

# *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, Feb. 15  
 5:00 PM + Brian Morris  
 by Rose Campbell

Sunday, Feb. 16  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM For The People

Monday, Feb. 17  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM In Reparation for The Sins of Our  
 Country, the USA and for America's  
 Moral and Spiritual Renewal

Tuesday, Feb. 18  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM In Reparation for Sins Committed  
 Against Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thursday, Feb. 20  
 2:30 PM Mass at Lake View  
 For The People

Friday, Feb. 21  
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 12:10 PM + Brian Morris  
 by Rose Campbell

Saturday, Feb. 22  
 3:30-4:45 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Feb. 23  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM + Lenora Kane  
 by James Kane & Connie Kane

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

Sunday, Feb. 16  
 8:00 AM + Robert Yancosek  
 by Tom & Debbie Kilmer

Sunday, Feb. 23  
 8:00 AM + Adam DeSio  
 by St. Joseph Rosary Society

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Feb. 9 , 2020**

Weekly Collection: \$1,406.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Feb. 9, 2019**

Weekly Collection: \$325.00

**St. Joseph's for the month of February 2020**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is In Loving Memory of  
 by **The Parana Family** by The Peterson Family

**INFANT OF PRAGUE** is In Loving Memory of  
 by **Mark Morgan** by June Morgan



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 23, 2020  
 FOR ST. JOSEPH 8:00 AM**

**Lector:** Mary Smith

**Ministers:**

Mary Ann Schafer  
 Dave Gerber

**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 FEB. 22-23, 2020**

**St. Elizabeth**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolee Learn Heather Costa	Patricia Green Lu Vandermark Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Ray Learn	Steve Eidson
Altar Servers:	Isabella Nick	Carter Lily

Eucharistic Ministers: Sena Kean Visits: Lu Vandermark  
 Margaret Vandermark

Lakeview:

Homebound: Crystal Raymond

**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.

**Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese**

Feb.16 Rev. John E. Santor  
 Feb.17 Rev. Paul A. Schill  
 Feb.18 Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Stack  
 Feb.19 Rev. Johnathan P. Schmolt  
 Feb. 20 Rev. George E. Strohmeier  
 Feb. 21 Rev. Thomas N. Trocchio  
 Feb. 22 Rev. Jerry S. Priscaro



# St. Elizabeth Soup Luncheon

*Thursday, February 20*



*11:00 - 1:00*

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

*\$5.00*

*includes soup, beverage, and dessert*



## Sunday, Feb 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Embrace a larger ethic

The Ten Commandments make for a simple lesson plan when teaching children how to behave. By contrast, the Sermon on the Mount isn't for Sunday-school kids. Jesus lays down grown-up challenges with breathtaking clarity. In a similar way, modern church teaching can take our breath away with its demands, as in this statement from *Brothers and Sisters to Us*: "Today's racism flourishes in the triumph of private concern over public responsibility, individual success over social commitment, and personal fulfillment over authentic compassion." Can we let go of the me-first culture and more truly become the Body of Christ?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (76). "We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age."

## Monday, Feb 17, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

### Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us

The Servites helped popularize a special form of Rosary prayer that's dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Called simply the "Rosary of the Seven Sorrows"—and not to be confused with the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary—this form of devotional prayer recalls seven instances when Mary suffered. Mary's "Seven Sorrows" are: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus in the temple, Mary's meeting of Jesus during the Way of the Cross, the Crucifixion, the taking down of Jesus' body from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. The devotion became widespread during the Black Plague of the 1300s; more recently, it's associated with an apparition of Mary to one of the victims of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. It's a reminder that Our Mother is with us always, even and especially during tragedy.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13 (335). "He sighed from the depth of his spirit."

## Tuesday, Feb 18, 2020

### Higher ground

Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. In the words of Saint John Damascene: "The bread and wine are not a foreshadowing of the body and blood of Christ—by no means!—but the actual deified body of the Lord." Catholicism teaches that Christ is literally and wholly present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—in what you receive and adore, through a process called transubstantiation that occurs by the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest during Mass. The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life," the church says—let it take you higher!

TODAY'S READINGS: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21 (336). "Watch out, guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

## Wednesday, Feb 19, 2020

### Be a doer

"Religion" has a bad name these days. Among other things, hypocrites, extremists, and institutional sin have caused many to reject organized religion—what Christians would simply call "the church." Even so, secular people everywhere admire members

and leaders of organized religion when their lives reflect radical love. That may be why two movies have already been made of the life of Fred Rogers, the kindly Presbyterian minister who produced *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. By extending unconditional love in word and deed, Rogers was what James in today's first reading called a "doer." Be the doer of an act of Christian charity and bring authenticity to your religion.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26 (337). "Religion that is pure and undefiled . . . is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

## Thursday, Feb 20, 2020

### Threading the needle

Can you be rich and be Christian? The author of the Letter of James speaks challenging words about wealth and poverty, and in this he is not alone. The biblical witness is filled with warnings about the dangers of great wealth. The rich man went away sad, not ready to part with his wealth for the sake of the Kingdom. On the other hand, both Job and Abraham were wealthy men who loved God more than their wealth. It is a question of priorities. If you have been blessed with wealth, consider it a loan from God. Your task is to accomplish as much good for as many as possible with that wealth.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33 (338). "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom . . . Are not the rich oppressing you?"

## Friday, Feb 21, 2020

### The cost of commitment

The recently canonized John Henry Newman was born on this date in 1801. Criticized by both liberals and conservatives, he disliked hierarchical triumphalism, but found bedrock truth in Catholicism. In fact, he gave up social support in the Church of England to convert. Because he upheld the laity's role, the primacy of conscience, and the intellectual life, he's called a forefather of Vatican II. Today is also the feast of Robert Southwell, a Jesuit and poet who ministered secretly in England when it was forbidden, under the reign of Queen Elizabeth I—and died in 1595 for his faith. Read a bit about both of their lives to learn what integrity means.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34—9:1 (339). "What could one give in exchange for his life?"

## Saturday, Feb 22, 2020

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

### The successors of Peter

This isn't the feast day of a piece of furniture. "Chair" holds the meaning of a person presiding over a meeting or a group. In this case, "chair" refers to the office of Saint Peter, who presided over what would become the early church. It's interesting to note that technically speaking, popes do not succeed each other, e.g., Francis did not succeed Benedict. Rather all popes are the successors of Saint Peter. He is not only the proto-pope, he is the eternal pope who presides over the church through the popes of history. Pray for our pope. The whole world is his parish.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 (535). "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

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. Feb. 20 11-1:00 PM Soup Luncheon



### At Saint Joseph's:

#### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

#### **Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie**

Get resources and suggestions for your family at the Diocese of Erie's family website, [www.eriecnd.org/familiesmatter](http://www.eriecnd.org/familiesmatter). Feel supported, encouraged, and blessed whether your family is a traditional, single-parent, blended, military, or an adoptive/foster family. Go Families!

#### Marriage Moments

"The eyes have it." Try gazing lovingly into each other's eyes for one minute. ... Probably you will end up laughing. See, I made you laugh. Yes, it's corny - but fun.

**Pastoral Council Nominations:** St. Elizabeth has started taking nominations for 5 positions, each for 3 years on Pastoral Council. You can be from either Church because we are a combined Parish. Turn them in to Fr. Vince or put them in the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked for nominations.



The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal will be held next weekend in our parish. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to join together in

doing the work of Christ. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the church. The church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.

#### **Building Fund Memorials**

Mary Cioffi  
Mary Cioffi

by Bob Murphy  
by Louis Cappelletti

**"Blessing of Homes"** Blessing of Homes will be done until **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th**. Call the Rectory, 887-9254, for a mutual times for a visit to Bless your Home.

#### 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.

#### **Men's Conference less than one month away**

Register now for the seventh annual Catholic Men's Conference (22:32 Men) on Feb. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. Enjoy fellowship and inspiring national speakers, including Dr. Ralph Martin, Chris Padgett and Father Michael Denk. There will be lunch, adoration and the opportunity for reconciliation. The event will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico. Discounts are available for groups of eight or more, as well as for university and high school students. For more details and/or to register, go to [www.2232Men.com](http://www.2232Men.com) or call 814-455-7364. This conference is sponsored by The Reason for Our Hope Foundation.

#### **Life Line Screening**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Saint Elizabeth's Church Hall. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**

#### **Seminary Discernment Weekend**

Any young man who is a high school junior or older and is seriously considering applying to seminary is encouraged to attend the Seminary Discernment Weekend April 4-5 at St. Mark Seminary in Erie. The weekend is designed to assist young men to discern whether they might be called to diocesan priesthood, to familiarize them with the basic goals of seminary formation, and to help each individual determine whether he is ready to move forward with the application process. There will be presentations by seminary faculty and seminarians, informal interaction with seminarians, a tour of Gannon University in Erie, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, confession and Palm Sunday Mass. Accommodations and all meals are at no cost. For further information and/or to register for the weekend, contact Father Mike Polinek, vocations director, at 814-824-1202 or at [mpolinek@ErieRCD.org](mailto:mpolinek@ErieRCD.org).