

# *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.

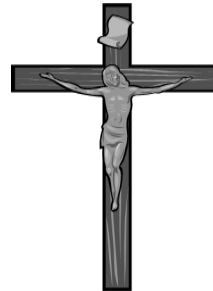
**Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion:** Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

**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, Aug. 25  
 5:00 PM Deceased Members of  
 The Mullane Family  
 by A. Denise Balon

Sunday, Aug. 26  
**8:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
 9:30 AM For The People

Monday, Aug. 27  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of The Worrell  
 Family

Tuesday, Aug. 28  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Arthur Brooder

Thursday, Aug. 30  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM Conversion & Salvation of Dying  
 Sinners

Friday, Aug. 31  
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 12:10 AM + Aton Placer  
 by Katie & Dave Rumsey

Saturday, Sept. 1  
 8:00 AM In Reparations for Sins Committed  
 Against Immaculate Heart of Mary

3:30-4:15 PM Confession

5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Sept. 2  
**8:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
 9:30 AM + Bruno & Theresa Graziano  
 by Ann & Family

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

Sunday, Aug. 26  
 8:00 AM + James Peters  
 by Robert Barber & Family  
 Karen Barber

Sunday, Sept. 2  
 8:00 AM + James Peters, Walter & Velma  
 Geary  
 by Mary Kay, John, George, Natalie,  
 Gloria and James

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Aug. 19, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$ 1,852.00  
 Latin America: \$ 562.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Aug. 19, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$ 483.00  
 Latin America: \$ 45.00

**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, Ruth Hamilton, Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland, Ken Bernhard.

**St. Joseph Rosary**

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on **Tuesday, September 4th at 6:00 PM** in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are asked to attend.



**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](http://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! Go Families! Also Formed.org using our parish code **TRY7DX**.



**Second Harvest report:** On August 14 98 Adults were served, 77 children and 41 Seniors for a total of 216 persons. Number of households that were served was 77. 216 new individuals were

served this time.

**Religious Education News:**



A. Another registration Religious Education Registration will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church Hall after Mass on August 25th & 26th. If you are unable to register on those dates, please call or e-mail Jan Adamoski at 887-4992 ([sercc.re@gmail.com](mailto:sercc.re@gmail.com)). Student Information needs to be updated and checked for accuracy.

B. 1 Catechists Still Needed!!!  
 Grades 4&5 - 12 students

**Catechist Meeting** will be held on Sunday, September 9th at 10:30-11:30 AM in the parish hall. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jan Adamoski at 887-4992 or at [sercc.re@gmail.com](mailto:sercc.re@gmail.com) Classes will start on September 16th.

**New Schedules** There are new serving schedules in the back of the Church. Be sure to pick one up if needed.

**Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, Labor Day.**

**New Finance Council Members:** We welcome Ray Learn and Jim Alfieri to the Finance Council and say good-bye to Ron Mulauski and Ann Holcomb. Thank you from all of us for your service to your Parish.

## Sunday, Aug 26, 2018

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### By invitation only

Too often we speak of faith as an obligation, when it's an invitation. Churches have some of the biggest doors around, and they open both ways. We can come and go—and plenty of people do both, at one time or another. When teachings are challenging, folks may find discipleship unacceptable—just like in the time of Jesus. We don't arrive here by mandate, and we're not prisoners of our Baptism. Come if you will, leave if you choose. But if you stay, be clear on where the path of Jesus is going, and what it will cost.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; John 6:60-69 (122). "Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?'"

## Monday, Aug 27, 2018

MEMORIAL OF MONICA

### Tears shed through the years

For years Saint Monica wept during her tireless prayers for her husband Patricius and her son Augustine to become Christians. Her dedication and devotion to God and her Christian values have earned her the title of patroness of married women, alcoholics, difficult marriages, disappointing children, and victims of unfaithfulness and verbal abuse. Despite her sorrow and grief for the path her son chose early in his life, her wholeheartedness and persistence proved true when her son became Christian. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). "Blind fools, which is greater, the gold, or the temple that made the gold sacred?"

## Tuesday, Aug 28, 2018

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### A saint for sore eyes

The practice of adopting patron saints goes back to the early days of Christianity when churches were built over the graves of martyrs who then were adopted as patrons. As one of the most prominent Christians in history, Saint Augustine has been named patron saint by countless churches, cities, and dioceses as well as by theologians, printers, brewers, and, of all things, those who suffer from soreness of the eyes! Whatever condition your eyesight is in, reading some of Augustine's *Confessions* will help clear your vision. You may just adopt him as *your* patron!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26 (426). "Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!"

## Wednesday, Aug 29, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Get closer to God

John the Baptist is a unique figure in the Bible. For one thing he forms a bridge between the Testaments: He looks, acts, and talks a lot like an Old Testament prophet but points beyond himself to a new faith, in Jesus. For another he gets something that's reserved only for Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary: The church celebrates his birth and death as a "nativity" and a "passion"

respectively. These words underscore John's close relationship to Christ and his important role in the story of salvation. But while no other saint receives such observances, John nonetheless does what all saints do: points out God to people and points people to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 (427); Mark 6:17-29 (634). "Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man."

## Thursday, Aug 30, 2018

### Walk on

It's that time of year again—kids are heading back to school, the days are getting shorter, the carefree summer is winding down; some evening soon there will be a hint of autumn in the air. As the calendar continues its relentless turn, the change of season may bring mixed emotions. Endings always do—whether to a relationship, a job, a dream, or the ultimate end we all will face to this mortal life. These are the moments when our faith is put to the test. Fortunately, we do not have to face final things alone. God is at our side, the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. As you say farewell to summer in the days ahead, rest assured that you never walk alone.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). "He will keep you firm to the end."

## Friday, Aug 31, 2018

### The future is now

On this day in 1803 Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began their famous expedition to the West Coast. In 1887 Thomas Edison patented his Kinetoscope, ushering in the age of motion pictures. In 1935 Franklin Roosevelt signed the Neutrality Act, "to avoid any action that might involve the United States in war." In 1999 Princess Diana died in a car crash. Perhaps someone you know was born, or died, or was married on this day. We assume there's plenty of time to tell loved ones what they mean to us or to reconcile with a friend. On this ordinary August day, remember the words of Mother Teresa: "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

## Saturday, Sep 01, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Last seen praying

Your final glimpse of a friend or loved one can impress itself powerfully on the mind. While you know the aged aunt isn't still knitting in that favorite chair or the college pal might not be kicking that football around forever, in the land of memory these folks seem frozen in place. Sometimes, of course, there's perfect unity between memory and reality. Mary of Nazareth is last seen in the New Testament praying with the church on Pentecost morning. And if you seek her intercession, you'll find she's still there.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). "For to everyone who has, more will be given."

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



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## **“MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL”**

We will be taking up a second collection this weekend (August 25-26) to provide support to the Diocese of Virac, Philippines for the training of seminarians, ongoing catechesis and evangelization, pastoral care for families, orphans and mal-nourished children.

With the total population of 267,125 of the entire province, 87% are living below poverty line. It has 1,511.5 sq. km land area for people to cultivate and with magnificent fishing spots for the livelihood of the people. However, being located at the eastern part of the country facing the Pacific, strong typhoons, averaging to 20 per year, often ravage the province causing devastation especially the crops and other produce. Recently, typhoon Nina almost destroyed the livelihood of the people especially those residing in the eastern part of the island province. These calamities really affect both the livelihood and the spiritual formation of the people.

As one Christian Community journeying towards the abode of the heavenly Father, the Diocese of Virac continuously attends to the spiritual and pastoral needs of its Catholic faithful who are distributed among the 27 parishes and 6 mission churches, covering the 11 towns of the province. The diocese intends to create **Basic Faith Communities** in all parishes and mission churches as part of its concrete response to the call of the Era of New Evangelization. Two former mission churches are canonically erected as new parishes. The ongoing New Evangelization program and ministries of the Church of the Diocese of Virac are continually and only sustained through mission preaching in the United States and Canada.

With your prayers and financial support, we look forward to sufficiently respond to the following pastoral concerns of the diocese:

1. Ongoing Formation of the Clergy
2. Priestly formation of the poor but deserving seminarians (the diocese has 71 seminarians with 2 on the Pre-Diaconal Formation and 1 newly-ordained deacon)
3. Formation of the Laity
4. Pastoral Care for Family and life
5. Pastoral Care for Orphans and Malnourished Children



**At Saint Elizabeth's:**

Sat. Aug. 25 5:45 PM Religious Education Sign-up  
 Sun. Aug. 26 10:45 AM Religious Education Sign-up  
 Wed. Aug. 29 4:30-5:30 PM Parish Hall in Use



**At Saint Joseph's:**

**Church in Latin America**

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$597.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so that they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:** Patricia Marrero  
**Ministers:** Carole Walker, Mary Smith, Lois Housler  
**Server:** Raychel & 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 SEPT. 1-2, 2018**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Vicki Alfieri Rose Campbell	Bob Gross Patty Green Joan Washburn
Lectors:	Debbie Babcox	Fran Delancey
Altar Servers:	Ithilien Ruby	John

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

What does equality mean in marriage? Does it mean one is the boss and the other follows? Of course not. It means recognizing each other's talents. Sometimes leading, sometimes following but always honoring the essence of the other. It's not a zero sum game that if one wins, the other loses. Win/win solutions work best.

**Saint Elizabeth** weekday Mass openings for 2018 for intentions. 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.

**Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services Pregnancy Support Program** would like to thank your congregation for their recent "Diaper Drive" donations for our infant pantry. Your generous donations will allow the agency to continue to serve area mothers in need, and improve the quality of life for their infants. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**REPARING FOR REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH?**

**NOVA** is a one-day marriage preparation program *specifically* designed for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include adjusting to remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. *Pre-registration is required.* Call the Family Life Office at 814/824-1261 or 800/374-3723 ext. 261 to register. **The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in Erie.**

**Take Me to Worship returns to Our Diocese 8/26/18**

Parishioners, please be aware that the Diocese of Erie is in support of the *Take Me to Worship* Campaign that will be running from August 24 – October 15, 2018. The Bishop believes that the data about the positive impact that regular, weekly participation at Mass has on children of all ages is a good reason for our parishes in all counties in our diocese to jump aboard and promote this initiative. It is the hope of the diocese that more and more families will come back to their Catholic faith and/or bring about the conversion to Catholicism for those without a faith community. Please visit [www.takemetoworship.org](http://www.takemetoworship.org) or <https://www.eriecd.org/familiesmatter> for info and ideas for evangelization or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261.

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Lori Gross  
 Sena Kean Visits: Margaret Vandermark & Lu Vandermark  
 Lakeview: Penny Eddy