

*The Roman Catholic Parish of  
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

*307 Franklin St.  
Smethport, PA 16749*

*20 Division St.  
Mount Jewett, Pa 16740*



**Sacramental Information**

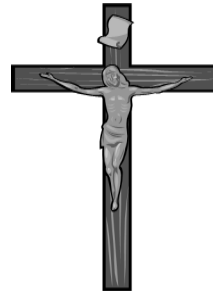
**Baptism:** Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

**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, Feb. 16  
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Feb. 17  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM + Kenneth Doutt  
 by Matt Miller

Monday, Feb. 18  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Dr. William Keating Family

Tuesday, Feb. 19  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Jimmy Quinlan  
 by His Cousins

Thursday, Feb. 21  
 2:30 PM Mass at Lakeview  
 For The People

Friday, Feb. 22  
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 12:10 PM The Conversion of Sinners

Saturday, Feb. 23  
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Feb. 24  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM + Arthur Brooder

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

**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/familiesmatter](http://www.eriercd.org/familiesmatter). 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. Joseph's Pancake Breakfast** is today following Mass. Stop in for good food and great fellowship.

**February Soup Luncheon:** The sign up to help St. Elizabeth Women with the February Soup Luncheon is posted in the vestibule of the church. 50/50 tickets are also available after weekend masses. Just \$5.00 and you won't go away hungry.



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

Sunday, Feb. 17  
 8:00 AM + Patrick Eaton  
 by St. Joseph Rosary Society

Sunday, Feb. 24  
 8:00 AM In Honor of Sister Phyllis Schleicher O.S.B.  
 by St. Joseph Rosary Society



"The Smethport Area Peer Helpers are sponsoring a School Supplies Drive. All donations of new school supplies will be given to students at Smethport High School and Elementary School. The drive will end on March 31st. Thank you all for your generosity!"

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Feb. 10, 2019**

Weekly Collection: \$2,2474.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Feb. 10, 2019**

Weekly Collection: \$ 306.00



**St. Joseph Rosary Society** will meet on **Monday, March 4th** at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. Please note the day change.

**The 2019 Catholic Services Appeal** will be conducted throughout our diocese on March 3, 2019. You may wonder if this is a good time to conduct our annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal. But the truth is, we must. You see, our diocese still has work to do on behalf of the Lord. The church needs your help to remain focused on Christ and the needs of the people of God. Bishop Lawrence Persico personally assures us that donations to the 2019 CSA will not be used—in any way—to fund the legal expenses of the diocese related to the Pennsylvania grand jury investigation on clergy sex abuse or to provide settlements for sexual abuse victims. The CSA is essential to helping the Diocese of Erie fulfill its mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word and celebrate the sacraments. Your participation is essential to the success of the CSA as well as to the health of our parish. Please join other Catholics from across the 13 counties of our diocese in supporting this important appeal.

# **St. Elizabeth Soup Luncheon**



**Thursday, February 21**

**11:00 -- 1:00**

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

**\$5.00**

*includes soup and dessert*

## Sunday, Feb 17, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Good news in bad times

Forget the headlines for a blessed minute. Stop attending to pop-up dramas of breaking stories, and avert your eyes from news flashes that dazzle with the world's misery and villainy. We know human nature like the back of our hands, because we know the contents of our own hearts: how petty we can be, how self-serving and critical. The difference between the evil geniuses of the globe and us is often a matter of reach and opportunity, or one too many grievances that finally topple our humanity and make the descent to darkness all the more compelling. Resist self-righteousness!

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26 (78). *"Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh."*

## Monday, Feb 18, 2019

### Seek signs of mercy

Generations still seek a sign. But sometimes we look for signs in the wrong places. Jesus must still heave a sigh whenever we're blind to the divine inklings all around us. When the brokenhearted take heart and the hard-hearted show some mercy—those are signs that God has gotten through. Let's give God—and each other—the benefit of the doubt.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). *"The Pharisees came and began to argue with Jesus, asking him for sign from heaven, to test him."*

## Tuesday, Feb 19, 2019

### Looks like rain

Big floods tend to produce stories. Folks can recall much about the "flood of 2008 or 1996 or 1956 . . ." People in biblical times had heard flood stories, too. But the flood Genesis described was the Big One, the flood to end all floods—almost. God was angry and decided all of creation was pretty much corrupt and the only solution was to wipe it all out. But in an almost human way God left the door open a crack. Noah got to be the ark that preserved a righteous few, including handy mating pairs of all creatures in order to repopulate the earth once the waters receded. So God's wrath was not final. There's always the possibility of return to God, constantly offered. When the waters of despair, regret, and cynicism threaten to inundate you, remember there's a dove on the way.

TODAY'S READINGS: Today's readings: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). *"Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation.'"*

## Wednesday, Feb 20, 2019

### It's all part of the process

Our journey toward health, wholeness, and conversion stretches across the span of our lives and, ironically, doesn't prevent our deaths. But the more fully we embrace life and live in God's Spirit, the less significant our deaths become. Dying is just part of the process toward life in Christ. For a time we will see as in a mirror—through a glass darkly. But if we follow Jesus' instruction of forgiveness and love, we will eventually see clearly—even with our eyes closed and even beyond our deaths.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26 (337). *"The man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.'"*

## Thursday, Feb 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Courage to do what is right

Peter Damian was a Benedictine 11th-century monk who is frequently described as an austere and holy man. He loved the study of scripture and was extremely devoted to his monastic life. But his holiness and moral clarity brought him to the attention of more than one pope and he often was called upon to settle contentious debates within the church. With great courage, Peter called the church to moral reform, confronting issues of simony (buying or selling of church jobs) and clerical abuse of power. Though he was never officially canonized, most people of his time considered him a saint and he was named a doctor of the church in 1828. Let him inspire your study and devotion today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33 (338). *"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*

## Friday, Feb 22, 2019

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER THE APOSTLE

### The chair has the floor

For a chair to get its own feast day, it's got to be a pretty special chair. Today's is just that, because Saint Peter himself, the very first pope, sat upon it. The relic in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City is a wooden throne, which Pope Benedict XVI described as a "symbol of the special mission of Peter and his successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity." Ponder that our church's leaders stand in a line going all the way back to the apostles, and pray for each one who holds this esteemed position.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 (535). *"Upon this rock I will build my church."*

## Saturday, Feb 23, 2019

MEMORIAL OF POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

### Living memory

We can be sure that the practice of venerating the relics of saints began very early in the church. The first evidence for it comes from a letter dated around 150 A.D. concerning the martyrdom of Polycarp. The letter relates that following Polycarp's execution the Romans refused the Christians his body, deciding rather to burn it. The Christians then gathered together his bones, church fathers related, "being more precious than the most exquisite jewels, and more purified than gold." They put these bones in a place of distinction where they would gather together and revere them, especially on the anniversary of Polycarp's martyrdom. Remember the sacrifices of Christian martyrs and give yourself wholeheartedly to a life of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13 (340). *"They kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant."*

*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. Feb. 17 10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Class



**At Saint Joseph's:**

Sun. Feb. 17 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Pancake Breakfast  
parish hall

Feb. 17 Rev. John E. Santor  
Feb. 18 Rev. William E. Sutherland  
Feb. 19 Rev. Glenn R. Whitman  
Feb. 20 Rev. George E. Strohmeyer  
Feb. 21 Rev. Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie  
Feb. 22 Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Stack  
Feb. 23 Rev. Matthew J. Strickenberger



**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

"Love is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, but rejoices with the truth..." (1 Cor. 13: 6) Which of these qualities of love best describes your beloved.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2019  
FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:**  
Mary Smith

**Ministers:**  
Carole Walker  
Holly Hamilton  
Kevin Houser

**Server:**  
Raychel

**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 Feb. 23-24, 2019**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolee Learn Heather Costa	Patricia Green Lu Vandermark Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Ray Learn	Steve Eidson
Altar Servers:	Isabella Nick	Carter

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

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is In Loving Memory of  
The Parana Family



**INFANT OF PRAGUE** is In Loving Memory of  
Mark Morgan

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

**Saint Elizabeth/Saint Joseph** has some Sundays open and many weekday Mass openings for 2019 intentions. You can have your Mass offered either in Smethport or Mt. Jewett. 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 request in the collection basket.

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**Make plans now to attend the 5th Annual Women's Conference**

"The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 1:38 Women's Conference is happening March 30, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Church. Come and learn how to Live Joy-fully!  
The conference includes 3 dynamic speakers – Internationally-known recording artist Amanda Vernon, Director of Ministry Advancement at Blessed is She Beth Davis and author, speaker and broadcaster Sonja Corbitt. Cost of the conference is \$40 for Adults, \$35 for Senior Citizens, \$25 for College Students, \$10 for High School Students and Religious Sisters are FREE! The conference cost includes lunch. Register by calling 814-455-7364 or on-line at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com)."

**NOVA**

A one-day marriage preparation program designed *specifically* for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include expectations of remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 for information. **The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Erie.** Pre-registration is required.