

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.

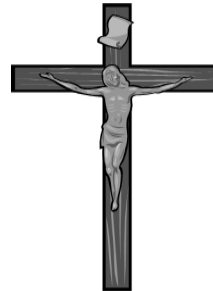
Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

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 19
 5:00 PM For The People
 Sunday, May 20
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Gaza Erleba
 by Geri Steele

Saturday, May 26
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession
 5:00 PM For The People
 Sunday, May 27
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Leon B. Griffin
 by Philip & Sandra Griffin

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, May 20
7:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of The Sluga
 Family
 by The Sluga's
 Sunday, May 27
7:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 8:00 AM + Helen Peters
 by Robert Barber & Family
 Karen Barber

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of May 20, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$1,920.50

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of May 27, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$ 453.00



Registration for **Second Harvest** will be held on Monday, June 4th 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 not monitored during this time. Distribution will be held on Tuesday, June 12th. Volunteers are needed from **12:30-4:00 PM** when the truck arrives and when **Distribution begins at 1:30. Help for any amount of time is appreciated.**

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, Ellen Forsyth.

St. Joseph Rosary: The Rosary will be recited before Mass on Sunday's during the month of May starting at 7:45 AM: The leaders will be as follows: May 20th-Carole Walker, May 26th-Mary Smith.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's set aside the distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."

Sharon DeLancey Memorial Scholarship: To be eligible for this \$1,000.00 non-renewable award, applicant must be a registered member of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, a member of the Smethport or Kane High School Class of 2018 and accepted into a four-year bachelor's program. **May 25, 2018** is the deadline for applications to be returned. The scholarship will be presented on Senior Recognition Sunday on June 3, 2018. Applications are available at the back of the Church. Don't forget to get your applications in!!

Summer Youth Program at St. Joseph: Will be starting on Monday, June 4th and here is something they need: 2 liter clear plastic bottles with lids. We need 40-50 for a craft. They are needed by June 4th. There will be a can by the kitchen door at St. Elizabeth's and at St. Joseph you may leave them in the kitchen marked for Summer Youth.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day)

Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie

Need some ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the Families Always Matter website, www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm, to find information/ideas for traditional, single-parent, blended, military, and adoptive/foster families. At the Diocese of Erie, families always matter! Go Families! Also Formed.org using our parish code TRY7DX.



CONGRATULATIONS to our newly Baptized into the Waters of Life at Saint Elizabeth's Parish! Elaina Grace Doutt, daughter of Kyle & Rachel Doutt. She was baptized on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sister Phyllis who is celebrating 60 years of her profession of her first vows with the Benedictine Sisters of Erie.

Sunday, May 20, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Do something useful

Be honest: Do you think prayer is useful? While we might describe the act of praying positively, we may not be convinced it actually “works”—at least not as we intend. Here’s the shocker: Many theologians agree it’s a trap to consider prayer in terms of utility. Prayer is not an effective activity; that is, it’s not a penny in, gumball out procedure. Prayer’s not an activity at all. Rather it’s a form of relationship, an unveiling of the self before the God of love. Loving relationships, however, are *very* effective. Just ask the Pentecost gang what love can do.

TODAY’S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23 or 15:26-27; 16:12-15 (63). “*And [they] began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.*”

Monday, May 21, 2018

MEMORIAL OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Thank you, Mother

Pope Francis recently added a memorial to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as “Mother of the Church” every year on the Monday after Pentecost as a way to foster Marian piety and the “maternal sense of the church.” The Marian title of “Mother of the Church,” was given to the Blessed Mother by Blessed Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. With its addition to the General Roman Calendar, it will now be celebrated by the whole Roman Catholic Church. Ponder how your own faith has been nurtured within the church community, and take a moment to thank Mary for serving as mother of us all.

TODAY’S READINGS: Gen. 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A). “*Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala.*”

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

Support gentle, loving relationships

If you knew you would be canonized a saint and could choose your patronage now, for what cause would you cheerfully accept intercessions? Be careful in your selection: Saints become the patrons of causes they know all too well. Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of bad marriages, victims of spousal abuse, and loneliness, among other conditions she endured personally. There are still many who seek her help today. Support local programs that assist families in trouble.

TODAY’S READINGS: James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37 (342). “*If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.*”

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

The Lord loves those who love wisdom

At times biblical poetry sets theological distinctions aside. In some places in Hebrew scripture, for example, divine wisdom is feminine and spoken of in a way almost indistinguishable from God. While the church often uses the masculine term “Father” for God, that is not to say God is male but that God acts toward us as a loving father does. Scripture and tradition have other names for God as well. Of course the Supreme Being is ultimately beyond gender—and all description really—but human beings need human terms to express their experience of God, including that of “wise woman.”

TODAY’S READINGS: James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40 (343). “*For whoever is not against us is for us.*”

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Pass the salt, please

What might humble table salt have to teach us about God? Surprisingly, a lot! The *Catholic Encyclopedia* has an entire entry devoted to salt, noting that historically it almost always has had a sacred and religious character. As a seasoning, salt gives a kick of flavor and taste to what might otherwise be a bland meal. It’s also a preservative to keep food from going bad. The gospels use the symbol of salt to refer to Christ’s new life within us, an ingredient that indeed transforms our whole lives. How can you add some more seasoning to God’s activity in your life?

TODAY’S READINGS: James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50 (344). “*Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another.*”

Friday, May 25, 2018

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE DE’ PAZZI, VIRGIN

Suffering can be service

Jacqueline de Decker had gone to India to serve the poor and wanted to join Mother Teresa’s newly founded Missionaries of Charity, but a spinal injury ended her dream. Or so she thought. In 1952 Mother Teresa sent Decker a letter with a proposal: “I need souls like yours to pray and suffer for the work” who could “do much more while on your bed of pain than I running on my feet.” Decker’s vocation sounds a lot like that of the 16th-century Carmelite sister Saint Mary Magdalene de’ Pazzi, who withstood years of physical and spiritual suffering yet had a mystical prayer life and later even rose from her “bed of pain” to become a wisdom-figure in her community. Jesus calls us all to serve. Consider your strengths not your weaknesses when answering that call.

TODAY’S READINGS: James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12 (345). “*Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged.*”

Saturday, May 26, 2018

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Stepping out for Jesus

Saint Philip Neri (1515-95) must have had a good cobbler, because he sure put a lot of miles on his shoes. He sauntered through Rome, striking up conversations with whomever he met, beggars or bankers, warming hearts as he talked about God. Often, he’d bid them walk and talk with him en route to a church or hospital. Later, after becoming a priest, he organized pilgrimages to churches in the city, inviting people to walk and pray together. As the one who brought the Forty Hours Devotion to Rome, Philip would like today’s practice of walking in procession as a prelude to adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes we need to wear out our soles to touch the souls of others.

TODAY’S READINGS: James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16 (346). “*Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*”

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



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Yard Sale & Bake Sale



to benefit



McKean County Right To Life

and



Bright Alternatives




Saturday, May 26th from 9 am to 4 pm

corner of

W. Washington St. & Harding Ave.

Bradford, PA

(Parking lot of People's Christian Fellowship)

McKean County Right To Life is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life from conception to natural death & to restoring legal protection for the unborn. 

If you would like to donate items for the sale, please drop off your pre-priced baked goods and yard sale items on Friday between 3 pm & 6 pm or the morning of the sale between 8 & 8:30 am.



If you are unable to deliver your items please call and we will be happy to assist you. Please use disposable containers for any baked goods.

Any questions please contact Kelly Dart at 887-5697.



Thank you for your willingness to be part of this important work and helping to protect vulnerable people from abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia!!



At Saint Elizabeth's:

Mon May 28 11:30 AM Mass at Cemetery
Weather permitting



At Saint Joseph's:

Saint Elizabeth/Saint Joseph has a few Sundays and many weekday Mass openings for 2018 for intentions. We can only have 1 family intention per Mass. You can put in your request for Mass intentions by calling the parish office 9 AM—1 PM Monday thru Friday (we have call forwarding for those living in Mt. Jewett area) or drop your requests in the collection basket. These Mass intentions can be used to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary as well as in memory.

Pentecost Sunday

The Christian holiday of **Pentecost**, which is celebrated on the 50th day after the weekly Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:15), commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. Some Christians believe this event represents the birth of the Catholic Church.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 27, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector:
David Gerber

Ministers:
Holly Hamilton
Patricia Marrero
Lois Housler

Server: Mick

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 26-27, 2018

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Penny Eddy Denise Balon	Joan Washburn Bob Gross Vickie Bickford
Lectors:	Penny Eddy	Jeff Holcomb
Altar Servers:	Lila	Elizabeth

This week, we are taking up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection (International Needs Collection)** to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Bright Alternatives Dear Friends, Spring is here! So, our spring Baby Bottle Campaign is here, and as you know it's a fun and easy way for your Church family to support the work of your local Pregnancy Resource Center. The Baby Bottle Campaign is one of the three major fundraisers we do every year. The Baby Bottles are a way to help us meet the financial needs of our daily operation and ensure service to those in need. As a nonprofit 501c3 we do all of our own fundraising and do not receive any state or federal monies. The best part of this fundraiser is that it doesn't require budget planning on the part of the giver. Just loose change that is lying around, just pick it up and stick it in the bottle. A lot of pennies can go a long ways. Maybe you want to give a bigger donation. You can put cash or checks in the bottle make it payable to **Bright Alternatives**. You would not believe how quickly a little change adds up!! The campaign will run from Mother's Day, May 13, 2018 to Father's Day, June 17, 2018.

Diocesan wedding anniversary celebrations for summer 2018

Save the dates for the upcoming diocesan wedding anniversary celebrations sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Erie. The celebrations will be held at: St. George Church, Erie, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Ss. Cosmas and Damian Church, Punxsutawney, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m.

Be a STAR supporter of Catholic education!

Do you own a business, want to support Catholic education AND receive a tax credit? You can by participating in PA's EITC program. Go here for more information: <http://www.eriercd.org/tuition.htm>. Your contribution to the STAR Foundation can be designated to a specific Catholic school, or made available to help students most in need at any of the Catholic schools within the diocese. Recurring applicants may apply starting May 15 and new applicants may apply on July 2. Contact Michelle Basista, Catholic Foundation, 814.824.1192, mbasista@cfnwpa.org or Chuck Banducci, Diocese of Erie, 814-824-1188, cbanducci@eriercd.org with questions. Thank you for providing an opportunity for our students!

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Lori Gross
Sena Kean Visits: Marian Bush and Mary Norgrove
Lakeview: Vickie Bickford