

# *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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**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Saturday, Nov. 30  
 5:00 PM + Joseph Marquart  
 by Julie Marquart, Joseph & Mary

Sunday, Dec. 1 **First Sunday of Advent**  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM For The People

Tuesday, Dec. 3  
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 8:00 AM + Elmer Campbell  
 by Dave & Katie Rumsey

Thursday, Dec. 5  
 2:15 PM Mass at Sena Kean  
 St. Joseph's Shut-ins  
 St. Joseph Rosary

4-5:00 PM Confession

Friday, Dec. 6 **First Friday**  
 11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
 12:10 PM In Reparation for Sins Committed  
 Against Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, Dec. 7 **First Saturday**  
 8:00 AM In reparation for Sins Committed  
 Against Sacred Heart of Jesus

3:30-4:45 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM + Elmer Campbell  
 by Tony & Bernie Valenti

Sunday, Dec. 8 **Second Sunday of Advent**  
**8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary**  
 9:30 AM For The People

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH**

Sunday, Dec. 1 **First Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 AM + Betty Allegretto  
 by Her Children

Sunday, Dec. 8 **Second Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 AM + Patrick Eaton  
 by Susan Eaton & Family

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week of Nov. 17, 2019**

Weekly Collection: \$ 2,163.00

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**For the week of Nov. 17, 2019**

Weekly Collection: \$228.00

**Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese**

Dec. 1 Rev. David M. Renne  
 Dec. 2 Rev. William A. Rice  
 Dec. 3 Rev. Paul S. Siebert  
 Dec. 4 Rev. John J. Murphy  
 Dec. 5 Rev. Glenn R. Whitman  
 Dec. 6 Rev. Howard J. King  
 Dec. 7 Rev. Msgr. Joseph V. Wardanski



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 8, 2019  
 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:** Tony DeSio

**Ministers:**

Mary Ann Schaffer  
 Patricia Marrero  
 Dave Gerber

**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 Dec. 7-8, 2019**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolee Learn Heather Costa	Bernie Valenti Heather Murphy Denise Balon
Lectors:	Deb Babcox	Jeff Holcomb
Altar Servers:	Nick Isabella	Sabrina

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Crystal Raymond  
 Sena Kean Visits:  
 Lakeview: Mary Norgrove

**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, Adam DeSio.

**St. Joseph's for the month of December**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is In Loving Memory of **George & Helen Peters** by Robert Barber & Family, Karen Barber



**INFANT OF PRAGUE** is In Loving Memory of **The Kaye Family** by Carole Cook

**Parish Development Memorial Fund**

Donald Switzer  
 Joe Marinik

by Dave & Katie Rumsey  
 by Dave & Katie Rumsey

# ST. JOSEPH ROSARY SOCIETY

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:

**EVENT:** ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

**WHEN:** TUESDAY DEC. 3, 2019 @ 6:00PM

**WHERE:** ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HALL

Bring a dish to pass for the buffet dinner

Table service and beverage will be provided

Please feel free to bring a *wrapped* "white elephant" gift for bingo

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN!**

## Sunday, Dec 01, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Twenty-five reasons to smile

It's Advent! Jesus is coming soon. Colored lights dance against the dark. Carols exalt us (and the "Jingle Bells" dogs make us laugh). John Lennon, who imagined a world without religion, couldn't imagine one without Christmas. Holiday cards keep on coming. Tinsel. Evergreens. Angels. Lighting family Advent wreaths. Sleigh bells. Generous hearts. Visitors. Parties. Cookies with sprinkles. Sparkly sweaters. Fuzzy mittens. Manger scenes. Nativity plays. Flash mobs singing "Messiah" at the mall. Children's faces. Reconciliations. The hope of peace on earth. Good will within reach everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44 (1). "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

## Monday, Dec 02, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Warming up to Advent

Today is the first weekday in Advent, and the readings underscore the season's sense of warmth and joyful anticipation. As our days grow cooler, Isaiah provides an image of God protecting the Israelites from the elements: "the Lord's glory will be shelter and protection." The psalm, too, trumpets a sense of joy and protection under God: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Then the gospel brings us an Advent sense of happy expectation, with Jesus envisioning the faith-filled centurion at the heavenly banquet. Today, as you slip on a sweater to fight a chill, or share a meal with others, take heart in being part of the worldwide Christian community beginning our Advent season of warmth and joyful anticipation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11 (175). "Many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven."

## Tuesday, Dec 03, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Welcome everybody

How can you live out Catholic teaching to defend the sacred life and dignity of every precious human being? In lots of way, of course. But one for today is the observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, promoted by the United Nations since 1992. Think about how you can support the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities and help include them "in every aspect of political, social, economic, and cultural life." Promote awareness and celebrate their achievements; and if you yourself have a disability, celebrate your own achievements as well! Order an event pack for your organization at [idpwd.org](http://idpwd.org).

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 (176). "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see."

## Wednesday, Dec 04, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Come to your senses

Saint John of Damascus is famous for opposing the Iconoclast heresy of the 700s. Iconoclasts said it was wrong to venerate sacred images of any sort, but John wrote three different treatises to explain why ours is essentially a "smells and bells" religion, honoring the Incarnation by using all five senses God gave to both us and Jesus. "When we see the crucifix, we remember Christ's

saving Passion," he wrote. "We fall down to worship not the piece of wood, but the One who is imaged." And when one of John's mentors berated him for writing hymns—saying they weren't a worthy spiritual pursuit—it is said that the Blessed Mother berated the mentor in a dream! Be sure to enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of this holiday season—remembering our Creator, who asks that we don't love abstractly but "in the flesh."

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177). "They all ate and were satisfied."

## Thursday, Dec 05, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Can you lend a hand?

December 5 is the day set aside by the United Nations General Assembly as International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development. It is a long title but its purpose is something we all understand: to encourage governments to recognize volunteer efforts that promote development and peace. Advent is a season of hope, and volunteers by their generosity of hearts and hands give us reason to hope for this world. Say a prayer of gratitude for volunteers throughout our world whose sacrifices promote the common good. Ask for grace to be a sign of hope today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178). "None of those who cry out, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of God but only the one who does the will of my Father."

## Friday, Dec 06, 2019

MEMORIAL OF NICHOLAS, BISHOP

### Protect the innocent

In every household where children live, shoes could be lined up outside the door this morning, full of candy and tiny treats. This brief preview of Christmas is mercifully given to assuage the plaintive query, "Will we ever get there?" From spare biographical details about Saint Nicholas, bishop of Myra in the fourth century, marvelous legends have arisen. All underline his protection of children, so let's invoke him during an era of terrible child exploitation. In his honor, place the National Human Trafficking Hotline in your phone or on your fridge: 888-373-7888. Call if anything seems amiss.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179). "But a very little while . . ."

## Saturday, Dec 07, 2019

MEMORIAL OF AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Uproot income inequality

Saint Ambrose (c. 340–397) was the bishop of Milan and one of the four original doctors of the church along with Augustine, Jerome, and Gregory the Great. Ambrose taught the necessity of being united with the poor. He said that charitable giving was not an act of generosity but rather a restitution of resources that God had originally provided to all but have been taken over by the rich and powerful. Speaking in the United States in 2014, Pope Francis said that income inequality in our society was the "root of all social evil." Catholics need to fight against income inequality.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180). "His heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."

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:

Wed. Dec. 4 11:45 St. Elizabeth Women's Group Mtg.  
Sat. Dec. 7 DVD Series & Lite Diner  
Following Mass



### At Saint Joseph's:

Tues. Dec. 3 6:00 PM Rosary Society Christmas Party  
St. Joseph's Church Hall

### Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your support will help those who live on the margins and in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on "How to Give" on the left.



A mobile food bank sponsored by St. Elizabeth Church and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Erie will be held on Tuesday, December 9th at St. Elizabeth

Church in Smethport for McKean county residents who fall within the financial guidelines. Only one registration per dwelling will be accepted and pre-registration by phone is required. Those wishing to register should contact the St. Elizabeth R.C. Church mobile phone at **366-3186** on **Monday, December 2nd** from 6 PM to 8 PM. The caller must speak with a person. No message should be left on the voice mail as that is not monitored. There is a high volume of calls during this time, so please be patient. 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.



**St. Elizabeth's** will once again be partnering with the Christian Community Food Bank this Christmas season as part of the "Angel Tree" program. The Parishioners of St. Elizabeth's have been among the most generous supporters of the program since its inception and your generous support continues to make Christmas special for those in need. Angel Tags are available now. **Wrapped gifts will need to be returned to the Church by Wednesday, December 11.** If you have any questions please contact Tim and Mary Beth Holohan at 465-2229 or 558-5684."

**St. Elizabeth's Women** will meet on Wednesday, December 4, at 11:45. The meeting will begin with saying the rosary in church and then move to the church hall for a light pot-luck lunch and business meeting. All women of St. Elizabeth's are encouraged and invited to attend. Plans for the first soup luncheon to be held in January will be made.



### 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](http://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**.

### Marriage Moments

As Advent begins we are reminded, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares." (Is. 2:4) Of course this is counsel for countries and armies, but sometimes marriage is like a battleground. Is there a verbal "dagger" that you sometimes wield against your beloved? Substitute a compliment.



"Party in The Pines"  
Sunday, Dec. 15th

1:00 PM in the St. Elizabeth's hall  
Tickets are on sale.



**Christmas Flowers** Sunday, December 15th will be the last day to turn in your flower envelopes to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Please be sure and write or print clearly on the envelope. Thank you.

### THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

#### Advent event

During Advent Fr. Vince will host a DVD presentation and lite supper following the 5:00 PM Mass in St. Elizabeth's church hall.

**Amazing Possibilities** God Sees Them All. It's Time You See Them Too! Join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for BEST ADVENT EVER-a free email program that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer each day during the hectic holidays! Take the first step toward discovering your amazing future at [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com)

#### Consider Engagement Encounter!

Planning for your marriage in 2020/2021? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for January 24th-26th, 2020 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or by email at: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org). Visit our Web site at <http://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice.asp> for more information. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime". Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.