

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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Prayer Requests: 814-778-5520

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, Feb. 8
5:00 PM For The People

Sunday, Feb. 9
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM + Eugene Eidson
by The Family

Monday, Feb. 10
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM + Helen Comes Eckstrom
by The Family

Tuesday, Feb. 11
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth and
St. Joseph
by Matt Miller

Thursday, Feb. 13
2:15 PM Mass at Sena Kean
For The People

Friday, Feb. 14
11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
12:10 PM Toby
by The Meyer Family

Saturday, Feb. 15
3:30-4:45 PM Confession
5:00 PM + Brian Morris
by Rose Campbell

Sunday, Feb. 16
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM For The People

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Feb. 9
8:00 AM + Patrick Eaton
by Art & Dorothy Johnson

Sunday, Feb. 16
8:00 AM + Robert Yancosek
by Tom & Debbie Kilmer

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Feb. 2 , 2020

Weekly Collection: \$2,757.25

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Feb. 2, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$393.00

St. Joseph's for the month of February 2020

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of
by **The Parana Family** by The Peterson Family

INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of
by **Mark Morgan** by June Morgan



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 16, 2020
FOR ST. JOSEPH 8:00 AM**

Lector: Patricia Marrero

Ministers:

Mary Smith

Server: Mackenzie

Dave Gerber

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 FEB. 15-16, 2020

St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Heather Costa Vickie Bickford	Mary Norgrove Vickie Bickford
Lectors:	Paul Costa	Jordon Pavlock
Altar Servers:	Chloe	John Abbey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sena Kean Visits: Steve Eidson & Vicki Bickford

Lakeview: Mary Norgrove

Homebound: Vickie Bickford

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.

Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese

Feb. 9 Rev. Howard J. King
Feb.10 Rev. Joseph V. Wardanski
Feb.11 Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch
Feb.12 Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Riccardo, V.F.
Feb. 13 Rev. William J. O'Brien
Feb. 14 The Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman
Feb. 15 Rev. William E. Sutherland



"Blessing of Homes" Blessing of Homes will be done until Ash Wednesday. Call the Rectory, 887-9254, for a mutual times for a visit to Bless your Home.



Benedictine Sisters of Erie

January 16, 2020

Rev. Vincent P. Cieslewicz
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
307 Franklin Street
Smethport, PA 16749

Dear Father Cieslewicz,

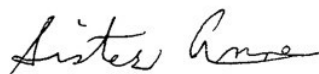
It is our pleasure to share with you that Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB of Catholic Rural Ministry in the Bradford Deanery will be honored as one of the 13 Women Making History 2020. These women are being recognized for the difference they make as a result of their service to others and contribution to community. While it is true that Sister Phyllis has served in many and diverse ways through the years, this award certainly recognizes her rich and significant contribution to Catholic Rural Ministry for the past 20 years.

All are invited and welcome to attend the event sponsored by the Mercy Center for Women. It is free and open to the public. We hope you and many of your parishioners will be able to come and celebrate Sister Phyllis as she receives this special honor.

Details are as follows:

Celebration of Women Making History 2020
Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center
Mercyhurst University
501 East 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546,
(Parking: South side of the Performing Arts Center)

Sincerely,



Sister Anne Wambach, OSB
Prioress

Sunday, Feb 09, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A light set on a hill

In 1886, one African-American priest served the U.S. church: former slave Augustus Tolton. Sad to say, Catholic America didn't abandon its racism overnight with Father Tolton's ordination. Nearly a century later in 1979, U.S. bishops were still obliged to release a teaching on racism, *Brothers and Sisters to Us*. Yet more significantly, in 1984 ten black U.S. bishops wrote their own pastoral letter on evangelization, *What We Have Seen and Heard*. In it, they celebrate the historical intertwining of Black America and Catholic America. Learn more about Tolton, Pierre Toussaint, Mary Elizabeth Lange, Henriette DeLille, and other significant black Catholic leaders.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16 (73). "Just so, your light must shine before others."

Monday, Feb 10, 2020

MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

You are worthy to ask for help

Scholastica (480-543) was the twin sister of Benedict of Nursia. Both founded monastic communities, though Benedict gets more press due to the Rule he established. However, the most famous Scholastica story shows her equality before God: She and Benedict met yearly to confer on spiritual matters at a house near his monastery. At the end of one meeting, she had a premonition it would be their last before death would part them. Scholastica encouraged Benedict to stay and continue their conversation. He refused, as his Rule forbade spending the night outside the monastery, but a violent thunderstorm arose and he had to stay. Benedict asked what Scholastica had done. Her response: "I asked you for a favor and you would not listen; so I asked my God." Believe in your own worthiness to ask God for help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 (329). "Jesus and his disciples, after crossing the lake, came ashore at Gennesaret and tied up there."

Tuesday, Feb 11, 2020

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES/WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

So many Marys!

Why do there seem to be so many versions of Mary in the Catholic Church? Mother of God, Queen of Peace, Black Madonna, Theotokos (God-Bearer), and all of the "Our Lady of" titles. Throughout history, many people have had powerful moments in which they experience Mary's motherly care and encouragement in following Jesus. In these experiences Mary's faith and tenderness become accessible as she appears in the culture and time of the people. She draws close to them in images and languages that they understand. What images of Mary are important for you today? Take time to explore the "Marys" and learn how different cultures have experienced her tender love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 (330). "Regard kindly the prayer and petition of your servant, LORD, my God."

Wednesday, Feb 12, 2020

Time to come clean

In two weeks it will be Ash Wednesday—and the return of that perennial Catholic question, "What are you giving up for Lent?"

Even though sacrifice is a worthy spiritual pursuit, all too often the focus is on externals. We give up sweets, alcohol, or going out to movie theaters. We fast by going without meat on Fridays. But Jesus wants us to clean house from the inside out. What if we fasted from bad attitudes? What if we gave up our need to always be right—or worked concretely to address our impatience, selfishness, or judgmentalism? Make Lent a true awakening this year by thinking ahead about your spiritual plan.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 (331). "These evils come from within and they defile."

Thursday, Feb 13, 2020

Make room at the table

A prominent feature of many Bible stories is God's care for Israel's foes. Even though Hebrew scripture identifies the tribes of Israel as the chosen people, God's support and help extends beyond them, even to their enemies. Although it wasn't time yet for gentiles to enjoy the food of the Master's table, a Greek woman cajoled the Lord into slipping her a few scraps. People are ostracized today because of the color of their skin, the language they speak, the country they come from, the religion they embrace, and the people they love. These people also belong at our table. Who's begging to sit at yours?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 (332). "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps."

Friday, Feb 14, 2020

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

Overcome division

It's Valentine's Day, yes, but it's also the memorial of Saints Cyril and Methodius, two clerics who were brothers. These missionary-linguists are best known as "Apostles to the Slavs." Yet instead of being honored during their lifetime for success in spreading the faith, they were so embroiled in ecclesial fights (many over the use of the Slavonic language) that Methodius spent two years imprisoned in a monastery. Today it seems ludicrous to persecute someone for communicating the faith in the most accessible language. Might some of the issues that divide Catholics now eventually fall by the wayside? A sweet move this Valentine's Day might be to ask Saints Cyril and Methodius to pray for our church to overcome its divisions.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 (333). "Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly."

Saturday, Feb 15, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Any day is a good day to thank Mary

There are 19 Marian feast days, solemnities, and memorials on the liturgical calendar, ranging from the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God on January 1 to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. There are May devotions to Mary, and October is the month of the Holy Rosary, of which Mary is Queen. And then of course the church has dedicated every Saturday to the Blessed Virgin. While there's such ample opportunity to venerate our Mother, don't miss giving your loving devotion to her any day.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10 (334). "They ate and were satisfied."

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:

Tues. Feb. 11 12-4:00 PM Second Harvest
Distribution



At Saint Joseph's:

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our community. Parents shine their own guiding light by their actions, inviting their children to follow the light of their "good deeds."

Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie

Get resources and suggestions for your family at the Diocese of Erie's family website, www.eriecnd.org/familiesmatter. Feel supported, encouraged, and blessed whether your family is a traditional, single-parent, blended, military, or an adoptive/foster family. Go Families!

Marriage Moments

Valentine's Day is approaching. Cards & flowers are nice, but the heart of your love is your promise to each other. Don't be shy. Take a moment to say to each other again:

"I _____, again take you, _____, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." Memorize it.

Pastoral Council Nominations: St. Elizabeth has started taking nominations for 5 positions, each for 3 years on Pastoral Council. You can be from either Church because we are a combined Parish. Turn them in to Fr. Vince or put them in the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked for nominations.



The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal

will be conducted throughout our diocese on February 23. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the

diocese which serve parishes and the wider community in northwestern Pennsylvania. Our diocese does the work of Christ and needs your help to continue this important work.

Bishop Lawrence Persico assures us that donations to the 2020 CSA will not be used to fund the legal expenses of the diocese related to the Pennsylvania grand jury investigation on clergy sex abuse or to provide settlements for sexual abuse victims.

The CSA is essential to helping the Diocese of Erie fulfill its mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word and celebrate the sacraments. Your participation ensures the success of the CSA and is important to the health of our parish. Please join other Catholics from across the 13 counties of our diocese in supporting this important appeal.



Volunteers are needed from **12:30-4:00 PM**, Tuesday, February 11th when the truck arrives and when **Distribution begins at 2:00.**

Help for any amount of time is

appreciated. For safety reasons, those who have registered need to come at their designated registration times. No early birds. Registered applicants must bring a photo ID as well as at least 2 boxes to carry their food.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

FORMED: To learn more about our Catholic Faith sign-up to use Formed.org. Use the Parish code **TRY7DX**. This website has many movies, audio books and discussions about our Faith. Give it a try.

Smethport Drive-In would like to announce we are looking for employees for the 2020 season. Applicants may pick up an application anytime at 809 W. Water St., or call 887-5769. We will be holding interviews at the Smethport Drive In (Tastee Freeze) on Sat. Feb. 8th 9-12 Noon and Tue. Feb. 11th 3:30-7:00PM

Men's Conference less than one month away

Register now for the seventh annual Catholic Men's Conference (22:32 Men) on Feb. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie. Enjoy fellowship and inspiring national speakers, including Dr. Ralph Martin, Chris Padgett and Father Michael Denk. There will be lunch, adoration and the opportunity for reconciliation. The event will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico. Discounts are available for groups of eight or more, as well as for university and high school students. For more details and/or to register, go to www.2232Men.com or call 814-455-7364. This conference is sponsored by The Reason for Our Hope Foundation.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Saint Elizabeth's Church Hall. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/ communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**