

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.

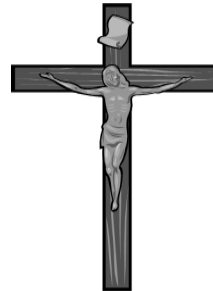
Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

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. 1
5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Sept. 2
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM + Bruno & Theresa Graziano
by Ann & Family

Monday, Sept. 3
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM + Gene Henderson
by The Henderson's

Tuesday, Sept. 4
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM + Hattie Berne
by John Berne

Thursday, Sept. 6
2:15 PM Mass at Sena Kean
For The People

4-5:00 PM Confession

Friday, Sept. 7 **First Friday**
11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
12:10 AM In Reparations for Sins Committed
Against Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, Sept. 8
3:30-4:15 PM Confession
5:00 PM + Frances E. Mulvihill
by Michael Mulvihill

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

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Sept. 2
8:00 AM + James Peters,
Walter & Velma Geary
by Mary Kay, John, George, Natalie,
Gloria and James

Sunday, Sept. 9
8:00 AM + Betty & Raymond Allegretto
by The Family

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Aug. 26, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$ 1,352.00
Missionary Collection: \$ 362.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Aug. 26, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$ 435.00
Missionary Collection: \$ 57.00

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, Ken Bernhard.

St. Joseph Rosary

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on **Tuesday, September 4th at 6:00 PM** in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are asked to attend.



Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, September 9th at 6:00 PM in St. Elizabeth's parish hall.



Religious Education News:

A. Another registration Religious Education Registration will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church Hall after Mass on August 25th & 26th. If you are unable to register on those dates, please call or e-mail Jan Adamoski at 887-4992 (sercc.re@gmail.com). Student Information needs to be updated and checked for accuracy.

B. 1 Catechists Still Needed!!!
Grades 4&5 - 12 students

Catechist Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 9th at 10:30-11:30 AM in the parish hall**. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jan Adamoski at 887-4992 or at sercc.re@gmail.com Classes will start on September 16th.

New Schedules There are new serving schedules in the back of the Church. Be sure to pick one up if needed. They are also on our website.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, Labor Day.

The 2018 Catholic Education Collection will take place on September 15-16. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our diocese. Please give generously and know that half of what you give will remain here at St. Elizabeth to support our own religious education and faith formation programs.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Bishop Lawrence Persico has asked that, on **Sept. 15**, the day when the Catholic Church venerates Our Mother of Sorrows, all churches—even those not regularly open—be open to the faithful from 7 AM to 7 PM, so that people may make private visits in prayerful response to the Crisis of sexual abuse. The Litany of Healing and Renewal will be available to parishioners for private devotion on this day.

Sunday, Sep 02, 2018

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Law is good, love is better

It seemed like such a good idea at the time: carve the law of the nation in stone. We citizens of another land and millennia can appreciate how final the Ten Commandments must have felt—and yet how inadequate they turned out to be. We too have laws and rules, Declaration and Constitution, rights and amendments. But a community doesn't emerge from stone or paper, from documents and words and promises. We may give lip service to high ideals, but only love leads to the common good. Do we really love our neighbor as ourselves?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125). "What great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law?"

Monday, Sep 03, 2018

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The law of love

The Pharisees criticized Jesus for letting his disciples pick grain on the sabbath to eat. The disciples were desperately hungry, or they would not have been breaking the sabbath rules. Jesus' radical idea is that the sabbath is made for people, not the other way around. As Lord of the sabbath, Jesus recognizes that if religious observance hurts people, something's wrong with our priorities. Religion can seem to focus on the do's and don'ts, but rules are not ends in themselves. They serve to bring about love and justice, not give us opportunities to oppress or exclude one another. In his Book of Pastoral Rule, Pope Gregory, celebrated today, says, "The law of Christ is charity." Try to keep the rules in perspective when you apply them to yourself or others.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30 (431). "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

Tuesday, Sep 04, 2018

O little town of Capernaum

You've probably heard the saying, "All politics is local," suggesting that people are mostly concerned about the quality of life in their neighborhood or town. The same might be said of religion. Though Christianity now counts more than 2 billion believers worldwide, it all began in Capernaum, a small fishing village on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Reportedly the home of the apostles Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, and the tax collector Matthew, Jesus selected this hamlet as the center of his public ministry after he left the mountainous town of Nazareth. Think of Capernaum as the mustard seed from which a great world religion sprung forth. And never underestimate the power of your own "small" life to bear great fruit as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37 (432). "Jesus went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee."

Wednesday, Sep 05, 2018

Faith comes first

A major part of Jesus' active ministry was as a healer. Those who came to him had faith that he could heal them; they believed in his power and were changed because of it. Scripture scholar Father Donald Senior, C.P. writes, "If there was faith, then the miracle had already begun: the miracle of a transformed life . . . physical cures were simply dramatic illustrations of the

fundamental restoration Jesus worked in everyone whom he touched and who believed in him." Faith drew people to Jesus for healing, not the other way around. Believing opens your life to God and allows for transformation that's nothing short of miraculous.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44 (433). "He laid his hands on each of them and cured them."

Thursday, Sep 06, 2018

Reach beyond patience

In the confessional recently, a friend admitted she lacked gratitude. "I hate my life!" she told the priest. To her surprise he accepted her frank admission. "Some people suffer from poor health, others from a poverty of peace in their circumstances," he observed. Then he advised her: "Pray for peace. Not for patience to simply bear your life, but peace to fully live it." Many of us endure seasons when our days feel infertile, our efforts seem purposeless. We lower the nets, again and again, and come up empty. In these hours, pray not for patience but for an enlivening peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11 (434). "We have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

Friday, Sep 07, 2018

Reserve judgment

Two very old titles for Jesus are *King* and *Judge*. His kingship over the universe is one of the "offices" or aspects of his divinity in which believers share, the other two being the priestly and prophetic. Jesus is also the ultimate judge of the world—only God can judge, and Christ is God revealed. Hand in hand with Jesus being the Judge is that the rest of us are not. The biblical message is clear: Judging others calls down God's judgment on yourself. Another downside to judging is that it sets people over one another—"I'm better than you and so I can judge you"—when in fact all are equally subject to God. Leave the ruling and judging to God and get to work loving your neighbor.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39 (435). "Do not make any judgment before the appointed time, until the Lord comes."

Saturday, Sep 08, 2018

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Unbroken chain

Birthdays are great stopping-off points on life's journey; they are days to look backward and forward. We marvel at the patterns of our lives that are visible only from a distance. We look ahead to the future with hope. On Mary's birthday, we recall the extraordinary circumstances leading to her birth—an aging, barren couple, a surprise visit from an angel, a prayer answered—and we look forward with wonder at the life of the child who became the Mother of God. Scripture offers a long genealogy of Jesus—another reminder that life is an unbroken chain of births and deaths, deeds and consequences. Today ask yourself, "What might the action I'm contemplating set into motion? Will it be for good or ill?" and then act accordingly.

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636). "She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

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



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The One Hour Difference: Religion

43% of Erie County
of youth attend
worship - that is
lower than the
state and national
averages

Just one hour a
week of worship
can change a
child's life forever

73% of
youth
that go to
worship
want to!



51% said religion
matters a lot!



**Get Informed. Get Involved.
Get Invested.**

Youth that go to church are:



More likely to get
As and Bs

Less likely to get Cs,
Ds, and Fs



Less likely to
consider suicide

Less likely to be
sad or depressed



Less likely to have
violent tendencies



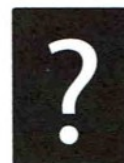
Less likely to use drugs
or alcohol

Less likely to engage in violence



More likely to be
successful in life

More likely to
engage parents





At Saint Elizabeth's:

Sept. 8 5:30-9:30 AM Parish Hall in Use
 Sept. 9 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg.
 parish hall



At Saint Joseph's:

Sept. 4 6:00 PM Rosary Society Mtg.
 parish hall

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Are you a hypocrite? (Mark 7: 6) Of course not, but sometimes it's easier to obey the letter of the law than its spirit. So maybe you don't murder anyone, but might you kill your beloved's spirit with criticism? Maybe you don't steal, but are you generous enough?

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. 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**.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector:
David Gerber

Ministers:
Holly Hamilton
Patricia Marrero
Kevin Housler

Server:

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. 8-9, 2018

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jo Kreiner Nichole Kreiner	Margaret Vandermark Mary Norgrove Bernie Valenti
Lectors:	Josh Costa	Mary Palmer
Altar Servers:	Ava Lila	Sabrina

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That can be good or bad news, depending on what's being learned!

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 as 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 Saturday is the closest to October 13th, the day the sun danced at Fatima.) Visit www.ANF.org (America Needs Fatima!) for more information about this national rally for Mary's intercession.*

Saint Elizabeth weekday Mass openings for 2018 for intentions. 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.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

REPARING FOR REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH?

NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include adjustments, blending families, legal issues and others. Contact the Family Life Office at 814/824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org to register. Offered only four times per year, the next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, **October 6th** in Erie. Couples preparing for convalidation are encouraged to apply.

Take Me to Worship returns to Our Diocese

Parishioners, please be aware that the Diocese of Erie is in support of the *Take Me to Worship* Campaign that will be running 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.takemetoworship.org or <https://www.erieRCD.org/familiesmatter> for info and ideas for evangelization or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261.