

# *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.

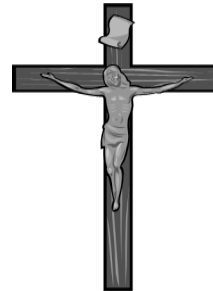
**Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion:** Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

**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 26  
5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, May 27  
**8:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
9:30 AM + Leon B Griffin  
by Philip & Sandra Griffin

Monday, May 28 **Memorial Day**  
11:30 AM Mass at Cemetery  
+ For The Repose of The Souls of The  
Quentin Meyer Family  
by The Meyer Family  
(weather permitting)

Tuesday, May 29  
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 AM + Thelma Brooder

Friday, June 1 **First Friday**  
11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
12:10 PM In Reparation for Sins Committed  
Against Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 2 **First Saturday**  
8:00 AM In Reparation for Sins Committed  
Against Immaculate Heart of Mary  
3:30-4:15 PM Confession  
5:00 PM + Tom & Vickie Ross  
by Dave & Katie Rumsey

Sunday, June 3  
**8:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
9:30 AM For The People

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

Sunday, May 27  
**7:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
8:00 AM + Helen Peters  
by Robert Barber & Family  
Karen Barber

Sunday, June 3  
**7:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
8:00 AM + George Peters  
by Vondalee & Charles Swanson

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of May 20, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$1,728.00  
International Needs: \$ 528.35

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of May 20, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$ 332.00  
International Needs: \$ 98.00

**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 27th-Mary Smith.

**St. Elizabeth Women's Fellowship** A baby quilt was donated to St. Elizabeth's to support the Women's Fellowship service projects. The quilt is 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 13th. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Parish Picnic on July 14, 2018.

**Summer Youth Program at St. Joseph:** Will be starting on Monday, June 4th 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 4th. 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)

**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/fam.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm), 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.



Registration for **Second Harvest** will be held on Monday, June 4th 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, June 12th. Volunteers are needed from **12:30-4:00 PM** when the truck arrives and when **Distribution begins at 1:30**. **Help for any amount of time is appreciated.**



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE I :**

Carole Dibble and James Glass  
Saturday, June 16, 2018

## Sunday, May 27, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### Blessed are the single-hearted

One Beatitude we routinely misinterpret is the one about being “pure of heart.” Purity of heart isn’t about sex but rather about loyalty and fidelity, what we call single-heartedness. From Moses to the prophets to Jesus, fidelity to God alone has been the ideal. We worship a Triune God with a solitary heart. We can’t afford to divide our loyalty or it will be no more than a farce.

Houseclean your heart from competing loyalties.

TODAY’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-34; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20 (165). *“Know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God . . . and that there is no other.”*

## Monday, May 28, 2018

### Be happy!

“How happy is our sacrament of water!” This enthusiastic appraisal of Baptism comes from church Father Tertullian around 203 A.D. The first epistle attributed to Saint Peter certainly agrees. It is sometimes described as a homily delivered to cheer on a first-century baptismal class “graduating” to full Christian initiation. It includes a hymn of thanksgiving, encouragement for holy living, instructions for the Christian household, urging to persevere in hard times, and the duties of members to the community as a whole. Take time to read 1 Peter this week, and give thanks for the happy sacrament.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27 (347). *“Although you have not seen him, you love him . . . for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”*

## Tuesday, May 29, 2018

### In praise of mission

There was a time when mission work was about “saving the heathen” and “converting the pagans.” Contemporary Catholic missionary work has undergone profound change since the Second Vatican Council, and today those in mission work are much more conscious of issues of social justice and the dangers of cultural imperialism in the guise of religious conversion. Many modern missionaries speak of “reverse mission”—of being converted by the generosity and wisdom of those they serve, who may be poor in material goods but rich in spirit and tradition. Invite a returned missionary to your parish or faith community to share his or her stories. It can be an eye-opening experience.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31 (348). *“There is no one who has given up . . . lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more.”*

## Wednesday, May 30, 2018

### What do you see?

When the light is right, usually around dusk, the glass on a train acts as both a window and a mirror. Depending upon where you focus your eyes as a passenger, you can see either the relatively motionless interior of the car or the scenery outside passing by in a blur. This “double vision” reflects the duality of time and your human experience. There is the unchanging, eternal now where God resides and the rush of encounters and experiences in which you usually live. Just as passengers on the train can choose which side of the window to observe, you also have that same choice in your daily life. Where will you focus your attention today?

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45 (349). *“The grass withers, and the flower wilts, but the word of the Lord remains forever.”*

## Thursday, May 31, 2018

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### You visited me

Where is the presence of God? In celebration of the Eucharist, certainly, in the transformed bread and wine, the word proclaimed and preached, the people gathered. When we pray, yes, God is there, too. And each of us bears the image of God, our creator, so we can “see” God in another, even in the hungry, thirsty, sick, naked, imprisoned, and stranger. In all of creation we can see the traces of God’s intricate handiwork. Today we recall the story of the pregnant Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth, who was expecting John the Baptist. It is through the presence of Jesus in Mary that we have our faith. Remember Mary, who visits us with the presence of God.

TODAY’S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572). *“The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst.”*

## Friday, Jun 01, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

### Life lessons

“There are three kinds of people,” wrote Blaise Pascal, the famous religious philosopher: “Those who have sought God and found him . . . these are reasonable and happy. Those who seek God and have not yet found him . . . these are reasonable and unhappy. And those who neither seek God nor find him . . . these are unreasonable and unhappy.” Justin Martyr appealed to reason, trying to persuade Roman rulers that it was pointless to persecute early Christians. He kept stressing the lessons of Jesus, most notably: “Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you.” Which of Jesus’ lessons do you quote the most?

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26 (351). *“Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours.”*

## Saturday, Jun 02, 2018

MEMORIAL OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

### Gone but not forgotten

We hardly know the names of Marcellinus and Peter from the early fourth century (d.304), who were persecuted during the reign of the Roman emperor Diocletian. But in their day, these men were honored by poems and feast days, and over their tombs a church was built. Their bones were prized relics as late as the ninth century and miracles were attributed to them. The gift of our lives is the greatest gift we can offer to God. Though our names may be all but forgotten on earth, our fidelity is eternally rewarded.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33 (352). *“Was John’s Baptism of heavenly or of human origin? Answer me.”*

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



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## MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY

The custom of honoring ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is an ancient and world-wide tradition, but the specific origin of Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are unclear.

In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics. After the Civil War, America's need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor its military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decoration of soldiers' graves were held in towns and cities throughout the nation.

After World War I, the day expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

No less than 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, and states observed the holiday on different dates. In 1971, Memorial Day became a national holiday by an act of Congress; it is now celebrated on the last Monday in May.

Since it all started with the Civil War, you might want to brush up on your knowledge of this event by visiting the [Library of Congress Civil War collection](#), which includes more than a thousand photographs.

## THE POPPY, A SYMBOL OF MEMORIAL DAY

The wearing of poppies in honor of America's war dead is traditionally done on Memorial Day (not Veterans Day). The origin of the red poppy as a modern-day symbol of this day was actually the idea of an American woman, Miss Moina Michael. Read more about the [inspiration for the poppy](#). In war-torn battlefields, the red field poppy (*papaver rhoeas*) was one of the first plants to grow. Its seeds scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground is disturbed—as it was by the very brutal fighting during World War 1.

The practice of wearing of poppies was further inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," written in 1915 by Canadian soldier John McCrae. He saw the poppies in burials around his artillery position in Belgium. Today, poppies are both the symbol of loss of life as a symbol of recovery and new life, especially in support of those servicemen who were damaged physically or emotionally.

### **In Flanders Fields**

by John McCrae, May 1915

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.*





**At Saint Elizabeth's:**

Mon. May 28 Parish Office Closed  
 Mon. May 28 11:30 Mass at Cemetery weather permitting



**At Saint Joseph's:**

Mon. June 4 9:00 AM Summer Youth Program Morning Session  
 Mon. June 4 6:00 PM Summer Youth Program Evening Session

**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.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 3, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:**  
Mary Smith

**Ministers:**  
Mary Ann Schafer  
Carole Walker  
Kevin Housler

**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 JUNE 2-3, 2018**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Sam Costa Denise Balon	Joan Washburn Margaret Vandermark Marian Bush
Lectors:	Josh Costa	Kelli Swanson
Altar Servers:	Ava Lila	Gavin Carter

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Teach them to observe everything I have commanded you." For parents, this is both mission and ministry as all children form their foundation of faith from their parents. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children "all that I have commanded you."

**Parish Development Memorial Fund**

Sylvia Cappelletti

by Louis Cappelletti

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**Bright Alternatives** Dear Friends, Spring is here! So, our spring Baby Bottle Campaign is here, and as you know it's a fun and easy way for your Church family to support the work of your local Pregnancy Resource Center. The Baby Bottle Campaign is one of the three major fundraisers we do every year. The Baby Bottles are a way to help us meet the financial needs of our daily operation and ensure service to those in need. As a nonprofit 501c3 we do all of our own fundraising and do not receive any state or federal monies. The best part of this fundraiser is that it doesn't require budget planning on the part of the giver. Just loose change that is lying around, just pick it up and stick it in the bottle. A lot of pennies can go a long ways. Maybe you want to give a bigger donation. You can put cash or checks in the bottle make it payable to **Bright Alternatives**. You would not believe how quickly a little change adds up!! The campaign will run from Mother's Day, May 13, 2018 to Father's Day, June 17, 2018.

**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](mailto:mbasista@cfnwpa.org) or Chuck Banducci, Diocese of Erie, 814-824-1188, [cbanducci@eriercd.org](mailto:cbanducci@eriercd.org) with questions. Thank you for providing an opportunity for our students!

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