

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.

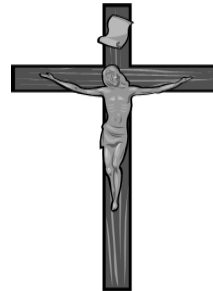
Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

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, Sept. 15
5:00 PM For The People
Litany of Healing and Renewal

Sunday, Sept. 16
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM + Leona Erleba
by Geri Steele
Litany of Healing and Renewal

Saturday, Sept. 22
3:30-4:15 PM Confession
5:00 PM + Debbie Vossler
by Felica Nelson

Sunday, Sept. 23
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM For The People

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Sept. 16
8:00 AM + Gene Henderson
by The Henderson's
Litany of Healing and Renewal

Sunday, Sept. 23
8:00 AM Deceased Members of
The Sluga Family
by The Sluga Family

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Sept. 2, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$1,991.00

For the week of Sept. 9, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$1,873.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Sept. 2, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$ 480.00

For the week of Sept. 9, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$404.00

Parish Development Memorial

Sylvia Cappelletti by Louis Cappelletti

St. Joseph Rosary Society News: Mark your calendar now for the **81st Anniversary Dinner** of the Rosary Society which will take place on Tuesday, October 2nd in the parish hall at 6:00 PM. Place settings and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

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, Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland, Ken Bernhard.



Religious Education News:

1 Catechists Still Needed!!!

Grades 4&5 - 12 students

Parishioners: We still need 1 Catechist for the 4th & 5th Grade. A 1 month commitment would be required and the class can be taught in teams of 2 or with the RE Leader, Jan Adamoski. Clearances are easily obtainable on the internet. Please contact Jan Adamoski by phone (887-4992) or e-mail @ sercc.re@gmail.com or Fr. Vince (887-9254) for more information. Remember, this is all about our relationship with Jesus.

The 2018 Catholic Education Collection: Today is the 2018 Catholic Education Collection! Please support this important program, where half of what you give will remain at St. Elizabeth parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. Your support helps to make these lifelong faith formation ministries possible. Thank you!

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! Go Families! Also Formed.org using our parish code **TRY7DX**.

St. Joseph will resume "**Fellowship Sunday**" starting on Sunday, September 30th following the 8:00 AM Mass.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan Child Protection Policies:

The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children, and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to the yearly inservicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

OPEN HOUSE ST. JOSEPH'S RECTORY ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 16th, 23rd, 30th following 8 AM Mass. Anyone interested in any of the contents in the rectory place your bid in a sealed enveloped and return to Fr. Vince. The bids will then be opened at the next Pastoral Council meeting- Sunday, Oct. 14th.

NURTURING LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL



CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

September 15-16, 2018



In the home, at school, at the parish...religious education provides spiritual renewal and formation to all of us throughout our lifetimes.

Please give to the Catholic Education Collection on **September 15-16** to support lifelong faith formation programs throughout the Diocese of Erie and in your own parish.

Fifty percent of every dollar raised stays in your parish to support its educational and faith formation programs. The other half is granted throughout the diocese to fund programs like leadership training, coursework for pastoral ministers, new retreat programs, workshops, conferences and tuition assistance.

You help to make these exciting opportunities possible! **Please donate by using the offertory envelope provided by your parish.**

Helping to support Catholic education for 28 years!
#cec2018 #nuturecatholiceducation

Sunday, Sep 16, 2018

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The answer this time

We evolve. This is one of the most grateful things about existence, that we're not required to remain stuck in our stuff. We grow, learn, and adapt through the years. Our relationship with the Holy One evolves too. So, when Jesus asks us once more—Who do you say that I am?—our reply may well be different this time. Is Jesus still the God someone gave us long ago? Has Jesus become more real and necessary: as a friend, brother, healer, teacher, fellow sufferer, or champion? Is Jesus Lord of our lives, judge, irritant, role model, or inspiration?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35 (131). *"And Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?'"*

Monday, Sep 17, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ROBERT BELLARMINI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Make care for the poor a cardinal virtue

The Italian Jesuit Robert Bellarmine (d. 1621) is rightly remembered for his brilliance—he was made a cardinal by Pope Clement VIII on the grounds that "he had not his equal for learning." But while Bellarmine wore the red hat and had an apartment in the Vatican, he refused to live the high life. He maintained his austere disciplines, spending the bare minimum on his own needs and eating only the food available to the poor. It is said that he even used the tapestries he found in his Vatican apartment to clothe poor people, remarking, "The walls won't catch cold." Pray that all the leaders of the church share Bellarmine's vision of what it means to be a servant of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10 (443). *"I did not consider myself worthy to come to you, but say the word and let my servant be healed."*

Tuesday, Sep 18, 2018

What you do for the least helps the most

One of Jesus' greatest gifts was his ability to comfort people who were suffering. He did that by performing miracles, of course, but also by simply accepting each person he encountered. Jesus' method was simple, but 2,000 years later it is apparent that we still have much to learn about how to treat the most fragile and vulnerable among us. The French geophysicist Xavier Le Pichon, in a profoundly personal and moving essay titled "Ecce Homo" ("Behold Humanity"), writes that when people turn toward the suffering ones in their midst, the entire community is transformed. Take some time today to read Le Pichon's essay and hear his extraordinary life story at onbeing.org. You won't be sorry.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17 (444). *"When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'"*

Wednesday, Sep 19, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

They're there when you need them

The bishop Saint Januarius, who died near the beginning of the fourth century, is known primarily for the San Gennaro festival named after him and for a famous phenomenon: the liquefying of a vial said to be his blood that has been going on several times a year in Naples, Italy for centuries. Apparently, he was an inspiring presence even before that. When Saint Paulinus of Nola

was dying in 431, he called out to Saints Januarius and Martin of Tours, "who a little while ago were speaking to me and promising me that soon I would join them," a biography says. Saints are always available. Pray to them for help and let them serve as examples of love and service in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 7:31-35 (445). *"Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."*

Thursday, Sep 20, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GÓN, PRIEST, PAUL CHÔNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

What they did for love

"Love makes the whole difference between an execution and martyrdom," Evelyn Underhill once said. As one of Christianity's renowned commentators on mysticism, she should know. The saints we call mystics are hailed for their utmost trust in God's love, their sheer abandonment to its power. But martyrs take it one step further—abandonment to even the point of death. Such devotion is "not an affair of red cassocks and authorized hymnbooks," Underhill wrote, "but a burning and consuming fire." As we remember today nearly 10,000 Korean martyrs, most of them laypeople, who were tortured and killed for their love of Christ, whose blood built the church in Korea, reflect on what real love looks like and what helps it grow.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50 (446). *"You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment."*

Friday, Sep 21, 2018

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

I'm the tax man

Before Matthew was an apostle, he was a tax collector. Tax collectors as a rule are not the most popular people on the block, but they were despised in Roman-occupied Jewish lands, where they did the dirty work of collecting the Empire's taxes. Jesus' desire to mingle with such people scandalized the religious authorities, but Jesus was more interested in being with "tax collectors and sinners" than with the righteous, who felt they had nothing to learn from Jesus and no need to reform their lives. If we want Jesus to feel comfortable in our homes and hearts, it is good for us to guard against righteousness, the temptation to elevate ourselves by judging others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"*

Saturday, Sep 22, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Run like a girl

The spiritual life is often described in sporting terms: Fight the good fight, run the race, win the crown. These come from an ancient Greek culture immersed in the excitement of athletic games and competition. But there are other ways to triumph, spiritually speaking. Mary of Nazareth employed the gospel paradox of the weak surpassing the strong through utter reliance on God's promises. Her "race" involved domestic life, birth and death, security and danger and challenge. Competition isn't the only way to win.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15 (448). *"Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you."*

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:

Sept. 16 10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Classes



At Saint Joseph's:

Praying of the Rosary-Mark you calendars now

*Please join us in the biggest Rosary Crusade in history **Saturday, October 13th at noon** in front of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Smethport, PA and in front of St. Joseph's in Mt. Jewett on **Saturday, October 13th at noon** in front of the statue of The Blessed Virgin part of a national effort of 23,000 public rosaries being prayed together for our nation. We are appealing to our Blessed Mother, as she directed us at Fatima, Portugal in 1917, asking for her intercession for an end to the moral decay in our country. (This is the closest to the day the sun danced at Fatima.) Visit www.ANF.org (America Needs Fatima!) for more information about this national rally for Mary's intercession.*



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

If commitment is the choice we make to give up other choices, then it is about "losing ourselves". If we try to be independent from others by "saving ourselves", we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Research studies show that men who kiss their wives before leaving in the morning live 5 years longer than those who don't. Don't want to be a widower? Remember this. Although I haven't done the research, I suppose this works in the reverse too (wives kissing their husbands before leaving).

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

"FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL"

Travel with Fr. Paul Siebert to GREECE, Sept. 7-16, 2019. You'll be visiting Thessaloniki, Phillippi, Delphi, Athens, Piraeus, Kusadasi (Turkey), Ephesus and other places (14 Locations in total). Cost is \$3,600.00; Airfare and ALL-included. To register, please call 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register online @ www.proximotravel.com. For more information, call Fr. Paul @ 814-486-0569.

Openings remain for NOVA, scheduled for Saturday, **October 6th** in Erie at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Lawrence Park. Nova is a one-day premarital program designed for couples seeking remarriage or convalidation in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include communication, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814/824-1265 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org to register.

The Diocese of Erie Again Supports the Take Me to Worship Campaign in 2018

The Diocese of Erie is very excited about the opportunity to participate again in the *Take Me to Worship* campaign that is being promoted in all counties in our diocese this summer and fall, August 24 – October 15, 2018. Data from this campaign has shown that when children participate in regular, weekly, organized religion, they are less likely to be involved in violence, drug and alcohol use, and other negative behaviors. Let's take our families to mass regularly! To find out more and to get involved, please visit www.takemetoworship.org, <https://www.erieRCD.org/familiesmatter> or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261.

Consider Engagement Encounter!

Planning for your marriage in **2017 or 2018**? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for **October 19th through 21st** at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@ErieRCD.org. Visit our Web Site at <http://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html> for more information or to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime". Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector: David Gerber
Ministers: Patricia Marrero, 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. 22-23, 2018

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolee Learn Heather Murphy	Bernie Valenti Steve Valenti Marian Bush
Lectors:	Ray Learn	Kelli Swanson
Altar Servers:	Isabella Nick	Gavin Carter

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Kelli Swanson
 Sena Kean Visits: Marian Bush & Steve Eidson
 Lakeview: