

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

307 Franklin St.
Smethport, PA 16749

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Mount Jewett, Pa 16740



Sacramental Information

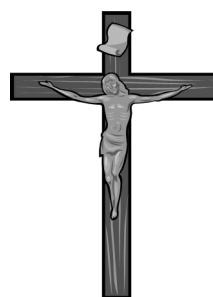
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

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, Dec. 14
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Dec. 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Robert A. Nick
 by The Eidson Family

Monday, Dec. 16
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Guy Nichols
 by Katie & Dave Rumsey

Tuesday, Dec. 17
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Bob Tronetti
 by Ron & Bev

Thursday, Dec. 19
 2:30 PM Mass @ Lakeview
 St. Joseph Shut-ins
 by St. Joseph Rosary Society

Friday, Dec. 20
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM + Bruce Fay
 by Pat White

Saturday, Dec. 21
 3:30-4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Dec. 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Helen Comes Eckstrom
 by The Family

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Dec. 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**
 8:00 AM + Vicki & Kari Carrow
 by Bill & Dot

Sunday, Dec. 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 8:00 AM + Isadore & Mary Ann Quagliani
 by Sharon & Scott Morgan

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Dec. 8, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$4,675.15 .00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Dec. 8, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$552.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Dec. 24-25, 2019

St. Elizabeth	5:00 PM Christmas Eve	12:00 AM Midnight	9:30 AM Christmas Day
Eucharistic Ministers	Heather Costa Heather Murphy	Marian Bush Patty Green	Joan Washburn Mary Norgrove
Lectors:	Paul Costa	Steve Eidson	Jeff Holcomb
Altar Servers:	Lila Ava	Sabrina	Ruby Ithilien

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Dec. 21-22, 2019

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Heather Costa Vickie Bickford	Joan Washburn Denise Balon Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Josh Costa	Tom Kreiner
Altar Servers:	Lila Vinnie	Elizabeth

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Margaret Vandermark
 Sena Kean Visits:
 Lakeview:

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, Adam DeSio.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 22, 2019
 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

Lector: Mary Smith

Ministers:

Mary Ann Schaffer
 Patricia Marrero
 Dave Gerber

Server:

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 24, 2019
 FOR ST. JOSEPH 8:00 PM**

Lector: Dave Gerber

Ministers:

Patricia Marrero
 Mary Smith
 Dave Gerber

Server: Mackenzie

St. Elizabeth's Angel Tree 2019



thank you to all who made this possible

Sunday, Dec 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

What are we waiting for?

Some people make the incredible claim that, 2,000 years ago, God's spoken Word became flesh and blood. This incarnate Word lived and served and saved—not by rising to tremendous power, but by dying and rising to new life. A lot rides on John the Baptist's question to Jesus: Are you the one? If not you, then who? If Jesus is the one, trusting in him means embracing a startling trajectory of service and surrender in a world of upward striving. It will turn our own lives inside out. What does it cost you to say: "Jesus is Lord"?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 (7). "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Monday, Dec 16, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Invest in the teachings

Magisterium is a mighty big word that means a lot to Catholics. The word derives from the Latin for "teacher." It refers to the sacred deposit of faith, which includes both scripture and tradition, that's been entrusted to the church. And it is the source of the church's authority to interpret this deposit of faith, which has been divinely revealed by Christ, the "Word made flesh." What an immense gift from God, for all of us to be shown so much. Be faithful to it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?"

Tuesday, Dec 17, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Soon and very soon

Finally, like a long exhalation during the final week before Christmas, we pray the "O Antiphons," which give us different ways to image the long-awaited Messiah. Some of the more colorful names are: Wisdom, Root of Jesse's stem, Key of David, Radiant Dawn. Praying with one each day unites us to the universal church over many centuries. Check out YouTube for a video that provides historical background on the O Antiphons. Take a moment to watch it as part of your Advent observation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). "Of her was born Jesus, . . . called the Christ."

Wednesday, Dec 18, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Prelude to Nativity

Today is International Migrants Day, reminding us that all biblical people, including the Holy Family, were obliged to roam to survive. The mystery of the Incarnation, Christ in us, is extended to all people, especially those who have been driven from their homelands by violence and crushing poverty, and who stand at our border seeking help. Should we wall them out or extend a hand in friendship and solidarity? All of us need rescuing! "O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: Come to rescue us with your mighty power!"

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

Thursday, Dec 19, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Lord, come and save us

"O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: Come to save us without delay!" Today is the third day of the church's week of O Antiphons, used at evening prayer to count down the final days of Advent. Each gives a different depiction of the Messiah; each captures the longing of a people yearning to be saved. Today's imagery comes from Isaiah 11:1, where God establishes the House of David from beleaguered beginnings: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." David, the youngest son of Jesse, is as improbable a king as the Christ Child will be. If you haven't been praying the O Antiphons this week, it's not too late to start; nor is it too late to decorate a Jesse Tree, based on the same Isaiah verse.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard."

Friday, Dec 20, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Make room at the inn

There's a special Christmas season novena—that is, nine days of prayer—that commemorates the nine months of Mary's pregnancy with Jesus, as well as her journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and it is done in the nine days leading up to his birthday. Called Las Posadas, which means "lodging," it is celebrated by many Spanish-speaking cultures with re-enactments of Joseph and Mary (often with entourage and even a donkey!) knocking on neighbors' doors seeking a "place to stay." A party usually ensues. Remember all those in the world who are journeying to find shelter for their children, and work to make our communities more open to them. In fact, celebrate their presence!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). "O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal kingdom: Come and free the prisoners of darkness!"

Saturday, Dec 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Common ground is high ground

Peter Canisius (1521-97), a Dutch Jesuit priest who was a contemporary of Saint Ignatius, was a learned and capable scholar who started many Jesuit colleges. Peter had a gift for making theological doctrine understandable. To that end, he wrote three catechisms that helped common folk and children understand the teachings of the church and ground their faith. Peter's ability to listen in working with non-Catholics helped him respect differences and seek common ground. We ask Saint Peter Canisius to help us listen to those with whom we differ and seek common ground.

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death."

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:

Fri. Dec. 20 evening Church hall in use
 Sat. Dec. 21 6-12:00 PM Church hall in use



At Saint Joseph's:

Marriage Moments

As we approach Christmas, it's easy to become "busy-holics" and race to prepare decorations, presents, and food. When feeling stressed with yourself or your beloved, pause, take a deep breath, and "Be patient." (James 5:7)

Parish Development Memorial Fund

Robert Yancosek	Pat Haulik
Donald Switzer	Julie Marquart
Robert Yancosek	Joseph Marquart IV
Bruce Fay	Julie Marquart
Elmer Campbell	Julie Marquart
Robert Tronetti	Julie Marquart
Robert Yancosek	Tom & Jo Ellen Eck

Building Fund Memorial

Brian Morris Bob Murphy

Religious give thanks. "Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

St. Joseph Rosary Society would like to thank all the ladies of the parish who came to our Christmas Party. It was a wonderful gathering. The food was delicious and such a variety. Everyone had a good time. See you next year! Our next meeting is March 3, 2020.



Friendship Table
 Thanks You
 From the generous food donation we were able to serve 80 people.

Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese

Dec. 15 Rev. John E. Santor
 Dec. 16 Rev. Msgr. Henry J. Schauerman
 Dec. 17 The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico
 Dec. 18 **Pray For Vocations**
 Dec. 19 Rev. Matthew J. Strickenberger
 Dec. 20 Rev. William E. Sutherland
 Dec. 21 Rev. Msgr. Gerald J. Koos



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.

Christmas Flowers Today, December 15th is the last day to turn in your flower envelopes to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Please be sure and write or print clearly on the envelope. Thank you.



St. Joseph's for the month of December

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of **George & Helen Peters** by Robert Barber & Family, Karen Barber



INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of **The Kaye Family** by Carole Cook

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Volunteers are needed: Red Kettle Bell Ringers are needed in Mt. Jewett at Mt. Jewett Market Place to ring the bell on Fridays and Saturdays until 12/21. Friday times are 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, Saturday times are 8:00 AM-6:00 PM, shift would be 2 hours at a time. You may call Pastor Cindy Duffee at 724-456-0927 to sign-up or the United Methodist Church 778-5808 and leave a message.

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 to register! All couples are welcome; scholarships are available for those in need. The next EE weekend is scheduled for for January 24th through 26th at St. Mark's Catholic Center in Erie. Call today.