

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.

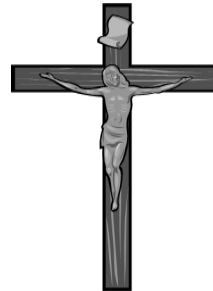
Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

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



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SAINT ELIZABETH, SMETHPORT, PA

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, July 21
5:00 PM For The People
Sunday, July 22
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM + James Kane, Sr.
by Jim & Connie and Family
Friday, July 27
11.00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
12:10 AM + Betty Faes
by Mary Palmer
Saturday, July 28
3:30-4:15 PM Confession
5:00 PM For The People
Sunday, July 29
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
9:30 AM Deceased Members of The
Gozick Family
by A. Denise Balon

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, July 22
8:00 AM + George Peters
by St. Joseph Rosary Society
Sunday, July 29
8:00 AM + Dorothy Paar
by Her Nieces

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of July 15, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$1,343.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of July 15, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$229.00

Der Friends at St. Elizabeth/St. Joseph

We thank you for your willingness to participate in The Baby Bottle Campaign this year. Your support and faithfulness to our ministry is so valued. YOU as a church family brought in \$150.82. Can you believe it? What a blessing these funds are to the ministry. Coins remind me of the church body. Each coin has a value and although they aren't very big and the face value varies when each one does what it is supposed to it makes a difference. And just like in our baby bottles when those coins all come together they can make a huge impact. Thank you for your faithful support to Bright Alternatives and thank you for being a vital part in the bigger picture of reaching our world, together, for Christ.

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, Clara Paul, Ruth Hamilton, Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland.

St. Elizabeth Cemetery Association will meet on July 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the parish hall.

St. Joseph Rosary will not meet until Tuesday, September 4th at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. The Rosary Society will be having their annual booth at the Swedish Festival on August 11th. If you can help in any way, setting-up, tearing down, or working the booth for a couple of hours call Holly Hamilton at 778-5135. Date and time for making meatballs will follow later.

Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie

Need some ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the Families Always Matter website, <https://www.eriecd.org/familiesmatter/>, to find information/ideas for traditional, single-parent, blended, military, and adoptive/foster families. At the Diocese of Erie, families always matter! Go Families!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Dangers of Cell Phone Cameras: Cell phone cameras are a mixed blessing. Forget your camera? Whip out the cell phone, and your toddler's first step, friend's goofy mishap, or fender-bender is captured for posterity. But cell phones are also being used in a sinister way—to silently take pictures of unsuspecting children, adolescents, and adults in compromising positions and without their consent. Plus, digital photos can be placed on the internet very quickly—within minutes of taking the photo—and distributed around the world. In fact, some web sites have been created for the sole purpose of posting photos taken surreptitiously with camera phones. Be aware of anyone using a cell phone in an awkward way, such as not holding it up to his or her ear or facing his or her mouth in a walkie-talkie style. Be especially cognizant of any suspicious cell phone use in areas where people could be in various stages of undress or where children are gathered. If you see someone using a cell phone in a way that appears suspicious, don't be afraid to ask what he or she is doing or alert someone in a position of authority about your concerns. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

Thank you to Fr. Leo being here this weekend while Fr. Vince and Wendy are away.

Sunday, Jul 22, 2018

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ease up!

Are you living at one speed all the time: busy, busy, busy? Some of us are overextended, many of us have never learned to say no, and more than a few of us hang our self-worth on the precarious hooks of what we can accomplish. Even Jesus took time out for retreat and recollection. When was the last time you went on retreat? Do you take the occasional night off, observe a real Sabbath rest, sit for five minutes in a quiet, empty church? Block out time on your calendar not to *do*, but to *be* with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (107). *"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."*

Monday, Jul 23, 2018

MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS

Give God a try

From the moment we're born we face challenges in life. We learn how to walk—and we take some tumbles. We allow ourselves to fall in love—and we experience heartache. We work hard to be better people—and we sometimes fall short. It takes faith to attempt things without knowing how they'll turn out. Fear can tempt us to not try hard at anything. Yet we're all called by God to do and be more than we can envision! We see that in stories of our ancestors in faith, such as Moses, who, by the grace of God and the willingness to try, achieved remarkable things. How have you allowed God to work in and through you today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). *"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."*

Tuesday, Jul 24, 2018

MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST

Listen up

Saints haven't always done big things like bring the gospel to whole continents or found great religious orders—laudable though those achievements have been. Sometimes they just sat by the door and listened to God and the people who visited them. Many visited Saint Sharbel (1828-98), a Lebanese hermit, for his blessing and counsel. The service he rendered consisted almost entirely of welcoming, listening, and praying with anyone who came to him. Do you have an attentive and welcoming friend who can help you find a way through your troubles? Can you be that attentive friend to others who need some support?

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50 (396). *"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."*

Wednesday, Jul 25, 2018

FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE

Take a big gulp

Saint James was a disciple of John the Baptist who took up Jesus' call to follow him. Brash, impulsive, and hotheaded (he and his brother John were nicknamed by Jesus the "Sons of Thunder"), James was rebuked on several occasions, but he proved himself when put to the test. He dedicated his life to spreading Jesus' gospel, traveled to Samaria, Judea, and Spain in the name of

Christ, and died a martyr's death—the first apostle to do so—in Jerusalem in the year 44. James drank deeply from the cup Jesus passed to him. Prepare yourself each day through small acts of faith to do the same.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605). *"Jesus asked the sons of Zebedee, 'Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?'"*

Thursday, Jul 26, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A grand legacy

Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, are not mentioned in scripture, but legend says they were childless until they experienced simultaneous annunciations indicating that God had other plans. While Grandparents Day was established in 1979 "to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer," today's memorial of Jesus' grandparents emphasizes handing on the treasure of faith. The affinity that the old and the very young often have for each other in our families is an opportunity to leave grandchildren an inheritance of love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17 (398). *"Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear."*

Friday, Jul 27, 2018

The good earth

To be "honest as dirt" may not seem much of a compliment, but it is. A nicer word might be *humus*, a word taken directly from Latin that means "earth." And from this root our word *humility* comes. Humility has a bad rep because it is often mistaken for humiliation. But humility has nothing to do with groveling. What it means is "I am who I am before God: nothing more, and nothing less." That kind of humility ("I need you, Lord!") is the honest soil in which the word can take hold, take root, take heart, and bloom. Worry less about briars: just need the Seed.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23 (399). *"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."*

Saturday, Jul 28, 2018

Tough love

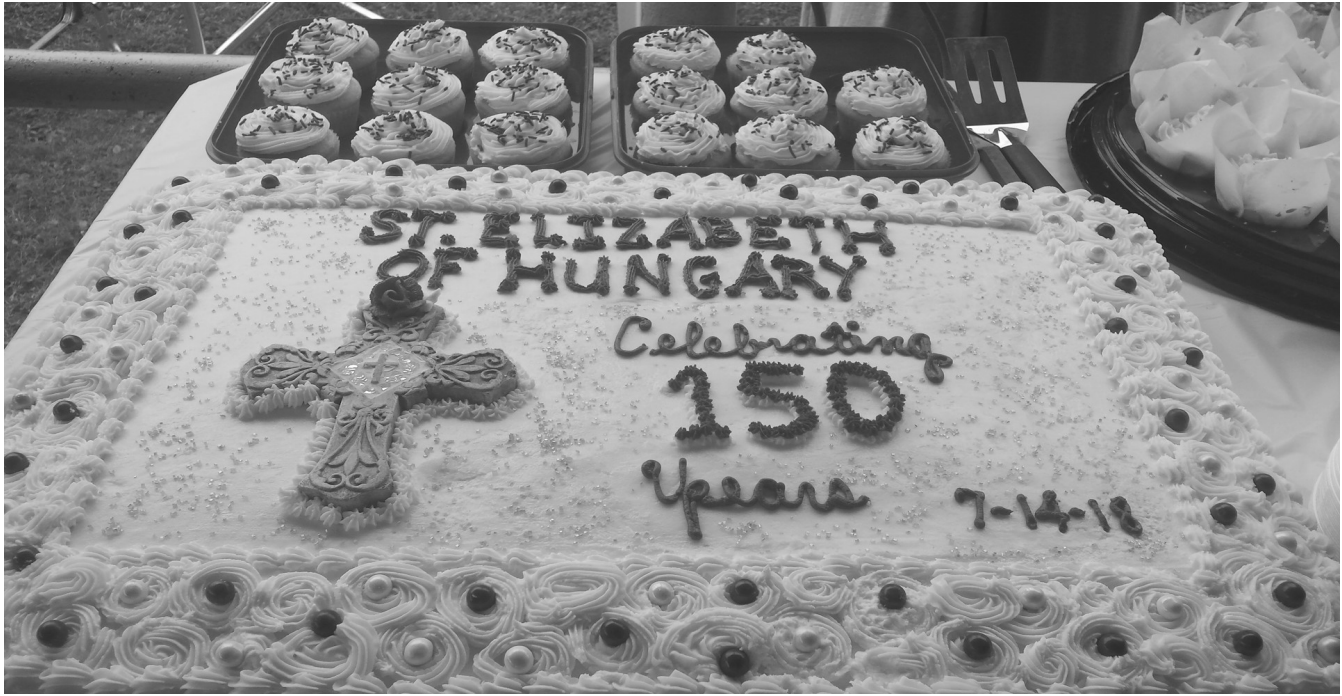
In his book *People of the Lie: The Hope for Healing Human Evil*, psychologist and best-selling author M. Scott Peck takes up one of the most difficult problems human beings face in this mysterious life: the problem of human evil. Why does it exist, and why does a good God permit it? Peck doesn't provide any simple answers, but he does caution us not to give into the temptation when we are harmed, to return evil with evil and exact revenge. Leave the judgment to Jesus. Weeds eventually are separated from wheat, but that is not your job. Hard as it may be, you are called to return evil with love. Do your best.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30 (400). *"Let them grow together until harvest."*

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



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St. Elizabeth's picnic in the park
Celebrating 150 years.
July 14, 2018



At Saint Elizabeth's:

Thurs. July 26 6:30 PM St. Elizabeth Cemetery
Board Mtg. Parish hall



At Saint Joseph's:

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

National Needs Collection (Catholic Home Mission & Black and Indian Home Missions)

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 29, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector:
Patricia Marrero

Ministers:
Carole Walker
Holly Hamilton
Kevin Housler

Server: Mick

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 JULY 28-29, 2018

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Heather Costa Penny Eddy	Marian Bush Joan Washburn Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Paul Costa	Tom Kreiner
Altar Servers:	Chloe	Elizabeth

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Summer is a time of rest - sort of. Maybe you take a vacation or ease up on your work schedule. But you may still feel busy. Consider, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." (Mark 6: 31) Can you take some quiet, restful couple time this week?

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

Catholic Charities: Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, staffed by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, helps expecting families with newborn infants and parents of children under 1 year of age. We are a United Way member agency that provides assistance to individuals of all faiths in the form of free diapers, infant clothing, and hygiene products. Our ability to provide these items is largely determined by donations either material or monetary. This year's donations have increased, however, "need" in our area remains high and difficult to support. **Sunday, July 29th** is "Diaper Sunday" and for the entire month of July the agency is collecting: Disposable diapers (any size. Any brand), gently used and new infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment, and wipes. Donations may be dropped off at the church in the designated area. Please help us touch and nurture the new lives that God has so richly blessed us with. Monetary donations should be made payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities-Diaper Drive".

Free tours commemorate 125th anniversary of St. Peter Cathedral

The public is welcome to participate in free tours of St. Peter Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese of Erie, on Aug. 4-5. The tours will begin following the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and after the 6:30, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Refreshments will be provided. The special weekend tour schedule commemorates the 125th anniversary of St. Peter Cathedral, located at W. 10th and Sassafras streets, Erie. The people of the diocese are invited to learn about the history of the cathedral, which was designed shortly after the Civil War. Bishop Tobias Mullen and people from all over the diocese worked tirelessly to raise the funds to build it. Most people in the area were poor Irish, German and Italian immigrants who, despite their own hardships, came together to create a worship space for future generations. That legacy continues with a current restoration effort designed to preserve the building for the next 125 years. For more information, contact Sheila Grove at 814-450-7932.

Icon Writing Workshop—Nov. 4-10 (Sun. to Sat.)

Come to Bethany Retreat Center for a special opportunity to learn about and create an icon based upon this 13th century image of Archangel Gabriel. The days will include class instruction and painting, personal prayer time, daily Mass and home-cooked meals provided by the Bethany staff. Materials to be provided include: a prepared icon board, set of brushes, palette, 23K gold leaf, pigments, and all other necessary materials to complete the icon. Everyone is welcome!. To register or more info: www.bethanyretreatcenter.org Email: bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com or all 814-263-4855.

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Marian Bush
Sena Kean Visits: Lu Vandermark & Margaret Vandermark
Lakeview: Crystal Raymond