

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

Saturday, Sept. 14  
 5:00 PM In Honor of The 25th Anniversary of The Ordination of Fr. Vincent P. Cieslewicz, Jr.

Sunday, Sept. 15  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM + For Brother Edward J. Bublinc by Bernie & Tony Valenti

Monday, Sept. 16  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Elmer Campbell by Mary Simpson

Saturday, Sept. 21  
**9:00 AM** + MaryAnn McGrogan Prestis  
 5:00 PM In Honor of Fr. Vince & Wendy's 45th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, Sept. 22  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM For The People

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

Sunday, Sept. 15  
 8:00 AM For The People

Sunday, Sept. 22  
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of The Sluga Family by Bill & Dot Sluga

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Sept. 1, 2019**  
 Weekly Collection: \$ 2,722.00

**For the week of Sept. 8, 2019**  
 Weekly Collection: \$2,698.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Sept. 1, 2019**  
 Weekly Collection: \$ 393.00

**For the week of Sept. 8, 2019**  
 Weekly Collection: \$ 344.00



**Pancake Breakfast:** St. Joseph's annual fall pancake breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 13th. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Anyone wishing to help in anyway contact Tony DeSio at 778-5515.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** A Special Intention, Pat Peterson, Special Intention, 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, Bob Yancosek, Special Intention, Carmela Hamilton.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Needed**

St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Training is provided for both. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact the parish office or Fr. Vince for additional information .

**St. Elizabeth Women** will be meeting on Wednesday, September 18. Recitation of the rosary will be said in church at 11:45 followed by a light lunch in the church hall. Bring a snack to share if you wish.



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE 2 :**

Katelynn Mead and Luke Campbell  
 Saturday, October 5, 2019



**The 2019 Catholic Education Collection**

Today is the 2019 Catholic Education Collection! Please support this important program and say yes to lifelong faith formation opportunities. Half of what you give will remain at St. Elizabeth parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. You can make a gift by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet or online at [www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html](http://www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html). Thank you!

**Parish Development Memorial Fund**

Elmer Campbell by Karl & Theresa Fitzsimmons  
 Elmer Campbell by David & Misty Kevech

**Mt. Jewett Hunger Project** needs donations of non-perishable food items and paper products. Please place your donations in the container in the back of the Church.

**Prayer Partners Needed for Confirmation Candidates:**

Prayer partners are needed for 3 candidates who are preparing to be confirmed school year. What does a prayer partner do? (1) Pray for the candidate. (2) Submit an anonymous card to them every Sunday in the box here at Church. The candidates are Jordan Pavlock, Bobby Rumcik, Chloe Costa. If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for one of the students or if you would like more information, please contact Jan Adamoski at [sercc.re@gmail.com](mailto:sercc.re@gmail.com) or 887-4992.



## Sunday, Sep 15, 2019

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### We're all in the story

A foolish, reckless kid. His heartbroken parent. An indignant older sibling. We find ourselves at various points of this family triangle over the years. First we're the brazen, half-hatched adult, trying everything at once just because we can. Later we may exchange roles more than once between the grieving elder—hoping against hope for a loved one causing all the trouble—and the aggrieved one, who thinks any show of compassion is outrageous and unearned. No matter who we are right now, the table is set, and the party is starting. Can we afford not to be there?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 (132). *"This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again."*

## Monday, Sep 16, 2019

MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

### Measure for measure

Saint Cornelius was elected pope in 251 during the persecutions of the Emperor Decius. Saint Cyprian of Carthage was a close friend. They and other church leaders faced a difficult question—should those who denied their faith to avoid martyrdom during the persecution be forgiven and received back into the church community? Under no circumstances, some argued. But Cornelius and Cyprian, both of whom would eventually face the martyrdom others fled, believed that if repentant, apostates, as they were called, should be welcomed back to the faith community. Show mercy to others so that mercy may be shown to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443). *"Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof."*

## Tuesday, Sep 17, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ROBERT BELLARMINI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### As the world turns

The widely respected and deeply learned Robert Bellarmine, who holds the rarified title of a doctor of the church, ended up on the erroneous side of a major controversy, that which surrounded Copernicus' "heliocentric theory" that the earth revolved around the sun instead of the sun around the earth. He delivered a sanction to his friend Galileo in 1616 that eventually resulted in the great scientist being silenced and held under house arrest. Don't confuse religious faith with scientific fact. God works through nature, and has nothing to hide, so don't be afraid of new scientific information that challenges long-held misconceptions. God can handle the truth—God created it!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17 (444). *"Beloved, this saying is trustworthy: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. Therefore, a bishop must be irreproachable."*

## Wednesday, Sep 18, 2019

### Drop the criticism

One of the worst faults of folks in general is the tendency to regularly find fault in others. There are plenty of reasons we do it: It makes us feel better about our own limitations, and it's easy to dismiss someone who challenges us to be better if we criticize them. But Jesus wants us to build up, not tear down—build up the

kingdom of God, that is. And that project starts inside ourselves—not by beating ourselves up for what we did wrong, but by presenting our wrongs honestly to God and turning that same spirit of understanding outward to others.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 (445). *"Wisdom is vindicated by all her children."*

## Thursday, Sep 19, 2019

### Reach out to the untouchables

Are we aware of the ways in which our society creates and perpetuates divisions and privileges based on gender, color, orientation, ability, income, religion? Jesus broke through such barriers, especially when interacting with women, but religious leaders preferred to see his actions as audacious and rebellious, while Jesus was instead modeling reciprocity and inclusivity. Wherever social constructs divide people, we are called to bridge the gap.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50 (446). *"If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him."*

## Friday, Sep 20, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŌN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŌNG HA-SANG AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

### Take nothing for granted

Never underestimate the power of books. Books smuggled out of China brought Christianity to Korea. The new community of faith was not welcomed by authorities, but that did not stop faithful Korean laymen and women from living their Catholic faith. Courageous and persistent, these 18th- and 19th-century lay leaders were persecuted, tortured, and beheaded. The church today honors the first Korean Catholic priest, Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, one of the many lay leaders, Saint Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and their martyred companions. Take time today to pick up the Holy Book and consider what folks have sacrificed to spread the Good News within.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447). *"Jesus journeyed . . . proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of God."*

## Saturday, Sep 21, 2019

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

### Who do you see?

We are always sizing up other people, making judgements about them. This is normal. But sometimes, we end up putting people in boxes—and leaving them there. Not so with Jesus. Jesus saw through boxes, categories, and stereotypes. He saw the person. Look at Matthew. Lumped into the distasteful category of "tax collectors and sinners," Matthew wasn't exactly considered a shining example of discipleship by the community. Yet, Jesus saw more than that. He saw Matthew and was open to him—and not just to "minister to" or "convert" Matthew. Jesus drew close, inviting Matthew into his home to become a close companion and vital part of proclaiming the Good News. What happens when you truly see people?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"Jesus said to him, 'Follow me.' And Matthew got up and 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:**

Sat. Sept. 21 3:00- 6:00 PM Parish Hall in Use



**At Saint Joseph's:**

**Pray for Priests**

- Sept. 15 **Pray For Vocations**
- Sept. 16 Rev. Msgr. James E. Sanner
- Sept. 17 Rev. Samuel G. Bungo
- Sept. 18 Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Brugger
- Sept. 19 Rev. Jason A. Glover
- Sept. 20 Rev. Robert Horgas
- Sept. 21 Rev. James T. O'Hara



**Marriage Moments**

Recently my cell phone died. I felt anxious about missing calls and annoyed that I would have to pay a lot of money to replace my trusty friend. When things like this happen, prayer usually leads me to put it in perspective: "This is a first world problem." Be grateful for my husband - my main trusty friend. Besides, he also has a cell phone for back up. :-)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPT. 22, 2019  
FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:** David Gerber

**Ministers:**  
Patricia Marrero  
Mary Ann Schafer  
Lois Housler

**Server:**

**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 SEPT. 21-22, 2019**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Denise Balon Heather Costa	John Carr Terri Carr Mary Norgrove
Lectors:	Josh Costa	Fran DeLancey
Altar Servers:	Ave Lila Vincent	Sabrina

**St. Joseph's for the month of September**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is In Loving Memory of Carl J. Kaye by Carole Cook



**INFANT OF PRAGUE** is In Loving Memory of Isadore & Mary Ann Quagliani by Sharon & Scott Morgan

**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.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**Kinzua Bridge State Park Fall Festival Non-Denominational Service** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019 from 11 AM—12 Noon during Festival Weekend. There is handicap parking in the park, large tents and chairs provided.

**Two Days with Edwina Gateley October 18-19**

Edwina Gateley, "Prophet of Peace" recipient by Benedictine Sisters of Erie, 2019, will be guest speaker at two events in Oil City: "A Call to Personal and Global Transformation," where Edwina will share her story, her ministry with women on the streets of Chicago and how ministry can effect personal and global transformation. In "Rediscovering and Claiming the Feminine Soul," Edwina will address claiming our feminine soul through women in Scripture. Come and be inspired by Edwina, poet, mystic, prophet, advocate and single mother who helps her audiences realize that small steps can make a huge difference.

**A Call to Personal and Global Transformation**

Date: Friday, October 18  
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Clarion University, Venango Campus, Oil City

Cost: \$15

**Rediscovering and Claiming the Feminine Soul**

Date: Saturday, October 19  
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Location: 1st Presbyterian Church, Oil City

Cost: \$15

Catholic Rural Ministry is sponsoring these events

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