

*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.

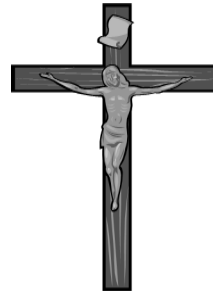
**Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion:** Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

**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, Nov. 24  
 5:00 PM + Julia Zawacki  
 by Julie Marquart

Sunday, Nov. 25  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM For The People

Tuesday, Nov. 27  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM For All Souls

Thursday, Nov. 29  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM Suffering Souls in Purgatory

Friday, Nov. 30  
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 12:10 PM + Joseph Marquart, Sr.  
 by Julie, Joe & Mary

Saturday, Dec. 1 **First Saturday**  
 8:00 AM In Reparation for Sins Committed  
 Against Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

Sunday, Dec. 2  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM In Honor of Our Confirmation Students

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

Sunday, Nov. 25  
 8:00 AM + Deena Kaye-Rugo  
 8:00 AM by Sisters & Brother

Friday, Nov. 30  
**9:00 AM** For All Souls

Sunday, Dec. 2 + Gene Henderson  
 by The Henderson's

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Nov. 11, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$2,372.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Nov. 11, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$ 391.00

Sunday, December 16th will be the last day to turn in your flower envelopes to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Please be sure and write clearly on the envelope. Thank you.



**St. Elizabeth** will have a Penance Service on Sunday, December 9th from 10:30-11:30 AM for All Religious Education Students. Parish Penance Service will be at 3:00 PM.

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

**St. Joseph Rosary Society News:  
 Ladies mark you calendars for St.  
 Joseph's Annual Rosary Christmas Party.**

It will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4th at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. This year the dinner will be catered so sign-up sheets will be available in the back of **both churches**. **This is the last day to sign-up for the party/dinner.** Menu is: Baked Ham & Scalloped Potatoes or Chicken & Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Veggies and Dessert. Feel free to bring a wrapped gift for "Dirty Bingo".



**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL WEEKDAY MASSES  
 WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL.**



**The Smethport Peer Helpers** are sponsoring a Hat and Glove Drive. The items will be donated to the Smethport Food Bank for those in need. Please donate new winter accessories. The drive ends on November 30th."

**St. Elizabeth Christmas Party**

Get your tickets for the 7th Annual Christmas Party. Only \$5.00 per person, children 5 and under are free. **Last day for tickets sales is Dec. 9th.** No tickets will be sold at the door.



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.



Registration for **Second Harvest** will be held on Monday, Dec. 3rd between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The number to call is **366-3186 only**. There will be a high volume of calls, so please be patient and please do not leave a message on the voice mail as it is not monitored during this time. Distribution will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11th. Volunteers are needed from **12:30-4:00 PM** when the truck arrives and when **Distribution begins at 2:00. Help for any amount of time is appreciated.**

**St. Elizabeth Women's Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday, December 5. We will begin with reciting the rosary in church at 11:45 and continue with a meeting in the hall. Feel free to bring a light dish to pass for lunch. Preparations will be made for the 2019 soup luncheons.







## Saint Elizabeth's Feast Day Dinner



## Sunday, Nov 25, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### By whose authority

Every instance of bad leadership reinforces the vital importance of good leaders. In church and in government, at work and at home, we need people of wisdom and vision to take us into the future. Leaders must lead, not merely from a platform or agenda, but with a profound respect for the common good as an unshakable principle. Championing the common good makes families more holy, workplaces more just, societies more civil, and governments more noble. What kind of world do we want to live in? At what kind of authority will we bend our knees?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (161). "So Pilate said to him, 'Then you are a king?'"

## Monday, Nov 26, 2018

### Generosity is not for sale

Strolling through the crooked, crowded, exciting streets of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, you'll see vendors hawking every imaginable treasure. Spices from the Orient, silks of India, beauty products made with Dead Sea salts, prayer shawls of every description. You can buy almost anything there, including "the widow's mite," according to the sandwich board in front of an archeologically minded coin shop. Whether or not the coins are authentic to the time of Jesus, the one thing you can never acquire from any shop is the spirit of generosity that humble woman in the gospel story demonstrated. Is your generosity big enough to impress Jesus?

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 (503). "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."

## Tuesday, Nov 27, 2018

### Time's up

At the close of each church year, Catholics get a little apocalyptic in their focus. While it's in the fine print of mortality that someday we'll face the final hour of this life, it's a thought we keep under wraps most of the time. Yet the hour of the Reaper is coming: How prepared are you to be "reaped"? The church invites you to practice the daily examination of conscience to consider the harvest of each day, both the chaff and the grain of your efforts. (Search on "examination of conscience" online for some options.) Consider today: What fruits have you gathered to present to the Lord?

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11 (504). "Use your sickle and reap the harvest, for the time to reap has come."

## Wednesday, Nov 28, 2018

### Walk the walk and you will talk the talk

As we approach Advent, we already begin to hear talk of preparing for Christ's coming—making ourselves ready. And of course we have gospels full of warnings to "Be prepared," "Keep vigil," "Bring oil for your lamps," "You know not the day nor the hour." But when it comes to defending our faith at the end times, Jesus tells us to not prepare our testimony in advance. Huh? Apparently we're to get busy putting our faith into action now, and when the time comes for putting it into words, we can rely on the wisdom of the Spirit to help us out.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 (505). "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking."

## Thursday, Nov 29, 2018

### Put an end to gloom and doom

Each new generation has its heralds of doom reading signs in every calamity that the end is near. But rest assured, the end-times are not our concern. Our commission is to stand amid the chaos and "give birth to a dancing star," to quote Nietzsche at his poetical best. Our choice is always to embrace life—a gift freely given to us by One who loves us. So ignore those who speak the language of scarcity and gloom. They want you to live small, fear-filled lives. "Stand erect," Jesus says. "Drink from my cup." Do this, and you will be satisfied and most surely saved.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28 (506). "Stand erect and raise your hands because your redemption is at hand."

## Friday, Nov 30, 2018

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

### Cast a wide net

In the gospels, Andrew is portrayed as a simple fisherman who brought others to Jesus. He brought forward the boy with the five loaves and two fishes. He brought his brother Simon the news, "We have found the Messiah." In Jerusalem, he introduced some Greek men who wanted to meet Jesus and speak to him. Later, he was a missionary said to have traveled widely before being martyred on a cross in the shape of an X. Because of the belief that Andrew preached in Scotland, the Scottish put his cross on their flag. While few of us will be remembered on national flags, all of us can be remembered as people who did our best to introduce others to the healing message of Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684). "Immediately they left their nets and followed him."

## Saturday, Dec 01, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Ours were the wounds he bore

People throw parties when it's time to celebrate. But grief and loss are private places we often go alone. How comforting to know that Mary our Mother went all of those places ahead of us and is waiting there to enfold us in mercy and consolation! Pick up a rosary today and pray the Sorrowful Mysteries for those who are suffering alone and unseen: in places of humiliation and condemnation, in sickness and disability, in mourning and loneliness, and especially at the hour of death.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36 (508). "Be vigilant at all times."

*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:**

Sun. Dec. 2 10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Classes



**At Saint Joseph's:**



**St. Joseph's  
For the month of December**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is In Loving Memory of George & Helen Peters

**INFANT OF PRAGUE** is In Loving Memory of The Kaye Family

Pray for Priest-November 25-30  
 Nov. 25th Rev. Gregory P. Passauer  
 Nov. 26th Rev. Jason Mitchell  
 Nov. 27th Rev. Thomas M. Aleksa  
 Nov. 28th Rev. John M. Fischer  
 Nov. 29th Rev. T. Shane Mathew  
 Nov. 30th Rev. Michael P. Allison



**Campaign for Human Development**

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on "How to Give" on the left.

**ICE SKATING PARTY-OLEAN ICE RINK**



Religious Education students and their families are invited to attend an Ice Skating Party on **Dec. 8th** from **1:30-3:00 PM** Light refreshments will be provided. This includes the home school students. Please RSVP to Jan Adamoski at 887-4992 or [sercc.re@gmail.com](mailto:sercc.re@gmail.com).

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

Need some ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the Families Always Matter website, [www.ErieRCD.org/familiesmatter](http://www.ErieRCD.org/familiesmatter), to find information/ideas for traditional, single-parent, blended, military, and adoptive/foster families. At the Diocese of Erie, families always matter! Go Families! Also Formed.org using our parish code **TRY7DX**.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2, 2018  
FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:**  
David Gerber

**Ministers:**  
Mary Ann Schafer  
Mary Smith  
Lois Housler

**Server:**  
Raychel

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

What does it mean to be a king, or queen, or president, or indeed anyone with power? Jesus reminds us, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." (John 18:36) Look at your spouse today and see beyond the power struggles of who is in charge or most right. Recommit to sacrificing your life for your beloved.

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**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.

**St. Elizabeth's** will once again be partnering with the Christian Community Food Bank this Christmas season as part of the "**Angel Tree**" program. The Parishioners of St. Elizabeth's have been among the most generous supporters of the program since its inception and your generous support continues to make Christmas special for those in need. Angel Tags will be available the weekend of November 24 and 25. **Wrapped gifts will need to be returned to the Church by Sunday, December 9.** If you have any questions please contact Tim and Mary Beth Holohan at 465-2229 or 558-5684.



**Diocese launches free e-newsletter** Have you subscribed to the *Diocese of Erie-news*? It's easy to do and it's free. To receive your email edition each week, simply visit [nwpaCatholic.com](http://nwpaCatholic.com), click on the "subscribe" button, and provide a few lines of basic information. Every Monday morning, you'll receive headlines and photos with links to diocesan, national and Vatican news. You'll also see a tweet sent out from Bishop Lawrence Persico or from the diocese. Sign up today and stay in the know!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 1-2, 2018**

| St. Elizabeth         | Sat. 5:00 PM   | Sunday 9:30 AM                            |
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| Eucharistic Ministers | Heather Murphy | John Carr<br>Terri Carri<br>Joan Washburn |
| Lectors:              | Sarah Meyer    | Brooke Kane-Walker                        |
| Altar Servers:        | Ithilien Ruby  | Noah                                      |

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Crystal Raymond  
 Sena Kean Visits: John & Terri Carr  
 Lakeview: Mary Norgrove