

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.

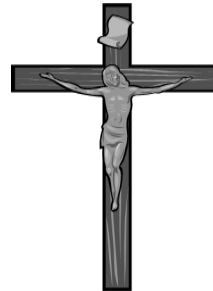
Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

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, Sept. 8
 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

Monday, Sept. 10
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM Mass of Blessing in Celebration of
 The Solemn Profession of Vows of
 Friar Emmanuel Wenke
 by The Meyer Family

Tuesday, Sept. 11
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM Suffering Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, Sept. 15
 3:30-4:15 PM Confession
 5:00 PM For The People
Litany of Healing and Renewal

Sunday, Sept. 16
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM + Leona Erleba
 by Geri Steele
Litany of Healing and Renewal

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

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

Sunday, Sept. 15
 8:00 AM + Gene Henderson
 by The Henderson's
Litany of Healing and Renewal

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

No report due to early bulletin deadline

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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**.

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.



Religious Education News:

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

Parishioners: We still need 1 Catechist for the 4th & 5th Grade. A 1 month commitment would be required and the class can be taught in teams of 2 or with the RE Leader, Jan Adamoski. Clearances are easily obtainable on the internet. Please contact Jan Adamoski by phone (887-4992) or e-mail @ sercc.re@gmail.com or the Fr. Vince (887-9254) for more information. Remember, this is all about our relationship with Jesus.

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.

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 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.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Most adult Americans remember Sept. 11, 2001 as a day of terror. What kinds of things terrorize you? Do you know and understand your beloved's fears? See if you can guess what your spouse will say.



St. Joseph Pancake Breakfast is coming. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 7th. We will be serving from 9:00 AM 'til 1:00 PM. Come and enjoy the good fellowship and good food.

Sunday, Sep 09, 2018

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Put on your kingdom glasses

It's hard to see past appearances. Some creatures are just better looking, whether it's a specimen of tree or flower, fish or bird, or human being. And the lovelier the view, the more it attracts us. The trouble with such distinctions is not in the eye of the beholder, of course, but rather in the heart. Do we value children according to a scale of cuteness or cleverness? Do we choose friends based on zip codes or celebrity? Do we give our attention to the person wearing trendier labels? Put on your kingdom glasses and reverse your instinctive attraction today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 (128).

"Have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?"

Monday, Sep 10, 2018

Your name here

For Jews, the days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are known as the Days of Awe or the Days of Repentance. On Rosh Hashanah, meaning the "Head of the Year" or "First of the Year," it is said God writes down who will live and who will die, and who will have a good or bad year. But what people do during the Days of Awe can change God's decision, which God seals in a book on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Jesus says that to inherit eternal life, to have your name written in the Book of Life, you must love God with all your being and your neighbor as yourself. Take a page from this Jewish holy season and look back on the past year, especially what you need to change.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11 (437). *"I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"*

Tuesday, Sep 11, 2018

Decisions, decisions

If you examine the key choices Jesus made in his life, you'll note that before he made them he spent time alone in prayer—often for a good deal of time. Decision-making is never easy, especially when the stakes are high. If Jesus turned to quiet time in prayer at such moments, should we settle for anything less in our own lives? Make sure you take the time you need—and pray for God's guidance—when faced with a big decision. Then you will be able to move forward with trust and confidence once you have made your choice.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19 (438). *"Jesus departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God."*

Wednesday, Sep 12, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

A litany of reasons to praise Mary

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin, in use since 1981, contains traditional elements from May crownings of yesteryear: familiar responses, triple entreaties. But at its heart, it seeks not only to claim but also to define Mary's queenship. She is queen of virtues: charity, mercy, and peace. She is queen over groups: angels, prophets, and martyrs. She is queen of territories: heaven and earth. Pray her litany today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26 (439).

"Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."

Thursday, Sep 13, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Golden words

A highly educated monk and priest, John Chrysostom (c. 347-407) reluctantly became bishop of Constantinople in 398. He was twice exiled for his criticism of the nobility and other bishops. He earned his name *Chrysostom*, Greek for "golden-mouthed," because of his eloquence as a preacher. He spoke powerfully about worship when he once said, "What is the use of loading Christ's table with gold cups while he himself is starving? Feed the hungry, and then if we have any money left over, spend it on the altar table. . . . What use is it to adorn the altar with cloth of gold hangings and deny Christ a coat for his back!"

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38 (440).

"From the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic."

Friday, Sep 14, 2018

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

How the cross became holy

Christians are an odd lot. We take what was used as an object of torture and murder—the cross of Christ—and elevate it to a holy state. Just as Christ redeemed us through his death, the cross itself is redeemed through Jesus' saving act. We now place crosses and crucifixes around our necks, pin them to our lapels, and hang them in our homes and churches. We welcome the constant reminder of Jesus' painful death, because it gives us comfort in our own suffering and reminds us of the promise of the Resurrection. The cross is the most universal and powerful symbol of Christianity. Draw on it regularly to give you the strength to find God in all things.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). *"God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved."*

Saturday, Sep 15, 2018

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Her station keeping

On this special feast, the church recommends chanting the words we know more familiarly as the "Stabat Mater": "At the cross her station keeping / Stood the mourning mother weeping / Close to Jesus to the last." Well known by the 14th century, the "Stabat Mater" was probably written by Pope Innocent III in the 12th century and popularized by the Franciscans. Its pathos has made it beloved by Catholics and Protestants alike. It is a powerful reminder that in the realm of sorrow, we have an advocate who knows our grief very well. Our Mother stands ready to share our losses.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 (442); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). *"Without dying you won the Martyr's crown beneath the Cross of the Lord."*

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



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**Kids who spend just
one hour a week in
organized religion are:**

- More likely to get A's and B's
- Less likely to get D's and F's
- Less likely to be depressed
- Less likely to have violent tendencies
- Less likely to use drugs/alcohol
- More likely to engage parents
- More likely to be successful in life

Just one hour each week.

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At Saint Elizabeth's:

Sept. 13 7:30 AM-4:30 PM Center in Use
 Sept. 15 7:00 AM-7:00 PM Church Open



At Saint Joseph's:

Sept. 15 7:00 AM-7:00 PM Church Open

Praying of the Rosary-Mark your 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.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 FOR ST. JOSEPH

Lector: Mary Smith
Ministers: Carole Walker, Holly Hamilton, Kevin Housler
Server: Raychel & Mackenzie

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. 15-16, 2018

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Heather Costa Penny Eddy	John Carr Terri Carr Marian Bush
Lectors:	Paul Costa	Jeff Holcomb
Altar Servers:	Chloe	Elizabeth

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Deafness abounds not only when we cannot hear, but when we refuse to listen. Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. Have trouble speaking your thoughts? Try choosing loving words, even if the message might be a difficult one to say. All things said in love are easier to hear and accept.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

"FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL"

Travel with Fr. Paul Siebert to GREECE, Sept. 7-16, 2019. You'll be visiting Thessaloniki, Phillippi, Delphi, Athens, Piraeus, Kusadasi (Turkey), Ephesus and other places (14 Locations in total). Cost is \$3,600.00; Airfare and ALL-included. To register, please call 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register online @ www.proximotravel.com. For more information, call Fr. Paul @ 814-486-0569.

REPARING FOR REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH?

NOVA- A remarriage preparation program-- Designed specifically for couples planning remarriage in the Catholic Church. Topics include blending families, expectations, legal issues and others. *Pre-registration is required.* Call The Family Life Office at 814/824-1261 to register. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, **October 6th** in Erie.

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 in the community 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.eriecnd.org/familiesmatter> for info and ideas for evangelization or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261.

Give your loved ones the gift of Engagement Encounter

What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held on **October 19th through 21st** in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office for details at 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. Also, you may register on line at www.eriecnd.org/ee.htm. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Marian Bush
 Sena Kean Visits: John & Terri Carr
 Lakeview: Mary Norgrove