

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

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Smethport, PA 16749*

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Sacramental Information

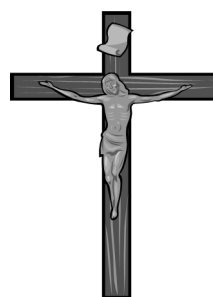
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

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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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

With all the talk about Covid-19, perhaps our marriage vows can teach us how to unite the human family. "...for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part." How can we continue to love and care for our world family who are suffering? Who is my neighbor?



Wreath Raffle

The Mother's Day wreath raffle is being postponed until a later date yet to be decided.



Rice Bowl

Trinh dreams of becoming a doctor. "I want to be a doctor to help poor patients," says Trinh. "When my father is in pain, I want to cure him." She knows that if she wants

to achieve her dream, she'll need to attend university. Trinh's parents are ready to help her get there. "Trinh will be different than me," her mother, Tien, says. "I want her to be fully educated and not drop out of school. It'll be hard for us at home—but I'm prepared to work to make Trinh's dreams come true.

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.

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

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

- Mar. 29 Rev. John P. Malthaner, V.F.
- Mar. 30 Rev. Brian E. Vossler
- Mar. 31 Rev. Alexander D. Amico



Mass Intentions: Intentions are being offered as scheduled.

Sunday, Mar 29, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; THIRD SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

The nightmare is over

The moment of waking from a nightmare is suffused with relief. Whoever was chasing you dissolves, and whatever threatened harm has vanished. Grief and loss, however, can be living nightmares from which we're unable to shake ourselves awake. Yet as the Scrutiny prayers for our Elect this Sunday affirm, the "horror of sin, which distorts life" is indeed an evil from which we can escape. Death has an end, and love will have its victory. We pray with our Elect for freedom from all paths that lead to death and a greater attraction to the ways that restore life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 (34). "Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

Monday, Mar 30, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Get into the Spirit

On this day in 1990, Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A. died but the voice that nurtured countless thousands was not silenced. Before Sister Thea, black Catholics were expected to give up their music, dance, and spiritual testifying because these were suspiciously "Protestant" customs. She restored their identity, shaped it through the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, and shared it with those of other backgrounds. Shortly before her death, Thea spoke to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from her wheelchair. In the last five minutes of that talk, Thea leads the visibly moved bishops in singing "We Shall Overcome." Thea called the spirituals she grew up with "bonfires to warm chilly nights." Such songs of hope warm a few hearts as well. Sing a spirit-filled song, today, in honor of Sister Thea.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; John 8:1-11 (251). "Neither do I condemn you."

Tuesday, Mar 31, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY

I am vs. I AM

John's gospel uses the term "I AM" to identify Jesus. That's a reference to the Exodus story when God revealed the divine presence to Moses using the name "I AM." So the presence of Christ in us, in our humanity, is the "I AM" who is with us. Of course there's another "I am" who is the self, our ego. That's the conflict. Just as John the Baptist said, "He must increase and I must decrease," the best thing we can do is surrender the "I am" in us to the "I AM" who is Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM."

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Freedom's not just another word

"Truth will set you free" and other heady thoughts about freedom are abundant in today's gospel. Across the centuries, the Catholic Church has had a lot to say about freedom (though, admittedly, it also has remained silent at times when it should have spoken out). A foundation for much of that thought springs from the concept that God has granted human beings freedom to choose between good and evil, and the "more one does what is good, the freer one becomes," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it

(1733). In a world that often glorifies power and money, it is hard to believe that truth and goodness are the keys to freedom. But have a little faith and see where it gets you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Thursday, Apr 02, 2020

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

Vegan before vegan was a thing

The movement toward organic farming and more humane animal husbandry has helped raise our awareness of the impact of our food production on the vast chain of creation. Saint Francis of Paola intuited all this more than 500 years ago, when he founded the religious order of Minims, "the least," in the spirit of the "Lesser Brothers" of Saint Francis of Assisi. In addition to the usual monastic vows, Minims take a fourth vow to abstain from meat, eggs, and all dairy products, not only to practice a "Lenten way of life," but also in an effort to "do no harm" to other living beings. Bring a bit of the spirit of the Minims to your dining table and daily life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254). "They picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area."

Friday, Apr 03, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Banish the bullying

Growing up, it seemed that every school, every playground had that kid—you know the one, the bully. That child taunted, picked on, and terrorized others. Unfortunately, as adults, we see bullies too in our workplaces, our relationships, on social media, in political life, and so on. As Catholics, we have a religious duty to take a stand against bullies. "Life, especially human life, belongs to God; whoever attacks human life attacks God's very self" (*Evangelium vitae* §9). The church calls us to stop bullying in all its forms, including the ways we might bully others. Pope Francis challenges us: "What is it within us that pushes us to mock and mistreat others weaker than we are?" Be especially conscious today of the way you treat others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?"

Saturday, Apr 04, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Go down in history

It is amazing the impact one learned person can have on the course of history. Because sixth-century Isidore of Seville was a dedicated scholar and shared his erudition with others in dictionaries, encyclopedias, and great histories, much of the ancient world's wisdom was preserved during the chaotic Middle Ages. He was sometimes called the "Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because his writings were used as textbooks for nine centuries! Perhaps more remarkable, he combined this great learning with an equal sense of compassion and charity toward those less fortunate. Be wise and kind and you will earn your place in salvation history.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). "What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs."

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



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St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

For the weeks of March 22nd and 29th

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)

March 29 and April 5 Exposition and private Confessions 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth church.

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

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.

