

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

*307 Franklin St.
Smethport, PA 16749*

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Sacramental Information

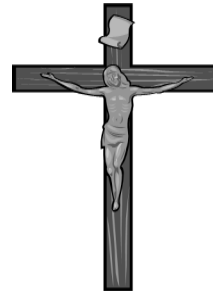
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

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

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SAINT ELIZABETH, SMETHPORT, PA

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, July 7
5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, July 8
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM + Rick Buchholz
by Anne and Family

Monday, July 9
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM + For the Repose of The Soul of
John Housley
by The Meyer Family

Tuesday, July 10
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM Conversion and Salvation of
Dying Sinners

Thursday, July 12
2:30 PM Mass @ Lakeview
For The People

Friday, July 13
11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
12:10 PM In Celebration of Duane & Cindy Karl's
Anniversary
by The Meyer Family

Saturday, July 14
3:30-4:15 PM Confession
5:00 PM + Thomas Marquart
by Julie, Joe and Mary

Sunday, July 15
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM For The People

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, July 8
8:00 AM + Robert Barber
by Karen Barber
Robert Barber & Family

Sunday, July 15
8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of
The Sokoloski Family
by Mary Ann Schafer

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

No report due to early bulletin deadline

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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, Clara Paul, Ruth Hamilton, Penny Duncan.

Parish Development Memorial

Betty Faes	by Dave & Katie Rumsey
Deborah Vossler	by Dave & Katie Rumsey
William Duffy	by Dave & Katie Rumsey
Betty Faes	by Norwich Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Aux.
Betty Faes	by Timothy & Nancy Hulings

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/fam.htm. 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. Elizabeth/St. Joseph Parish Picnic: Our parish picnic is just around the corner, Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Hamlin Lake Park, so marked your calendars. This is always a great time of food and fellowship and you won't want to miss it.

Peter's Pence: Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary members of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In a healthy marriage both spouses strive to be good and strong. But, sometimes it is through recognizing our weakness that we can grow stronger. What a mystery! "...for when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:10) Can you identify a weakness in yourself that has punctured your pride and made you a better spouse?

PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother

Hold me firmly 'least I fall

I grow nervous while walking

And humbly on thee call

Guide me over every crossing

Watch me when I am on the stairs

Let me know that you're beside me

Listen to my fervent prayers

Bring me to my destination

Safely along the way

Bless my every undertaking

And my duties for the day

And when evening creeps upon us

I'll never fear to be alone

Once again, O Blessed Mother

Take my hand and lead me home

(It is said that you will never fail if you say this prayer every day)



Sunday, Jul 08, 2018

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

No excuses

If only I had more money, more time, more assistance, more talent. We all have a pretty impressive laundry list of why we can't be of more service to God and to others. Even Saint Paul had his "thorn in the flesh," some private difficulty that seemed to hold him back from being the apostle he sought to be. Paul kept praying for its removal so he could be free of this impediment. Finally he reinterpreted the thorn: not an impediment, but an opportunity to let God be God. Maybe it's time to stop protesting and start serving!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a (101). *"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."*

Monday, Jul 09, 2018

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

The whole world in God's hands

The gospel arrived in China in the fifth century, and Christianity flourished during the T'ang dynasty (618–907). By the 13th century Beijing had its own bishop. In the 1500s missions to China were common, but growing suspicion of the West led to persecutions and the destruction of churches. One hundred and twenty Catholics, including Augustine Zhao Rong (d. 1815), were martyred in China between the years 1648 and 1930. They were children, parents, catechists, laborers, and four priests. Thirty-three were foreign-born missionaries. Pray for the courage of Christians everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

Tuesday, Jul 10, 2018

Think unto others . . .

A woman once refused to extend her hand at the Sign of Peace during Mass. At the time it seemed unfriendly, even rude to the woman next to her. But after Mass, she explained that her arthritis was paining her terribly and shaking hands would have hurt her. The woman sitting next to her felt embarrassed that she had taken offense so wrongly. How often do we, like the Pharisees, leap to a negative assessment of the motivations of another only to find out they meant nothing of the kind? Think gently of others, as you would like them to think of you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *"When the demon was cast out, the Pharisees said, 'By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.'"*

Wednesday, Jul 11, 2018

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

Be moderately holy

The main elements of Saint Benedict's famous monastic rule are sleep, prayer, and manual labor. Chapter 48 of the Rule states: "Idleness is the enemy of the soul. Therefore, the brothers should have specified periods for manual labor as well as for prayerful reading. . . . They must not become distressed if local conditions or their poverty should force them to do the harvesting themselves. When they live by the labor of their hands, as our fathers and the apostles did, then they are really monks. Yet, all things are to be done with moderation on account of the

fainthearted." Remember Benedict's concern for moderation. It is the key to all aspects of Christian piety.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). *"Sow for yourselves justice, reap the fruit of piety."*

Thursday, Jul 12, 2018

Love is bigger than hurt

Joseph had it tough as the second youngest in a family of 12 brothers. Picked on and hated because he was his dad Jacob's favorite, Joseph ended up sold into slavery by his brothers. After many years of separation from his family, he again meets his brothers, only this time the tables are turned: Joseph is in a position of power, and his brothers are the vulnerable ones. It wouldn't have taken much for Joseph to tap back into those feelings of hurt, betrayal, and rage and respond measure for measure. But he went beyond that, back to the sibling love he so cherished, and reacted with not only kindness but an outpouring of generosity. We, too, have that capacity and power for a love that is bigger than hurt.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). *"But [Joseph's] brothers could give him no answer, so dumbfounded were they at him."*

Friday, Jul 13, 2018

Get smart, but keep it simple

Sometimes it may seem that the gospel's call to simplicity doesn't stand a chance. Popular spiritual writer Henri Nouwen expressed this dilemma well: "So often the problems of the world seem so complex and intricate that your word strikes me as embarrassingly simple," he wrote in a prayer that continued, "but you, O Lord, said, 'Be clever as serpents and innocent as doves.' Let me retain innocence and simplicity in the midst of this complex world." That's a good prayer for all of us as we try to balance spiritual life and daily life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *"I am sending you out like wolves among sheep."*

Saturday, Jul 14, 2018

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

Witness respectfully

In his poem "Exploding Chippewas," poet Mark Turcotte writes of his Native American ancestors, "In my bones some of them weep, / strapped with their own braids / to slowly swinging crosses, / their meatless faces tight / with skin, / while others stomp down / the grass in quiet circles, / gripping shards of starry cloth / between their teeth, / dripping / blood, white, and blue." Kateri Tekakwitha is said to have been shunned by her people when she became Christian, but North and South American native peoples have also suffered countless indignities at the hands of well-meaning Christians. Spreading the word depends on profound respect as much as it does on zeal.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."*

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:

Thurs. July 12 2:30 PM Mass @ Lakeview
 Sat. July 14 5:00 PM Mass in the Park
 Picnic to follow



At Saint Joseph's:

St. Elizabeth Women's Group:

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

The raffle includes:

- **a crib size baby quilt (38"x52")
- **a nap cuddle
- **changing pad
- **burp cloths
- **bibs
- **pacifier
- **teething toy

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 15, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector:
Brittany Bizzak

Ministers:
Holly Hamilton
Carole Walker
Lois Housler

Server: Mick

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 JULY 14-15, 2018

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolee Learn Penny Eddy	Margaret Vandermark Vickie Bickford Mary Norgrove
Lectors:	Debbie Babcox	Mary Palmer
Altar Servers:	Isabella Nick	John

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.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

The 2018 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies

for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held in the diocese: Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. George in Erie and Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Ss. Cosmas and Damian in Punxsutawney. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities (814)824-1250 or (800)374-3723 ext. 250.

Catholic Charities: Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, staffed by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, helps expecting families with newborn infants and parents of children under 1 year of age. We are a United Way member agency that provides assistance to individuals of all faiths in the form of free diapers, infant clothing, and hygiene products. Our ability to provide these items is largely determined by donations either material or monetary. This year's donations have increased, however, "need" in our area remains high and difficult to support. **Sunday, July 29th** is "Diaper Sunday" and for the entire month of July the agency is collecting: Disposable diapers (any size. Any brand), gently used and new infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment, and wipes. Donations may be dropped off at the church in the designated area. Please help us touch and nurture the new lives that God has so richly blessed us with. Monetary donations should be made payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities-Diaper Drive".

NFP Awareness Week July 22-28, 2018

"Natural Family Planning: Celebrate God's Gift of Married Love" is this year's theme for Natural Family Planning Awareness Week as designated by Bishop Persico in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. NFP is a way of life that incorporated fertility awareness, responsible parenthood and self-mastery into married love. To learn more about reliable family planning that respects your marriage, your body, and your faith: pick up literature from your parish, attend a class, visit our website at www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm, or contact the Diocesan Chastity Education Office at 824-1259 or at 1-800-374-3723 ext. 259. Join NFP families from throughout the diocese on Sunday, July 22nd at the 11 AM Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie celebrated by Bishop Persico, followed by a luncheon and the opportunity to join other families at Presque Isle State Park.

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Mary Norgrove
 Sena Kean Visits: Vickie Bickford & Crystal Raymond
 Lakeview: