. Marys, with Father Paul Siebert, pastor of St. Mark Parish, Emporium, as the celebrant. Music will be provided by Shalom. For more information, contact Judy Smart at 814-637-5930 or Rich Kenawell at 814-771-7932.

Diocesan wedding anniversary celebrations for summer 2018

Save the dates for the upcoming diocesan wedding anniversary celebrations sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Erie. The celebrations will be held at: St. George Church, Erie, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Ss. Cosmas and Damian Church, Punxsutawney, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m.

Be a STAR supporter of Catholic education!

Do you own a business, want to support Catholic education AND receive a tax credit? You can by participating in PA's EITC program. Go here for more information: <http://www.eriercd.org/tuition.htm>. Your contribution to the STAR Foundation can be designated to a specific Catholic school, or made available to help students most in need at any of the Catholic schools within the diocese. Recurring applicants may apply starting May 15 and new applicants may apply on July 2. Contact Michelle Basista, Catholic Foundation, 814.824.1192, mbasista@cfnwpa.org or Chuck Banducci, Diocese of Erie, 814-824-1188, cbanducci@eriercd.org with questions. Thank you for providing an opportunity for our students!

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Real Life Catholic

- Video commentary from Chris Stefanick
- Inspirational and practical
- Updated monthly

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 20, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector:
Patricia Marrero

Ministers:
Carole Walker
Patricia Marrero
Kevin Housler

Server: Raychel Keller

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 MAY 19-20, 2018

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Vicki Alfieri Rose Campbell	Patty Green Marian Bush Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Colleen White	Mary Palmer
Altar Servers:	Noah	John

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Marian Bush
Sena Kean Visits: Lu Vandermark & Margaret Vandermark
Lakeview: