

# *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.

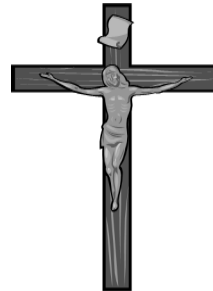
**Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion:** Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

**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**

**Pastor Rev. Vincent P. Cieslewicz, Jr. - Saint Elizabeth Rectory— 814-887-9254**

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Prayer Requests: 465-3569

Prayer Requests: 814-778-5520

**SAINT ELIZABETH, SMETHPORT, PA**

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

Saturday, Jan. 12  
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Jan. 13  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM + Peg Hoffman  
 by Fr. Vince & Wendy

Monday, Jan. 14  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Paul Comes  
 by The Family

Tuesday, Jan. 15  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Dr. William Keating Family

Thursday, Jan. 17  
 2:30 PM Mass @ Lake View  
 + Arthur Brooder

Friday, Jan. 18  
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 12:10 PM Living & Deceased Members of  
 The Sokoloski Family  
 by Mary Ann Schafer

Saturday, Jan. 19  
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM + Betty Faes  
 by Shirley Good

Sunday, Jan. 20  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM For The People

**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, Jacque Silvagni.

**Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie**  
 Get resources and suggestions for your family at the Diocese of Erie's family website, [www.eriecd.org/familiesmatter](http://www.eriecd.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**.

**End of Year:** Anyone needing a financial statement for the year may call the parish office.

**St. Elizabeth Cemetery Association** will meet on Thursday, January 24th in the parish hall at 6:30 PM.

**Thank You:** I would like to say thank you to St. Elizabeth Parish for the Christmas gift I received. It was very thoughtful.

**Whoever** got the filing cabinet with the door there is another key for it and whoever has the doors from the office at St. Joseph there are keys for the new doorknob. Contact the parish office if you would like to get these items, Monday-Friday 9 AM - 1 PM.

**Mark Your Calendars!!** The first soup luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 17 from 11 AM 'til 1 PM. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule for anyone who would like to make soup, a dessert or help in the kitchen. 50/50 tickets will also be available following mass. Thank you in advance for helping to support parish projects through St. Elizabeth Women. Other dates are, Thursday, February 21st and Thursday, March 21st.



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

Sunday, Jan. 13  
 8:00 AM + Dorothy Paar, Frank & Millicent Worrell  
 by Their Nieces

Sunday, Jan. 20  
 8:00 AM + Vicki & Kari Carrow  
 by Bill & Dorothy Sluga

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Dec. 30, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$2,372.00

**For the week of Jan. 3, 2019**

Weekly Collection: \$2,434.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Dec. 30, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$237.00

**For the week of Jan. 3, 2019**

Weekly Collection: \$467.00

**Anyone** who didn't receive envelopes let the parish office know and I will get them for you.

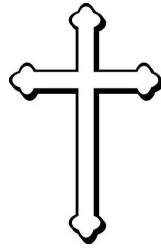
**Building Fund Memorial**

Patrick Eaton	by Debbie Defibaugh
Raymond Deegan	by Elmer & Rose Campbell
Raymond Deegan	by Bob Murphy

**Christmas Flowers in Memory of:**

The Dibble Family	by Mary Elizabeth Dibble
The Duffy Family	by Mary Elizabeth Dibble

**Fellowship Sunday:** St. Joseph will take place on Sunday, January 27, 2019 following the 8 AM Mass. If you can donate refreshments leave them in the kitchen marked for that purpose. Thank you.



**BECOME AN  
LECTOR  
EUCHARIST MINISTER**

Dear Parishioners,  
Saint Elizabeth and Saint Joseph both need Lectors and Eucharist Ministers. Training is provided for both of these roles in the Mass.

At Saint Elizabeth's you can let the schedule preparer know if prefer Saturday evening or Sunday morning. At Saint Joseph there is only one Mass on Sunday morning. This is a wonderful way to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please consider this opportunity to serve your parish.

If you choose to do this or have questions contact Father Vince, or call the parish office Monday thru Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM.

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**Saint Elizabeth** has weekday Mass openings for intentions and Sunday's for both churches for 2019. You can put in your request for Mass intentions by calling the parish office 9 AM—1 PM Monday thru Friday 887-9254 or drop your requests in the collection basket.

**[Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments](#)**

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Human Trafficking and Protecting our Youth:** Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under age 18 engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking, even if the youth's participation is not forced or coerced. Be aware of recruiting tactics. Traffickers target victims through social media sites, telephone chat lines, afterschool programs, at shopping malls, bus depots, clubs/bars or through friends and acquaintances. To help protect your child, ask questions about your child's friends, monitor their computer use and know where he/she hangs out. For more information on protecting our youth from human trafficking visit: [https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficking\\_ts\\_2018.pdf](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficking_ts_2018.pdf) To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

## Sunday, Jan 13, 2019

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### Stories that could be true

Our place in the cosmic scheme of things is always a large question mark at the back of our minds. As poet William Stafford suggests in “A Story That Could Be True,” we journey through the world like homeless souls, wondering if maybe there’s a greater home where we might truly belong and be at peace. “Who are you really, wanderer?” Stafford asks. This question has many answers. John the Baptist accepts that he’s not the Christ; he’s just the messenger. Jesus embraces his identity as the beloved Son. Consider what could be true—of you.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). “All were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.”

## Monday, Jan 14, 2019

### An unsigned letter from an inspired author

This month the liturgy uses extensively the Letter to the Hebrews, which has been called the “most elegant and sophisticated, and perhaps the most enigmatic, text of first-century Christianity.” In early centuries it was usually attributed to Saint Paul, but the language and theology are very unlike Paul’s letters. The truth is, no one knows for certain who authored it. After discussing the possibilities, Origen (185-254), the first great biblical scholar, remarked: “But who wrote the epistle, in truth, God knows.” Regardless of authorship, Hebrews is famous for its image of the “high priesthood” of Christ. That “priesthood of all believers” belongs to all of us as followers of Christ—are you in for the journey?

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20 (305). “Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’”

## Tuesday, Jan 15, 2019

### Ask an authority on the subject

Jesus astounded the people who met him along the way not only by the great deeds and signs that he performed and by what he taught—to love one’s enemies or forgive countless times. The amazement of the crowds was also due to the authority with which he spoke, not citing other rabbis or scholars but teaching from his own soul. In the church we often identify “authority” only with the teaching office, the Catechism, the decrees of popes, or the sense of the faithful. But the authority with which each baptized person testifies to Christ is also the authority, the authenticity, of his or her own life of faith, justice, and mercy.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 (306). “The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.”

## Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019

### Just showing up is not enough

Woody Allen is quoted as saying, “90 percent of life is showing up.” What, though, do we do with the other 10 percent? The story of God calling the prophet Samuel attests that just showing up won’t take you the whole way. The first two times Samuel heard a voice calling him in the night, he responded only, “Here I am!” The priest Eli, knowing something of God’s ways, informs the young man that merely presenting himself in the holy place is insufficient. Samuel must also declare himself the servant of the

Lord. Likewise, we should not rely on just showing up for the Lord. The final 10 percent is the part that makes the difference.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307). “As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.”

## Thursday, Jan 17, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

### The hermit next door

When people think of a hermit, someone like Saint Anthony the Great usually comes to mind. He was one of the first in the Christian tradition to give away his worldly wealth and go off to live alone in the desert. But consider this: There might be Catholic hermits in your very neighborhood! It’s not common, but this vocation involves living a life of prayer and contemplation in solitude—in any diocese where a person might be, with the acceptance and under the direction of their bishop. Pray for those holy hermits who could be in your midst.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308). “He remained outside in deserted places.”

## Friday, Jan 18, 2019

### One in Jesus

Today begins the Octave (“eight days”) of Prayer for Christian Unity, a week of special prayer for the unity of all Christians with Jesus the Lord—who prayed at the Last Supper for his followers “that they all may be one.” Many things keep Christians in their separate churches and communities. But in the end they share a common faith in Jesus who shows us who God is and calls us to love one another as God loves us. Pray today—and this week, and beyond this week—that Christians will find more to unite them than divide them.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 (309). “So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them . . . and Jesus was speaking the word to them.”

## Saturday, Jan 19, 2019

### Get into the ecumenical spirit

Not sure what you can do to promote Christian unity besides avoiding calling other Christians non-Catholics? Here is some simple advice found in Vatican II’s *Decree on Ecumenism*: “All the faithful should remember that the more effort they make to live holier lives according to the gospel, the better will they further Christian unity and put it into practice. For the closer their union with the Father, the Word, and the Spirit, the more deeply and easily will they be able to grow in mutual brotherly love. This change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name ‘spiritual ecumenism.’”

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310). “Many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus—for there were many who followed him.”

*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. Jan. 13 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg.  
parish hall  
Thurs. Jan. 17 11 AM-1 PM Soup Luncheon  
parish hall



**At Saint Joseph's:**

Pray for Priest-January 6-12  
Jan. 6 Rev. Mark A. O'Hern  
Jan. 7 Rev. Robert L. Humenay  
Jan. 8 Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Urbaniak  
Jan. 9 Rev. Msgr. Gerald J. Koos  
Jan. 10 Rev. Casimir J. Wozniak  
Jan. 11 Rev. Thomas L. Tyler  
Jan. 12 Rev. David J. Wilson



**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

It's New Year's resolution time. Even if you've already broken some resolutions, recommit to putting your beloved first - in words, in acts of kindness, in attention.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 20, 2019 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:**  
Mary Smith

**Ministers:**  
Patricia Marrero  
Holly Hamilton  
Kevin Housler

**Server:**  
Mackenzie

**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 Jan. 19-20, 2019**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolee Learn Denise Balon	Bernie Valenti Steve Valenti Kelli Swanson
Lectors:	Ray Learn	Tom Kreiner
Altar Servers:	Isabella Nick	John

**Parish Development Memorial Fund**

Raymond Deegan by Tom & Sally Cioffi  
Raymond Deegan by The Pavlock Family

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



**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is In Loving Memory of Vicki & Kari Carrow

**INFANT OF PRAGUE** is In Loving Memory of The Keesler & Transue Family

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**"FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL"**

Travel with Fr. Paul Siebert to GREECE, Sept. 7-16, 2019. You'll be visiting Thessalonisi, Phillippi, Delphi, Athens, Piraeus, Kusadasi and Ephesus (Turkey), and other places (14 Locations in total). Cost is \$3,600.00; Airfare and ALL-included. To register, please call 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register online @ [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com). For more information, call Fr. Paul @ 814-486-0569.

**March for Life Bus Trip**

Attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 18, 2019. Buses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on Thursday evening, January 17 at 11 p.m. and return about 2 a.m. on January 19. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Send \$55 per seat to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to use a credit card, call (814) 882-1333 or go online to [www.peopleforlife.life/january2019](http://www.peopleforlife.life/january2019).

**Openings Remain for Engagement Encounter**

Next to your own wedding day, Engagement Encounter is a weekend you will never forget! EE still has a few openings for its January 25th through 27th weekend at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814.824.1261 or visit [www.eriecfd.org/ee.htm](http://www.eriecfd.org/ee.htm) for more information or to register. Space is limited; register today! Interfaith couples are encouraged to apply.

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Kelli Swanson  
Sena Kean Visits: Bernie Valenti & Steve Valenti  
Lakeview: