

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, Aug. 1
 5:00 PM + Tom Cioffi
 by Tony & Karen Placer
 Frank, Katie

Sunday, Aug. 2
8:45 AM Recitation of The Rosary
 9:30 AM In Honor of The Father of All Mankind

Monday, Aug. 3
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Elmer Campbell
 by Rose Campbell

Tuesday, Aug. 4
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM For The People

Thursday, Aug. 6
 4-5:00 PM Confessions
 7:00 PM For The People

Friday, Aug. 7 **First Friday**
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM In Reparation for Sins Committed
 Against Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, Aug. 8
 3:30-4:15 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Aug. 9
8:45 AM Recitation of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Mary Margaret Eidson
 by Nancy Nick
 1:00 PM Confirmation

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Aug. 2
 8:00 AM For The People

Sunday, Aug. 9
 8:00 AM + Helen Peters
 by Robert Barber & Family
 and Karen Barber

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of July 19, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$1,319.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of July 19, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$545.00

St. Joseph's for the month of August 2020

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of
Charles & Mary Kalinowski by Karen Barber
 & Robert Barber & Family.



INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of
Robert & Gloria Barber by Karen Barber &
 Robert Barber & Family.

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, Special Intention, Carmela Hamilton, Mary
 Kay Peters, Anonymous.

Face Covering must be worn in both Parish Churches

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.
 Feel supported, encouraged, and blessed
 whether your family is a traditional, single-parent,
 blended, military, or an adoptive/foster family. Go
 Families!

Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese

Aug. 2 Rev. Matthew J. Strickenberger
 Aug. 3 The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico
 Aug. 4 Rev. Msgr. John W. Swoger
 Aug. 5 Rev. Thomas J. Whitman
 Aug. 6 Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Smith
 Aug. 7 Rev. Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie
 Aug. 8 Rev. Paul S. Siebert



**Mass Intentions: You may still schedule Mass
 intentions for the week day Masses. There are many
 openings.**

**Wash your hands and fold them in prayer: A Catholic
 response to the coronavirus, "Get plenty of sleep and
 drink plenty of fluids, take your meds, wash your
 hands, use hand sanitizer"**

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention: August
 The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea,
 among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



**Please keep in your prayers our
 Confirmation Students who will be
 confirmed on Sunday, August 9, 2020 at
 1:00 PM. Abbey McKeirnan, Bobby
 Rumcik, Jordan Pavlock, Chole Costa.**

Sunday, Aug 02, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The glass is still half empty

August is National Water Quality Month, which may not sound exciting, or even like a religious issue. Yet the sacred character of water is attested from the Creation story, in which God's Spirit hovers over the waters, during the corrective flood in Noah's time, at the Red Sea's freedom crossing, up to the cleansing sign of Baptism. Isaiah issues the divine invitation: Come to the water! But what if that water is risky to drink, as it is for some of our nation's citizens and a sizeable percentage of the world population? Support clean water projects, because water is life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21 (112). "Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water!"

Monday, Aug 03, 2020

A port for any storm

Jesus' mother Mary has many titles—one of them is Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Under this name, she is a protector of seafarers. But Mary is a guiding star for all of us as we seek her son through the storms of life. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux wrote: "If the winds of temptation arise; if you are driven upon the rocks of tribulation look to the star, call on Mary. If you are tossed upon the waves of pride, of ambition, of envy, of rivalry, look to the star, call on Mary." Don't lose sight of her, and you won't lose your way to Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 28:1-17 (407); Matthew 14:22-36 (408). "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

Tuesday, Aug 04, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

Come to the curer of souls

Most male Catholic saints were priests. Some were priests whose great intellect sparked important theological concepts. Others traveled to exotic places to teach about Christ. Still others died as courageous martyrs. But the French saint John Vianney—commonly known as the Curé of Ars—became a saint simply by being an ordinary, but extraordinarily dedicated, parish priest. In French, the word *curé* means "pastor," or one who is "charged with the care of souls." Vianney cared for thousands of souls who sought spiritual healing in the confessional, where he spent up to 16 hours a day. Seek ordinary ways to be holy today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). "People brought to him all those who were sick."

Wednesday, Aug 05, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

The Word made flesh set in stone

How many papal basilicas are there in Rome? St. Peter's gets primary attention, but actually there are three more, each with its own rich history, including St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. John Lateran. The one whose dedication we celebrate today, St. Mary Major (Santa Maria Maggiore) pays homage to Mary our mother and her role in the life of her son. Pope Sixtus III built this basilica after the Council of Ephesus (431) decreed that Mary is the mother of God incarnate (*Theotokos*). The theology is important. Once again, the church makes clear that Jesus was

both divine and human. Thus, we believe in the sacredness of human life, and we look to Mary's unflinching love, as God-bearer and first disciple, for inspiration.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). "With age-old love, I have loved you."

Thursday, Aug 06, 2020

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Shining like the sun

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is important enough to be part of Matthew, Mark, and Luke's gospels, and the Feast of the Transfiguration has been celebrated since the ninth century and officially on the Roman Catholic calendar since the mid-15th century. This emphasis points toward our deep human longing for transcendence, for a glimpse of divine light such as that experienced by Peter, James, and John. What can you do today to open yourself up to Jesus' light? Perhaps pray for the gift of perception, of receptivity to God's presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614). "And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."

Friday, Aug 07, 2020

MEMORIAL OF CAJETAN, PRIEST

Faith takes courage

Since the first followers of Jesus, the church has had its struggles, but always, the Holy Spirit keeps the church faithful. Courageous people in every age rise up to lead renewal within the church. In the early 1500s, that person was Cajetan, who felt the pain of the Body of Christ and dedicated himself to doing something about it. With friends, he founded a group of clergy dedicated to trusting in God's providence and claiming no property nor money from the people—the opposite of clergy at the time who were becoming wealthy off the backs of the people. In time, the same church that Cajetan sought to reform recognized him as a saint. Who are the courageous ones in your life who help you stay faithful? Draw strength from them to help institute necessary reforms in our time.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28 (411). "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny [themselves], take up [their] cross, and follow me."

Saturday, Aug 08, 2020

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

Listening is the first step in preaching

Into a 13th-century world where few knew basic theology, and wealthy, mediocre preachers traveled with retinues, Dominic brought dramatic change. He encouraged his friars to study the essentials of the faith, preach eloquently, live simply on what they could beg, and leave enclosed monasteries to reach out to people where they saw the need. By putting himself amid people, Dominic found opportunities to brilliantly counter the Albigensian heresy, a popular dualism that saw spirit as good, matter as evil, and denied the Incarnation. Take time to hear what others are saying so that you are sure to respond as Dominic did with the gospel of love that promotes the dignity of all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Habakkuk 1:12—2:4; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed . . . nothing will be impossible for you."

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



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**A MISSING PIECE =
MISSING PEACE**

Both marriage preparation and marriage annulments involve specific processes that are tailored to accomplish their respective purposes. The forms required to begin those processes therefore require all of the information we need to do so. Excluding any of that information can hold up the process or even short circuit it altogether.

That is why we ask (beg., plead, insert synonymous verb here) that priests and deacons assisting persons in these processes fill the forms out with them and make sure that they are complete before sending the forms into our office. The average person, especially if non-Catholic, does not understand the nature and purpose of these processes and forms and is therefore prone to fill them out incorrectly and incompletely if the priest or deacon simply hands the papers to them and tells them to fill them out themselves. While some priests and deacons inexplicably seem to be in a similar boat, that can usually be corrected by one of Msgr. Magraw's (in)famous Post-it notes or a call or email

from our office so that the mistake does not happen again.

That said, some parts of these forms that are frequently not completed or are not completed correctly include the current address of the Respondent, the Respondent's religion at the time of the marriage, the marriage license application, and the witness list for annulment paperwork, and the M-B forms for marriage paperwork and lack of form cases.

The current address of the Respondent is needed because we have a legal obligation to contact the Respondent and give him or her the chance to participate in the process. This is because the question of a marriage's validity affects both parties, and both parties have rights in the process. We can proceed with the process if it is truly impossible to locate the Respondent, but we must document the efforts that have been made to find the Respondent before proceeding.

We need to know the Respondent's religion at the time of the marriage because this helps us determine what kind of process and paperwork we need to complete. If either party was Catholic at the time of the marriage and the marriage

took place outside the Catholic Church, then we are most likely dealing with a lack of form case. This is true even if the Petitioner is non-Catholic but the Respondent is Catholic.

The marriage license application contains more information than the marriage license itself about the parties at the time of marriage. We can process a case with just the marriage license or certificate, but the license application can prove very helpful to the tribunal when processing an annulment case.

Finally, M-B forms are needed to establish baptism and the freedom to marry for non-Catholics preparing for marriage and whether a Catholic who married outside the Church ever had the marriage validated in the Church for lack of form cases. All of this information is important to complete the respective processes quickly and justly, so please work with people to fill the forms out properly. That's all for now. Until next time, keep the faith, love God's people, and always honor the code!





At Saint Elizabeth's:

Tues. Aug. 3rd 6-8:00 PM Call in for Second Harvest
 Sun. Aug. 9th 1:00 PM Confirmation



At Saint Joseph's:

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The apostles were probably being practical when they asked Jesus to “dismiss the crowds” so they could go and buy food. Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

A mobile food bank sponsored by St. Elizabeth Church and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Erie will be held on Tuesday, August 11th at St. Elizabeth Church in Smethport for McKean county residents who fall within the financial guidelines. Only one registration



per dwelling will be accepted and pre-registration by phone is required. Those wishing to register should contact the St. Elizabeth R.C. Church mobile phone at **366-3186** on

Monday, August 3rd from 6 PM to 8 PM. The caller must speak with a person. No message should be left on the voice mail as that is not monitored. There is a high volume of calls during this time, so please be patient. Volunteers are needed from **12:30- 4:00 PM, Tuesday, August 11th** when the truck arrives to box the food and load the cars. **Distribution begins at 2:00. This will be drive-thru again. Masks and gloves** (gloves provided) are required for the volunteers. **Help for any amount of time is appreciated.** For safety reasons, those who have registered need to come at their designated registration times. No early birds. Registered applicants must bring a photo ID.



Offertory: You can still support your parish during this time by mailing or dropping your envelopes at the rectory in the mail basket.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Documentation for Safety: Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit <https://www.erieecd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

- Parish Development Memorials
- Dorothy Marsh by Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Hauck
- Dorothy Marsh by Norwich Twp. Fire Ladies Auxiliary
- Dorothy Marsh by American Legion Aux. Unit #976

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Recreation refreshes our bodies and souls. During these Covid-19 days, however, vacations, sports, and parties have to be rethought. Jim and I have enjoyed cribbage and gin (rummy that is). Brainstorm new ways to have fun at home as a couple.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

FORMED: To learn more about our Catholic Faith sign-up to use Formed.org. Use the Parish code **TRY7DX**. This website has many movies, audio books and discussions about our Faith. Give it a try.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.