

# *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.

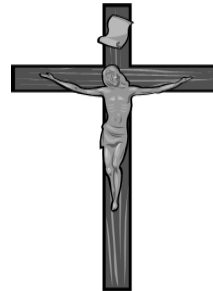
**Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion:** Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

**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. 22  
 5:00 PM + Debbie Vossler  
 by Felica Nelson

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

Monday, Sept. 24  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM Conversion & Salvation of Dying  
 Sinners

Tuesday, Sept. 25  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Jackie Cain  
 by The Doutt Family

Thursday, Sept. 27  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Carl Nelson  
 by Michael Starecky

Friday, Sept. 28  
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 12:10 PM + Angie Blickley  
 by Ray & Audrey Deegan

Saturday, Sept. 29  
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Sept. 30  
**8:45 AM** Reciting of The Rosary  
 9:30 AM + Paul Comes  
 by The Family

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 30  
 8:00 AM + Joseph Segulin  
 by St. Joseph's Rosary Society

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Sept. 16, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$1,306.00  
 Catholic Education: \$ 350.05

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Sept. 16, 2018**

Weekly Collection: \$ 488.00  
 Catholic Education: \$ 82.00

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

**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.

**The 2018 Catholic Education Collection:** Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection to help support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Many parishioners responded generously. Thank you! Your continued prayers and support will ensure that our parish and all parishes in the Diocese of Erie can strengthen our commitment to lifelong learning. If you missed last week's Catholic Education Collection, please consider a donation by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet or a blank envelope marked 'Catholic Education Collection.' Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

**OPEN HOUSE ST. JOSEPH'S RECTORY ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 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.



**St. Joseph Pancake Breakfast** is coming. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 7th. We will be serving from 9:00 AM 'til 1:00 PM. Come and enjoy the good fellowship and good food.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

"Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from" (James 4: 1) Couples fight about many different things - money, whose job it is to clean up, the kids... Identify your top gripe of today and decide to let it go. Is one day of peace too hard?

**Blessing of The Animals** will take place on **Saturday, September 29th** at noon in St. Elizabeth's parking lot. Please have your pets on a leash or in carriers for their safety and everyone else's.

**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.



Registration for **Second Harvest** will be held on **Monday, Oct. 1st** 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, Oct. 9th. Volunteers are needed from **12:30-4:00 PM** when the truck arrives and when **Distribution begins at 2:00 PM. Help for any amount of time is appreciated.**

## Sunday, Sep 23, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Race you to the bottom

We're bred for competition. In the ongoing contest for limited resources, we don't want to be without a chair when the music stops. Pitted against siblings for the finite attention of parents, the competition grows larger as we do. Schools bid us compete for grades and rank. Sports, video games, the car we drive, the job we get, the promotion we achieve, the money in the bank, are contests won or lost on the ladder toward greatness. Jesus says don't compete; serve. True greatness is a race to the bottom. Count the ways you're winning.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134). *"They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest."*

## Monday, Sep 24, 2018

### Invite God to be your friend

It helps to think of the Bible as a "library," a collection of different kinds of books written at different times by diverse authors for a variety of purposes over thousands of years. Like any library, it is divided into sections, and one of those areas is known as "Wisdom literature," which deals specifically with wise actions in contrast to foolish ones: the Books of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, and the Wisdom of Solomon. One of the messages biblical wisdom offers is the importance of friendship with God, and to be friends with God is reflected in how you are friends with others: not refusing to do good when you have the chance, not creating needless conflict, not being envious. Be this kind of a friend, and God will friend you back.

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"Say not to your neighbor, 'Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give,' when you can give at once."*

## Tuesday, Sep 25, 2018

### We are family

While many English translations make it sound as if Jesus had brothers, confusion arises because Hebrew and Aramaic, the written and spoken languages of the day, lacked distinct words for *brothers*, *cousins*, and other close kin. When Christian scripture was written in Greek, the word *adelphos*—"brothers"—was used to represent all of those relations. So it remains unclear what kind of extended family Jesus might have had. What *is* clear is that Jesus saw blood relations as secondary to spirit relations. Those who follow Jesus are family to him. Claim your place in that gathering.

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

## Wednesday, Sep 26, 2018

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

### Doctors without fees

Many folks have heard of Doctors Without Borders, who selflessly bring medical care around the world in response to humanitarian emergencies and where it's most needed. But the idea of doctors who don't charge fees goes back to the second century, when, according to legend, Cosmas and Damian, twin brothers from Arabia, combined their medical practice with their new Christian faith to become the "silverless ones," practicing medicine without

charge. Some parishes today recognize the need for affordable, accessible health care and sponsor "parish nurses" to assist with basic screenings and visitations. How does your parish attend to the needs of its most vulnerable members?

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"Take nothing for the journey."*

## Thursday, Sep 27, 2018

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

### An angel on my shoulder

In his first inaugural address, President Abraham Lincoln hoped the nation would be "touched . . . by the better angels of our nature." His imagery says a lot about life: We can take either the high road or the low. We can be selfish and angry, or generous and kind. Saint Vincent de Paul (1580-1660) knew both sides. He admitted he had a "caustic temper" and had to mind his "black and boiling moods." He also wrote: "We should remember that Christ himself said that by gentleness we inherit the earth. If we act on this, we will win people over so that they will turn to the Lord. That will not happen if we treat people harshly or sharply." By which angels do we choose to live, the better or the worse?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"One generation passes and another comes, but the world forever stays."*

## Friday, Sep 28, 2018

LORENZO RUIZ AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

### One life to give

Lorenzo Ruiz (c. 1600-1639) was born in Manila. Married, with two sons and a daughter, he became a companion to Dominican missionaries who sailed for Japan despite intense persecution of Japanese Christians. In Nagasaki, facing torture, Lorenzo at first asked if, by giving up his faith, his life would be spared. He received no answer but felt his faith strengthen to the point that he finally said, "I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly accept death for the Lord; if I have a thousand lives, all of them I will offer to him." In 1987 Pope John Paul II canonized 16 Asian and European men and women who spread the faith in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan. Lorenzo Ruiz is the first canonized Filipino martyr. What does your faith inspire you to offer the world?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every thing under the heavens."*

## Saturday, Sep 29, 2018

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

### Help from on high

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels. Michael, the chief archangel, is known as a defender of God's people. *Michael* in Hebrew means "who is like God?" *Gabriel* is inseparable from the event of the Annunciation when Mary said "yes" to be the Mother of God. Gabriel's name in Hebrew refers to the strength or power of God. *Raphael*, "God heals," appears in the Book of Tobit as a protective, healing presence to both Tobias and his father, Tobit. Honor the archangels this day by looking for ways to incarnate the message that each of them represents. How can you be a source of safety for those in distress? In what ways can you spread the word that through God all things are possible?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647). *"You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending."*

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



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PAN CAKE

BREAKFAST

SUNDAY OCT. 7, 2018

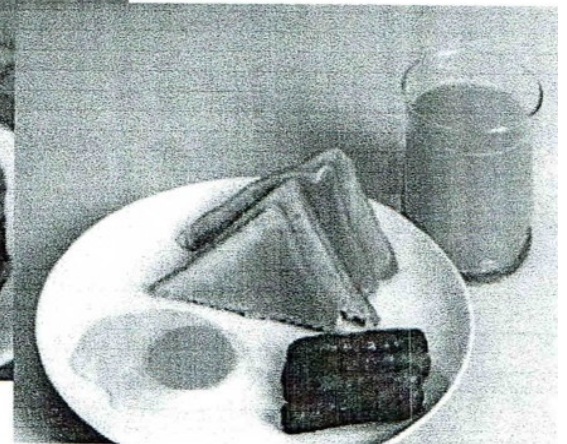
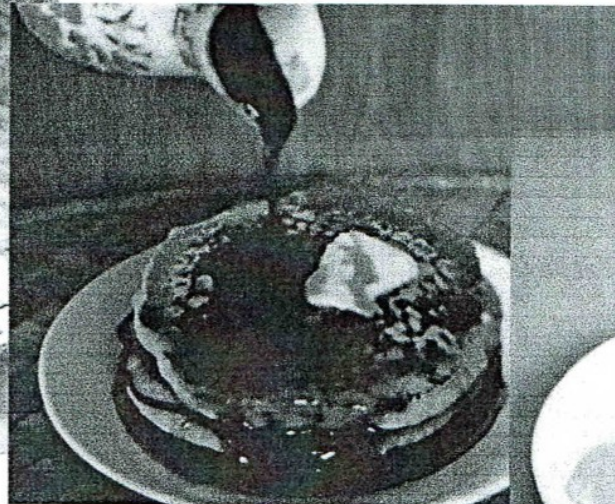
TIME 9 am TO 1 pm

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTER  
DIVISION, ST.  
MT. JEWETT, PA 16740

ADULTS \$6.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

12 YEARS OLD AND UNDER





**At Saint Elizabeth's:**

Sept. 23 10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Classes  
 Sept. 29 12 Noon Blessing of The Animals  
 St. Elizabeth parking lot



**At Saint Joseph's:**

Sept. 23 8:45 AM Open House at Rectory

**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](http://www.ANF.org) (America Needs Fatima!) for more information about this national rally for Mary's intercession.*



**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**.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**NOVA: A one-day marriage preparation program**

A one-day marriage preparation program designed *specifically* for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include expectations of remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814/824-1261 for information. **The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in Erie.** Pre-registration is required.

**Take Me to Worship**

Parishioners, please be aware that the Diocese of Erie is in support of the *Take Me to Worship* Campaign that will be running in the community 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.taketometoworship.org](http://www.taketometoworship.org) or [www.eriecd.org/familiesmatter](http://www.eriecd.org/familiesmatter) for info and ideas for evangelization or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261.

**Make an Investment in Your Future**

A wedding is one day; but your marriage is for a lifetime! Invest in your marriage by attending Engagement Encounter. Spend a weekend away from the stress of planning for the wedding, and enjoy the special moments of creating your future marriage together. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or [familylife@ErieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@ErieRCD.org) to register! All couples are welcome; scholarships are available for those in need. The next EE weekend is scheduled for **October 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>** at St. Mark's Catholic Center in Erie. If you would like to register on line, please visit [www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html](http://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html).

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:** Brittany Bizzak  
**Ministers:** Carole Walker  
 Holly Hamilton  
**Server:** Kevin Housler

**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. 29-30, 2018**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Vicki Alfieri Rose Campbell	Vickie Bickford Bob Gross Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Bob Murphy	Tom Kreiner
Altar Servers:	Sabrina	John

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Lu Vandermark  
 Sena Kean Visits: Vickie Bickford & Penny Eddy  
 Lakeview: Steve Eidson