

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

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, May 18
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, May 19
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Nancy Patrick
 by Carole Rossi Conn

Thursday, May 23
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Carole Rebecca Smith
 by The McAnallen Family

Friday, May 24
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM + Richard Griffin Family
 by Shirley Good

Saturday, May 25
 3:30-4:15 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM + Maurice Nielsen
 by Scott & Maria Nielsen

Sunday, May 26
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, May 19
7:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 8:00 AM + Edward & Emily Sokoloski
 by Mary Ann Schafer

Sunday, May 26
7:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 8:00 AM + Patrick Eaton
 by Dorothy Danielson

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of May 12, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$4,357.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of May 12, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$400.00

St. Joseph's Fellowship Sunday will take place on Sunday, May 26th following the 8:00 AM Mass. Be sure to join us. Anyone wishing to donate for the refreshments leave them in the kitchen marked for fellowship.



Your help is needed St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. All training is provided. If you think this is something you might like to do, see Fr. Vince for more information.

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, Special Intention, Elijah Waite, Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland, Louise DeSio, Bob Yancosek, Special Intention.

Building Fund Memorial

Sylvia Cappelletti by Louis Cappelletti

St. Joseph Rosary Society News: The Rosary will be recited before Mass during the month of May. May 19th-Carole Walker, May 26-Mary Smith. Please come and join us to pray the rosary at 7:45 AM. The Rosary's next meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 4th at 6:00 PM in the Church.** Please note the different meeting place.



Summer Youth Program-St. Joseph's is in need of toilet paper rolls, about 900, for a craft planned for the kids. If you would bring them in there will be a box in the hall way by the parking lot doors at St. Elizabeth's and a box in the back of the church at St. Joseph's.



Registration for **Second Harvest** will be held on Monday, June 3rd between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The number to call is **366-3186 only**. There will be a high volume of calls, so please be patient and please do not leave a message on the voice mail as it is not monitored during this time. Distribution will be held on Tuesday, June 11th. Volunteers are needed from **12:30-4:00 PM** when the truck arrives and when **Distribution begins at 2:00. Help for any amount of time is appreciated. Please remember to bring boxes for your food.**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Saturday, July 13, 2019 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 and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**



**THE M-A FORM:
THE PRENUPTIAL
INVESTIGATION (cont.)**

This month, we continue our look at the M-A form, also known as the Prenuptial Investigation. It is beyond the scope of this brief newsletter to address every question on the form, but we will look at some of the questions that may require an explanation.

Impotence – The question concerning a physical defect that would prevent a person from performing the physical marriage act refers solely and exclusively to permanent, physical impotence. This question arises due to the fact that an essential end of marriage is procreation; thus a person who is incapable of acts that are per se apt for the generation of children is incapable of validly marrying. Note that the impotence in question must be physical, not psychological, and permanent, that is, there is no possible cure for the condition. If there is any doubt regarding the nature of the impotence or the possibility of a cure, then the pastoral minister should err on the side of the person's right

to marry (canons 843 §1 & 1058) and consider the person free of the impediment.

Impediments – In the Diocese of Erie, pastoral ministers are highly unlikely to encounter any of the impediments listed under this question. If you do, please contact the tribunal to discuss the issue to make sure that it is in fact an impediment and what, if anything, can be done about it.

Conditions – The question concerning any conditions, restrictions, or reservations that the parties may be attaching to their consent to the marriage goes to the marital obligation of permanence. The presence of a condition in and of itself may not make a person's consent invalid. The real question is whether the person is reserving the right to him or herself to end the marriage if the condition is not met. For example, a person agrees to marry someone on the condition that he or she maintains a certain income level, fully intending that, should the person fail to maintain that level, then the person placing the condition will leave the marriage and seek greener pastures elsewhere. If either party is attaching a condition to his or her consent, the pastoral minister should discuss the issue with him or her and

determine exactly what the person's intention regarding permanence is.

Witnesses – Because marriage changes the legal status of the parties involved, canonical form requires the presence of two witnesses who can testify to the fact that the marriage was celebrated according to the norm of law. Witnesses are also important if the validity of the marriage is ever challenged. The only requirements to be a valid witness to a marriage are that the person be at least fourteen years of age and in possession of his or her mental faculties. The M-A form asks for the Best Man and Maid/Matron of Honor because it is assumed that both will be there, but the names of any two valid witnesses who are present suffice.

That's all we have space for this month. Tune in next time when we will conclude our journey through the M-A form. Until then, keep the faith, love God's people, and always honor the code!



Sunday, May 19, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Life is hard—find a community!

Moving day is proof positive that we could all use some friends. Who else is going to lift the other end of that piano? But the rewards of community go beyond bearing the physical burden. We need folks to celebrate the victories, cheer us on during the contests, hold onto us when the bad news comes, and weep with us when we grieve. We also need encouragement and challenge to do the right thing even when it's hard or costly, and to shine a light when the path ahead is dark. Welcome to the church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54). *"They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere."*

Monday, May 20, 2019

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

It's good to evolve

Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444) was known as a gifted preacher. But many of his sermons were polemics against Jews and homosexual peoples. The cultural, political, and religious context of his time gave tacit approval to such invective. But Catholic thinking today has evolved. The catechism now teaches that people with same-sex attraction "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity" (#2358). And, according to the catechism, the church "enjoys a link" with the Jewish people, the "first to hear the word of God" (#839). Do you hold assumptions about others that need to be reexamined?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). *"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything."*

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Dying to find a better way

Christopher Magallanes was a priest in Mexico during a difficult time in Mexican history. On the heels of the Mexican Revolution of 1910-17, the Catholic Church and the Mexican state were at loggerheads. Magallanes wrote and preached against armed rebellion but was falsely accused of promoting armed uprising during what came to be called the Cristero Rebellion. Arrested in 1927 on his way to celebrate Mass, he gave his few possessions—as well as absolution—to his executioners. His last words were, "I die innocent and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican brethren." Since 1929 church and state in Mexico have by and large avoided further violent conflict and are on much better terms than in the past. Pray for peaceful resolutions to conflicts in the world today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."*

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

Persist in your faith

Margarita was the only child of a late 14th-century Italian couple. Rita, as she was known, was a 12-year-old bride to a difficult husband, the mother of two sons, and an early widow whose husband was killed in a violent vendetta. Upon the later deaths of her sons, Rita entered the Augustinian monastery in her

hometown of Cascia. Biographers write of her having been a persistent woman of faith who refused to give up a dream of monastic life as well as a peacemaker who reconciled the warring factions that contributed to her husband's death. All agree that she became known as a mystic whose devotion to Christ's suffering produced a wound on her forehead as she ministered to the sick and counseled the steady stream of visitors to the convent. In her memory, let's ask today for grace that empowers us to persistence in faith and peacemaking in relationships.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). *"Whoever remains in me and I in [them] will bear much fruit."*

Thursday, May 23, 2019

EASTER WEEKDAY

The tie that binds

What comes to mind when you think of *love*? Maybe it's the deep connection you have with a loved one. Jesus talked about love in this way: The close relationship he had to the Father was the one he had with his disciples. He also gave us an example of a love that respects others, is patient, and is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others. Love, then, is about both contemplation and action: entering the bond you have with Jesus and the Father and also responding to it. Christ said another thing about love: It makes you happy. There's a unique joy in loving others. Find it today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288). *"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."*

Friday, May 24, 2019

EASTER WEEKDAY

May church and state coexist in peace

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI released a letter to the 9 million Catholics in China, in which he dedicated May 24 each year as a World Day of Prayer for the Church in China. The Holy Father wrote, "the Catholics of the whole world . . . will demonstrate their fraternal solidarity and solicitude for you, asking the Lord of history for the gift of perseverance in witness, in the certainty that your sufferings past and present for the Holy Name of Jesus and your intrepid loyalty to his Vicar on earth will be rewarded." Pray today that the contentious relations between China and the Catholic Church continue to improve.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). *"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."*

Saturday, May 25, 2019

MEMORIAL OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Book your faith

A Benedictine monk, Saint Bede (673-735) lived his whole life in the same monastery where his parents had sent him for his early education. While we know him as the source of much of early English history, he was also a great student of scripture and a teacher. Church history, scripture—these are two important areas to know something about to have a better grasp of your faith. Find some books on the subject, like *A Concise History of the Catholic Church* by Thomas Bokenkotter and *Invitation to the Old Testament and Invitation to the New Testament*, both by Alice L. Camille.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). *"If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first."*

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:



At Saint Joseph's:

Pray for Priests

May 19 Rev. Lawrence R. Richards
 May 20 Rev. William M. Kuba
 May 21 Rev. Jeffrey J. Lucas
 May 22 Rev. David Whiteford
 May 23 Rev. Richard J. Toohey
 May 24 **Pray For Vocations**
 May 25 Rev. Msgr. Joseph K. Bobal



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 26, 2019
FOR ST. JOSEPH**

Lector:
Patricia Marrero

Ministers:
Carole Walker
Mary Smith
Lois Housler

Server: Mackenzie

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/familiesmatter. 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**.

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 MAY 25-26, 2019

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolee Learn Denise Balon	Rose Campbell Vickie Alfieri Patricia Green
Lectors:	Ray Learn	Tom Kreiner
Altar Servers:	Isabella Nick	John

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Carolee Learn
 Sena Kean Visits: Rose Campbell & Bev Mulauski
 Lakeview:

**St. Joseph's
For the month of May**



SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of The Rosary Society

INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of Donna Truden

Sharon DeLancey Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the non-renewable \$1,000 Sharon De Lancey Memorial Scholarship. Smethport Area High School seniors who have been accepted at a four-year college and are members of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Smethport, where Sharon was a choir member and catechism teacher, are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the parish office on Franklin Street and must be returned there by May 24. The recipient will be announced at Senior Recognition Sunday, June 2, 2019.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) It's simple. It's basic. It's hard. Spend 5 minutes today sharing how Jesus loved his followers (healing, feeding, teaching, dying...) and how it translates to your marriage.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it *has*-- love for one another.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Save the date for relic visit to St. Peter Cathedral

The Diocese of Erie is privileged to host a significant relic — the heart of St. John Vianney, patron of diocesan priests — June 6 at St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10th and Sassafras streets. Parishes and schools are encouraged to publicize this special event and consider organizing a pilgrimage. More information will be provided very soon. For information on the relic tour, please visit https://www.kofc.org/en/events/vianney.html#.

The treasures of Italy await: Siena, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo and Rome

In conjunction with Bishop Lawrence Persico's required *ad limina* visit to Rome, the Diocese of Erie is offering a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy Nov. 16-25, 2019. Led by Msgr. Edward Lohse and Father Nicholas Rouch, the trip will include stops in Assisi, Siena and San Giovanni Rotondo — home of St. Padre Pio — as well as several days in Rome. Also on the agenda: participation in the Sunday *Angelus* in St. Peter's Square with Pope Francis, if he is in residence, as well as a Mass with Bishop Persico. Visit www.ErieRCD.org/pilgrimage2019.html for details or call Marianna at Unitours at 1-800-777-7432. Join us!