

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

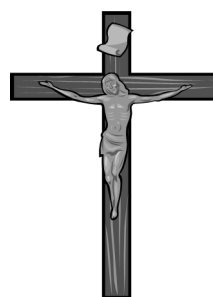
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

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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**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments
Child Abuse Prevention Month- Reporting
Suspected Child Abuse is Everyone's**

Responsibility: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2019 state report there were 5,102 substantiated reports of child abuse in Pennsylvania in 2018. 47.4% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to learn how mandated reporters in the Erie diocese are required report suspected child abuse.*



Rice Bowl

Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to [his] disciples to set before the people.

Mk 6:41

Jesus liked to share meals with friends. Time and again in Scripture, we see Jesus at a table, talking with friends and strangers alike. He invites everyone to have a place at the table, to know that they belong and to have their hunger met. The last days of his life were no different. During the Last Supper, Jesus challenged his disciples to help others. When he washed their feet, he was reminding them that they were called to serve those in need. We hear Jesus's command to feed the hungry, whether he is multiplying loaves and fish for a crowd of thousands, or simply breaking bread with friends. Jesus invites us to share what we have with all people—our global human family.

We have spent these 40 days of Lent learning about families who are both very different and yet, in some ways, very similar to our own. We have thought about food and how it affects many different parts of our lives—from our health to our ability to go to school and learn. And we've thought about what it means to be hungry in our world today and how we can—and should—respond. As we prepare for Easter, take some time as a family and talk about what you have learned from these stories and activities, and what Trinh, Yvone, and Maria Ana and their families have taught you. Their stories of hope celebrate the many lives our Lenten journey has touched. What we did for Lent changes lives—both in our community and in our world.

Pastoral Council new officers: George Caldwell, President, Kevin Housler, Vice-President and Sarah Meyer, Secretary. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 17th at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph's for the month of April 2020

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of **Betty Allegretto Steven Leonard**

by Holly Hamilton & Family

INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of **Rudy & Ella Rose Batista** by Norma Batista



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!

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, Anonymous.

Mass Intentions: Intentions are being offered as scheduled.

St. Joseph Rosary Society: There will not be a Rosary Meeting at St. Joseph until further notice.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed indefinitely.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

As we start Holy Week, we will fast, remember a sacred communal meal, suffering, death, and resurrection. Recall a time in your marriage when you went without, ate with joy, had physical or emotional pain, or experienced the death of a loved one. And still you are together. Ahhhh!

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

For the weeks April 5 to April 12

Adoration and Exposition Monday and Tuesday 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. in Smethport
Resources to use:

Parish Web site: stelizabethsmethport.org

Sunday Mass recorded on YouTube, bulletins, announcements

Formed.org

Catholic resource for ebooks, movies, videos and presentations

Sign in required: No cost, use code TRY7DX

Diocesan Web site: eriercd.org

Sunday Mass from the Cathedral, announcements, church news

Dynamic Catholic web site

Another resource of Catholic articles and on line presentations.

Future events (subject to change without notice)

April 5 Exposition and private Confessions 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth church.

April 5 Palm Sunday Palms and Easter devotional books will be available
in the vestibule of St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph churches.

April 10 Good Friday St. Joseph Church will be open from 12 noon until 5

April 12 Easter St. Joseph Church will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m

St. Elizabeth will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day of the week.

If you wish to continue to financially support the parish you can register for E-giving from the parish web site or drop off your offering envelope at the Rectory.

4 WAYS TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



Keep it Simple

Spiritual Communion can be as simple as a 30 second prayer. This option is perfect for use throughout the day. See options hyperlinked below:

[For young children](#)
[For teens](#)
[For young adults](#)
[For adults](#)



Make it special

Light a candle, bring a crucifix or your favorite religious art: Use the things around you to make this space in your home and in time different.

[For young children](#)
[For teens](#)
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Use online Mass

Make your Spiritual Communion in the context of Mass via online streaming. This is the perfect option for Sundays and for those who can make time during the week. Click [here](#) to learn how.



Be Creative

Create a tradition with friends or family. Click [here](#) for ideas. Be intentional about how you can continue making Spiritual Communion even after social distancing precautions are lifted.

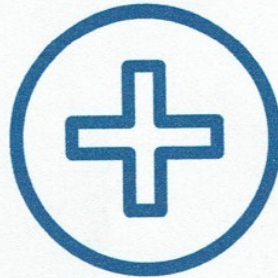


What is a spiritual communion?

Where did spiritual communions come from? What are they for? Have people ever done this before? Msgr. Lohse, Vicar General of the Diocese of Erie, answers all of these questions and more in this short [video](#).

For a list of other prayer resources, including live stream prayer and faith sharing groups, visit us!

Online: www.eriecd.org/FaithFormation
Facebook and Instagram: Diocese of Erie Faith Formation @FormingNWPACatholics
More information: Kate Wilson, Director for Marriage and Family Life, at 814.824.1261



"Jesus, life is crazy! So many people are relying on me, but I don't know what to do myself. I know that you promised to be with us always, to walk with me and provide for me and those I love. And I believe that promise is true - especially in the Eucharist. Right now we can't go to Mass, but I love you and want to be close to you, now more than ever. Please come spiritually into my heart. Give me all the grace and help you would give if I were receiving you physically. Never let me be separated from you. I love you, Jesus."

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION #COVID19