

*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

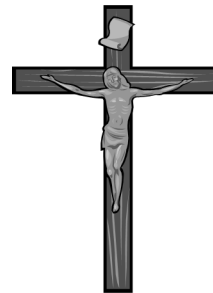
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

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

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, Feb. 23
 5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Feb. 24
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Arthur Brooder

Monday, Feb. 25
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Frank Worrell
 by Granddaughters

Tuesday, Feb. 26
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Lenora Kane
 by Dick & Vicki Bickford

Thursday, Feb. 28
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Paul Connors
 by Frank & Barbara Sonnie

4-5:00 PM Confession

Friday, Mar. 1 **First Friday**
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 PM In Reparation for Sins Committed
 Against Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, Mar. 2 **First Saturday**
 8:00 AM In Reparation for Sins Committed
 Against Immaculate Heart of Mary

3:30-4:15 PM Confession

5:00 PM + Justine & Michael Balon
 by Denise Balon

Sunday, Mar. 3
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Feb. 24
 8:00 AM In Honor of Sister Phyllis Schleicher O.S.B.
 by St. Joseph Rosary Society

Sunday, Mar. 3
 8:00 AM + Frances Allegretto
 by Husband & Sons

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Feb. 17, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$1,264.60

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Feb. 17, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$ 251.00

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

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**.



Pancake Breakfast
 Pancake Breakfast news: We served 107 adults and 6 children on Sunday. The 50/50 raffle was won by Jerry Gerber of St. Marys and the door prize was won by Bridget Ginkel. The committee would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway with the breakfast to make this a success. With out you this couldn't happen. Thanks again and see you in the fall.

CEMETERY NEWS: There are now 2 Cemetery envelopes in our 2019 box of envelopes for St. Elizabeth's Cemetery. Please use these for your donation for maintenance of our beautiful cemetery. Also, please note that it is the decision of the Cemetery Association that a monument shall be erected within the year following a burial in the cemetery.



School Supplies
 "The Smethport Area Peer Helpers are sponsoring a School Supplies Drive. All donations of new school supplies will be given to students at Smethport High School and Elementary School. The drive will end on March 31st. Thank you all for your generosity!"

The 2019 Catholic Services Appeal will be held next weekend in our parish. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to join together in doing the work of the Lord. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the church. The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project [describe parish project]. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.



St. Joseph Rosary Society will meet on **Monday, March 4th** at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. Please note the day change.



Music

You have probably heard the request: “Can’t we just have a “quiet” Mass, one without music?” Maybe you asked it yourself! Before Vatican II, it was called a “low” Mass in contrast to the “high” Mass where the choir sang. That distinction is now gone. The revision of the liturgy following Vatican II recovered the understanding that liturgy is inherently musical and that it is the responsibility of the assembly to fully participate. That means singing to the extent we are able—even at daily Mass.

Why such emphasis on music? From the recovery of Gregorian chant in the 1800’s and from the time of Pius X’s papacy (1903-14) onward, the church has encouraged the participation of the assembly in song. There are at least four basic reasons: **First:** Music elevates the spoken word to a level of proclamation and celebration. Speaking the *Gloria* or the *Holy* is like speaking “Happy birthday to you!” rather than singing it. The force of the words is lost. Besides, the Gloria is a hymn and the Holy is a proclamation of adoration. Singing more deeply connects with the action we are performing than speaking **Second:** Singing brings a group together and forms a united identity. We witness the power of music to unite all the time, for instance, at a sports event when the fans jump up singing “We will rock you!” **Third:** Music can strengthen the meaning of words. Think of “Amazing Grace.” How does the tune support the sense of the words and reinforce them? **Fourth:** Music has the ability to communicate something beyond words. We say God is ineffable, that is, indescribable. Music has the ability to touch us on a level beyond words and helps communicate that which is inexpressible.

So, what should we sing at Mass? The basics include the Gospel Acclamation, the Holy,

Memorial Acclamation and the Amen, which should always be sung, even at daily Mass. In 1969 the Vatican put it this way: “[Liturgical] singing means singing the Mass, not just singing during Mass.” The U.S. Bishops further clarified this statement in “Sing to the Lord,” their 2008 guide on liturgical music. It sets two priorities: **acclamations and dialogues.** These days most parishes do well singing the acclamations listed above. But we may have forgotten about singing the dialogues between priest and people which were a part of Mass even after Vatican II. Although they may have fallen out of favor, the revised Missal of 2012 calls priests and people to value the dialogues as highly as the acclamations. The Missal is full of musical settings of the texts.

One way to incorporate sung dialogues is simply to sing the text on one note. “The Lord be with you.” It’s something everyone can do. It stretches out the words and elevates their importance while making participation in the response, “And with your spirit,” very easy.

What about all the other songs and hymns at Mass? They have a purpose too. They are to expand on the Scriptural themes of the day and remind us of the themes of the liturgical seasons.

Music touches our hearts and affects our spiritual awareness. It may revive a memory of loss, or love. This makes the work of the music director both easy and more difficult—easier because of the vast choices, more difficult because finding just the right text and tune to engage a specific assembly is a huge challenge.

So, what do you do if singing’s not your bag? Try mouthing the words and singing quietly, even on one note. See how that participation changes your experience of the Mass. Do you focus on the text more now? As you arrive at Mass, remember the saying attributed to Augustine: “One who sings, prays twice.” Give it a try.

Sunday, Feb 24, 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love without distinction

An enemy is defined as someone who's against you. The word springs from the Latin "*inamicus*"—literally, "not friend." If someone's not interested in being your *amigo*, why should you be amicable in return? While contrary to instinct, loving enemies is one of the hallmarks of following Jesus, who chooses to lay down his life even for the sake of those who are killing him. Is it risky to open your arms to an enemy? Yes: see crucifixion, above. But if we refuse to love those who hate us, what makes us any different from those who hate?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38 (81). "*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.*"

Monday, Feb 25, 2019

Clean from the inside out

Most people may think they've left behind those old-fashioned notions of "unclean spirits" found in the Bible and religious texts of an earlier age, but have they really? Researchers have found that a lot of ancient associations about "clean" and "unclean" are still with us, only now we have translated them into the realm of science, health, or nutrition. Think of how concerned people are about the purity of their food and whether their environment is antiseptically clean. It's all well and good to promote health and guard against disease, but don't forget Jesus taught that purity and impurity ultimately are questions of the heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29 (341). "*Everything is possible to one who has faith.*"

Tuesday, Feb 26, 2019

The last will be first

"Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you."

The Richard Gillard hymn with this line has become familiar to many Catholics. Sung at funerals, weddings, Holy Thursday foot washings, and Sunday Mass, the lyrics touch human hearts in their eloquent call to humbly serve the needs of others. Pope Francis, who serves the poor in word and deed, calls us to share in this journey. How can I surrender my need for recognition? How can I serve the needs of others?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37 (342). "*They had been arguing about who was the most important.*"

Wednesday, Feb 27, 2019

Respond to the need, not the creed

In a commentary a few years back, prelate Gerald Kicanas, former bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, addressed the question of whether Catholic organizations are still actually "Catholic" if they provide services to all people, Catholic or not. His response was clear and pastoral: "The heart of Catholic outreach and social doctrine has been that we are here to serve all, and don't make distinctions. So in our Catholic schools there are young people who are non-Catholic. In our Catholic charities, we serve people who are in need." May the measure of your service and outreach always be love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40 (343). "*There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.*"

Thursday, Feb 28, 2019

Gone but not forgotten?

One of the most significant documents the American Roman Catholic bishops issued in the 20th century was *Economic Justice for All*. Issued in 1986, it calls fulfilling the needs of the poor the "highest priority" of economic policy and employment the "most urgent priority for domestic economic policy." Economic rights are fundamental human rights, as much as freedom of speech and religion. Some on Wall Street responded: What can a group of bishops know of high finance? A living Christianity, however, will always speak economic justice to economic power. Speak up for human values as expressed in public budgets.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50 (344). "*Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward.*"

Friday, Mar 01, 2019

The graceful gift of friendship

The church's current sacramental system designates seven ritual moments in the life of the church as occasions of particular grace. Any parochial school child can recite them: the initiating sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist; the healing rituals of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick; the vocations of Marriage and Holy Orders. But if there's ever room for an eighth candidate, many might vote for a sacrament of friendship. Who hasn't experienced their closest friends as occasions of grace? And didn't Jesus "institute" this sacrament just as obviously in the choice of his companions from Galilee to Jerusalem? Express your gratitude to a friend today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12 (345). "*Let your acquaintances be many, but one in a thousand your confidant.*"

Saturday, Mar 02, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother, may we?


When parents today chauffeur their kids everywhere or buy them the latest fashion item or cell phone, it's hard to fathom how invisible kids were in Jesus' day. While he built an entire ministry on reaching out to the "least of these," children were the "least of the least"—as we see from the perturbed reaction of the apostles. But Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." Could it be that Jesus learned his technique at the knee of Mary, his mother and ours, who so often is depicted with her arms held wide to welcome us all?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16 (346). "*Let the little children come to me; for it is to such as these the kingdom of God belongs.*"


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:**

Sun. Feb. 24 10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Class

 **At Saint Joseph's:**


Feb. 24 Rev. Msgr. Henry J. Schauerman
 Feb. 25 Rev. Jerry S. Priscaro
 Feb. 26 Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch
 Feb. 27 Rev. Marc A. Stockton
 Feb. 28 Rev. Paul A. Schill
 Mar. 1 Pray for Vocations
 Mar. 2 Rev. Alexander D. Amico



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

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of
 The Parana Family

INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of
 Mark Morgan



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 3, 2019
 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

Lector: David Gerber
Ministers: Patricia Marrero
 Carole Walker
 Lois Housler

Server: Mackenzie

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 MARCH 2-3, 2019

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Vicki Alfieri Rose Campbell	Bernie Valenti Steven Valenti Kelli Swanson
Lectors:	Ray Learn	Tom Kreiner
Altar Servers:	Isabella Nick	John

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Kelli Swanson
 Sena Kean Visits: Bernie Valenti, Steven Valenti
 Lakeview: Kelli Swanson

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things..." (1 Cor. 13:7) Which of these characteristics does your beloved especially have? "So, faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13) Appreciate each other today and every day.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

Saint Elizabeth/Saint Joseph has some Sundays open and many weekday Mass openings for 2019 intentions. You can have your Mass offered either in Smethport or Mt. Jewett. 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 request in the collection basket.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Make plans now to attend the 5th Annual Women's Conference

"The 5th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference is happening March 30, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Church. Come and learn how to Live Joy-fully! The conference includes 3 dynamic speakers – Internationally-known recording artist Amanda Vernon, Director of Ministry Advancement at Blessed is She Beth Davis and author, speaker and broadcaster Sonja Corbitt. Cost of the conference is \$40 for Adults, \$35 for Senior Citizens, \$25 for College Students, \$10 for High School Students and Religious Sisters are FREE! The conference cost includes lunch. Register by calling 814-455-7364 or on-line at www.138women.com."

NOVA

Openings remain for the upcoming NOVA Scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd at **St. Mark's Parish in Lawrence Park**. Nova is a one-day marriage preparation program designed *specifically* for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include communication, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org for information. Pre-registration is required.