

*The Roman Catholic Parish of
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

*307 Franklin St.
Smethport, PA 16749*

*20 Division St.
Mount Jewett, Pa 16740*



Sacramental Information

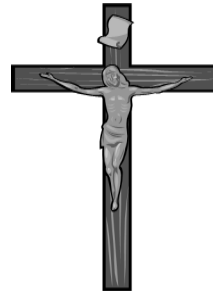
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

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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Prayer Requests: 465-3569

Prayer Requests: 814-778-5520

SAINT ELIZABETH, SMETHPORT, PA

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, Jan. 5
 5:00 PM + Guy Nickols
 by Katie & Dan

Sunday, Jan. 6
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

Monday, Jan. 7
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM St. Joseph's Shut-Ins
 by St. Joseph's Rosary Society

Tuesday, Jan. 8
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Guy Nickols
 by Katie & Dan

Thursday, Jan. 10
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Bless Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Joseph Marquart III
 by Julie, Joe & Mary

Friday, Jan. 11
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM + Mary Lou Deegan
 by Ray & Audrey Deegan

Saturday, Jan. 12
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Jan. 13
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Peg Hoffman
 by Fr. Vince & Wendy

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Jan. 6
 8:00 AM + Joseph Segulin
 by Julie Marquart

Sunday, Jan. 13
 8:00 AM + Dorothy Parr, Frank & Millicent Worrell
 by Their Nieces

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Dec. 23, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$ 2,251.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Dec. 23, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$452.00

Anyone who didn't receive envelopes let the parish office know and I will get them for you.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: A Special Intention, Pat Peterson, Rita Bidwell, Shelly Maybury, Jack & Janine Sokoloski, Dylan Lunder, John Crowley, Cathy Kaltenbach, A Special Intention, Patti Price, Caitlyn Bankovich, Elijah Waite, Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland, Louise DeSio, Jacque Silvagni.

Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie

Get resources and suggestions for your family at the Diocese of Erie's family website, www.eriecd.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**.

End of Year: Anyone needing a financial statement for the year may call the parish office.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

St. Joseph Rosary Society: The Rosary Society will not meet in the months of January and February. The first meeting of the new year will be in March on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 PM. Mark your calendars.

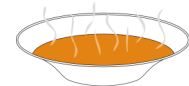


A "Thank You" to everyone who worked on decorating both churches for Christmas. Everything was beautiful. Your hard work is so greatly appreciated.

Whoever got the filing cabinet with the door there is another key for it and whoever has the doors from the office at St. Joseph there are keys for the new doorknob. Contact the parish office if you would like to get these items, Monday-Friday 9 AM - 1 PM.

Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30 PM in the parish hall.

Mark Your Calendars!! St. Elizabeth Soup Luncheons will start on Thursday, January 17th 11 AM to 1 PM. Other dates are, Thursday, February 21st and Thursday, March 21st.

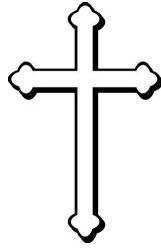


CONGRATULATIONS to our newly Baptized into the Waters of Life at Saint Elizabeth's Parish! Henry Walker Vandermark, son of David & Lesley Vandermark was baptized on Sunday, December 23, 2018.

Building Fund Memorial

Patrick Eaton

by Debbie Defibaugh



**KEEP CALM
AND
BECOME AN
ALTAR SERVER**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Altar servers carry the cross, the processional candles (some Masses), hold the book for the priest when he is not at the altar, assist the priest at the preparation of the altar during the offertory, wash the hands of the priest, and assist the priest celebrant in other functions.

Altar servers are chosen from among the faithful who display a desire to participate in an intimate way during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is an extreme privilege to kneel so close to the altar as our loving Savior, Jesus Christ, becomes truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity upon the altar.

ELIGIBILITY

Boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are eligible and encouraged to become altar servers. New Altar Servers will be paired with experienced Servers until they feel comfortable to possibly serve on their own.

If you choose to support your child's decision on becoming an Altar Server, please contact Father Vince. Mr. Josh Costa, josh@costashdw.com schedules the Altar Servers for St. Elizabeth and Patty (office 887-9254) schedules for Mt. Jewett. When you speak with Mr. Costa you can let him know whether Saturday Mass or Sunday Mass is preferred and he will work with you. If you have custody issues where your child is only with you on certain weekends, please let Mr. Costa know and he can schedule accordingly.

Thank you for considering allowing your child to belong to this important Ministry of our church.

If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Costa or Father Vince at 887-9254.

Sunday, Jan 06, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We bow to a higher authority

From the first moment of his papacy, Pope Francis impressed the world with his humility. The newly minted pope bowed his head and invited us, the church, to bless him. How rare it is for leaders on the world stage to approach their role with humility and reverence! The typical response to the bestowal of power is a rising spirit of arrogance and aggression. We observe the contrast between the Magi who prostrate themselves before an infant, while King Herod snarls and plots violence with his yes-men. How do we wield the authority we hold in our hands?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). *"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."*

Monday, Jan 07, 2019

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

And for your penance . . .

What if you went to Confession and for your penance the priest assigned you a book to write? This actually happened to Raymond of Peñafort (1175-1275), who felt that his life as a university teacher had been too soft and easy. When he asked his Dominican superiors to give him a harsh penance in retribution, they asked for a book to guide confessors. Later, in the "creative confessions" department, Raymond found himself the pope's own confessor. He assigned the pope the penance of swiftly hearing and expediting all petitions of the poor! Be creative in repenting, and be sure to do it whenever needed (more often than we like to admit).

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212). *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."*

Tuesday, Jan 08, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

See God and love

No one, scripture says, has seen God and lived. But of course scripture also tells of numerous encounters with God in which someone came away without being reduced to a pair of smoking sandals. Today it's not impossible to see God either: in other people, who are made in the image and likeness of God and carry God's spirit in them like a temple, to use Saint Paul's metaphor; in the sacraments, which make God present in a special way, especially in the Eucharist; in prayer, where we give expression to our relationship to God. Perhaps the most powerful way to pick up on the presence of God, though, is through love—in particular the kind of self-giving love that God has for creation, that Jesus has for the world. Where there is that kind of love, there God is.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). *"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."*

Wednesday, Jan 09, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Walk on

The disciples were terrified at the sight of Jesus walking on water. Indeed, God's power as evidenced in Jesus' miracles may seem terrifying, perhaps because the display of mastery over the forces of nature reminds us of our own limitations. None of us would last a minute trying to walk on water—but is that because of our physical limitations or because of our faith limitations? In the

gospel story, Peter actually does manage to take a few steps across the water toward Jesus, until he focuses on his own fears instead of Jesus' invitation. Bad move for Peter—and for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). *"But immediately Jesus spoke to them, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'"*

Thursday, Jan 10, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Keep your Christmas present

You remember Christmas—"May your days be merry and bright" and all that? Often we think of "getting through the holidays" rather than savoring, like fine wine, the implications of "God with us." What Christmas celebrates is nothing less than the most radical moment in human history: the leap from the divine to the human, piercing the veil, God taking root in skin and bone and changing our destiny forever. The lights may be packed away, the gifts exchanged, but that's the small stuff. How have I been changed by these days?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22a (215). *"News of him spread throughout the whole region."*

Friday, Jan 11, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Count on God's mercy

Can any of us doubt that Jesus would choose the welfare of suffering people who come to him? Still, we often pray—and live—as if we doubt that God has our best intentions at heart. God's mercy is so clear and tangible, at the crèche and at the cross! If we ever find ourselves wondering if God really cares about the likes of us, we might bow and contemplate Jesus in the straw or nailed to wood.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). *"The leper bowed and begged Jesus, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.'"*

Saturday, Jan 12, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Back to the future

The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god of portals and doorways, of endings and beginnings. He is traditionally pictured with two faces: one looking back to the past, the other forward to the future. Tomorrow we celebrate the Baptism of the Jesus, which marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of ordinary time. That means today is a good day to look back over the Christmas season now ending and ask ourselves: What were some of the highs and lows? What could I do differently next year? Then look forward into the future: What must I let go of to embrace more fully the present moment? How do I want to live?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). *"He must increase; I must decrease."*

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:

Tues. Jan. 8 6:30 PM Finance Council Mtg.
parish hall
Sun. Jan. 13 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg.
parish hall



At Saint Joseph's:

Remember to thank the Hartle-Tarbox Funeral Home for providing us with our calendars. This is something that they do every year for us.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What does it mean to be a "copartner" or "members of the same body." (Ephesians 3:6) Applied to marriage, I suggest that copartner means equal in dignity and decision making. Being a member of the same body does not mean some mythical new creature with two heads, but rather that we are in this life together. What happens to one of us, impacts the other.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 13, 2019 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector:
Patricia Marrero

Ministers:
Mary Ann Schafer
Mary Smith
Lois Housler

Server:
Raychel

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 Jan. 12-13, 2019

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Vicki Alfieri Rose Campbell	John Carr Terri Carr Marian Bush
Lectors:	Debbie Babcox	Jeff Holcomb
Altar Servers:	Ithilien Ruby	Sabrina

Notice from Diocese of ERIE

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St. Joseph parishioners: Now is the time to reserve your Sanctuary Light or Infant of Prague for 2019 if you wish to keep the same month. Drop payment if the collection basket or call the parish office Monday-Friday 9-1.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

"FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL"

Travel with Fr. Paul Siebert to GREECE, Sept. 7-16, 2019. You'll be visiting Thessalonisi, Phillippi, Delphi, Athens, Piraeus, Kusadasi and Ephesus (Turkey), 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.

Planning Your Wedding?

An Engagement Encounter weekend is scheduled for January 25th through 27th at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Partial scholarships are available for those who qualify. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261, or by email at familylife@erieRCD.org or visit our Web site at <http://www.erieRCD.org/ee.htm> for more information or to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, marriage is for a lifetime".

March for Life Bus Trip

Attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 18, 2019. Buses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on Thursday evening, January 17 at 11 p.m. and return about 2 a.m. on January 19. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Send \$55 per seat to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to use a credit card, call (814) 882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.life/january2019.

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Crystal Raymond
Sena Kean Visits: John & Terri Carr
Lakeview: Marian Bush