

SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

26012 N. Frenchtown Rd., Guys Mills PA 16327
(GPS only; send mail to the parish office)

Monday 8:30am - Prayer Service and Rosary
Sunday 11:00am - Mass

Confessions:

Before and After Mass or By Appointment

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Friday 8:30am - Adoration and Rosary

IT IS THE MISSION OF SAINT HIPPOLYTE AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES TO FULLY, CONSCIOUSLY, AND ACTIVELY GROW AS A FAMILY CENTERED IN CHRIST MINISTERING TO THE ENTIRE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kyle Seyler

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Darcie Schoenfeldt

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Father Lucas or Father Seyler, call 814-336-1112.

Parish Office

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St. Hippolyte Social Hall: 814-789-4533

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall: 814-425-7550

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, SEPT. 16, SAINTS CORNELIUS and CYPRIAN
8:30am SH Prayer Service and Rosary

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17, SAINT ROBERT BELLAMINE;
SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19, SAINT JANUARIUS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON and
PAUL CHONG HA-SANG and COMPANIONS
8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, SAINT MATTHEW

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22, 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11:00am SH Wanda Roche (Art & Joann Bieganski)

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and The Epiphany of the Lord parish bulletin at
www.epiphanymeadville.org

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Coordinators:

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Carole Jones 814-789-2881

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Pam Garofola (cards) 814-720-8190

Connie Molli (telephone)..... 814-967-3813

Brenda Withers (telephone).. 814-425-1062

Ministry of Welcome:

Garold Molli..... 814-967-3813

Jen Mitchell (newborns)..... 412-965-2141

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Kay Hotchkiss (Mass) 814-425-3933

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Joyce Tarr (follow up)..... 814-671-1009

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Mary Beth Coyle (meals)..... 814-350-6218

Amy Mercier (meals) 814-795-0052

Scott Wheelock (odd jobs).... 814-967-4319

Mary Everitt (temporary relief to a caregiver)

..... 814-853-0599

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish. New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office. at 814-789-2022

BAPTISM: Parents must attend the Pre-Baptism Program. Call the parish office for a copy of the program schedule and to schedule your child's baptism.

MARRIAGE: One party must be a registered parishioner and actively involved for one year before scheduling a wedding. Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed date of marriage. No date can be set before the first interview with the priest has been completed.

ANONING OF THE SICK: Please phone the parish office immediately if a loved one is sick or hospitalized.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is offered in our parish 10 minutes prior to and immediately following Sunday Mass. Confession is also offered at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Saint Agatha Church (353 Pine Street, Meadville) on Saturday mornings following the 8:00am Mass and on Saturday afternoons at 3:30pm. To schedule an appointment with Father Lucas or Father Seyler, call 814-336-1112.

Sacramental Emergency: 814-350-7676

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Second Collection: Catholic Education 12:00pm Faith Formation Parent meeting and registration at SH social hall
Monday	8:30am Prayer and Rosary at SH 9:15am Small Group Bible Study at SH
Tuesday	6:00pm Pastoral Advisory Council at OLL 7:00pm Choir at SH
Wednesday	6:30pm H/C Dinner follow-up at SH
Friday	8:30am Adoration and Rosary at OLL
Sunday	9:15am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
MONDAY:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
TUESDAY:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
WEDNESDAY:	1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35
THURSDAY:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
FRIDAY:	1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
SATURDAY:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
SUNDAY:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept 17: John Hamilton
Sept 19: Hallie Steck, Colt Wilcox
Sept 20: Wanda Schmidt
Sept 21: Cory Root
Sept 22: Doug Mehok

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept 17: Bill & Kim Ferguson, David & Kaylyn Paul
Sept 19: Scott & Sharon Palotas
Sept 20: Joe & Linda Kerr
Sept 21: Tom & Jen Grundy, Tyler & Nicole Belz

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – What is the cross that you carry today? How do you follow Jesus in the workplace and at home?

Youth – Who do you say that Jesus is? Who is Jesus in your life?

Children – What do you think it means for you to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

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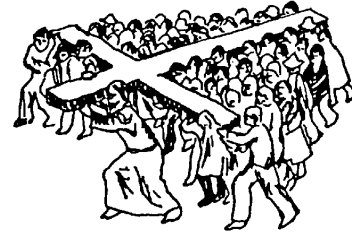
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning this week at Saint Hippolyte Church in memory of Donna Mailliard as requested by her kids.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our gifts given in thanksgiving for what we have already received.

Offertory information from September 8 was not available at the time this bulletin was printed. Updated information will appear next week.

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.



HELPING HANDS PRAYER Lord God, the strength of Your servants, do not abandon us in our weakness and suffering, but let Your Holy Spirit come to our aid. By our good works may we show forth our faith that Jesus is indeed the Christ, so that we may take up the cross and follow the Lord, certain that we will save our lives only when we have the courage to lose them for the sake of Christ and for the sake of the gospel. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A CURSILLO WEEKEND or NEED MORE INFO? Pick up a brochure in the church vestibule or call Carl and Kay Hotchkiss at 814-425-3933 or the parish office. **The next Cursillo weekend is Men's #255, October 18-20 at Our Lady Mercy Church in Harborcreek PA.** This will be the final Cursillo weekend held in 2024. There's still time for men to sign up and attend.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Discover why families always matter at:
<http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm>



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If you would like the Sanctuary Candle to be lit for a week for a special intention or in memory of your loved one at either of our churches, please call Desi at the parish office at 814-789-2022. Donation: \$10 per week.

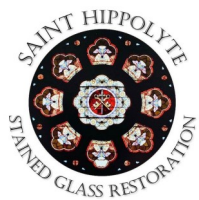
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Friday morning at 8:30am at Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. All members are expected to attend. More members are needed! If you would like to join our PAC, please come to a meeting or contact the parish office.

A follow-up meeting for the Frenchtown Ham or Chicken Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30pm in the Saint Hippolyte Parish Activities Room. All are welcome to attend. Please bring your ideas and suggestions and any issues that you are aware of so that we can make corrections and improvements for 2025.

A Rummage Sale will be held at East Mead Fire Hall (23976 State Highway 27) on Friday, September 20, 8:00am-6:00pm and Saturday, September 21 (Bag Day), 8:00am-3:00pm. Rummage Sale donations will be accepted September 16-19. Items should be dropped off in the firehall foyer. Clean, gently used clothing only. No electronics, large appliances, large furniture or tires, please.

We are pleased to tell you that Phase I of our Stained Glass Window project is complete! As such we will be moving right along to Phase II! We are kicking off a fall fundraiser —



Cemetery Headstone Cleaning. Contact Steve Ferry for information and/or to arrange a cleaning. Steve

can be reached at 814-333-8441. Flyers about this project are available in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our Stained Glass Window projects.



Sept 15 we honor Mary as our Lady of Sorrows. Just as when Jesus was a baby and Mary looked into His face and saw her own features, Mary held the broken body of Jesus at the end of His life and her heart broke. She wept in agony. Any mother hates to let her child go, especially in death, and wants to keep watching over. When Jesus rose in three days, Mary had the singular grace of holding her Son again, and she would never stop watching over Him. Even today when the Eucharist is exposed for Adoration, Mary is there, adoring with us and watching over her Son. Ask our Mother Mary to help us adore Jesus more profoundly in the Eucharist.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

Today is Catechetical Sunday! Our theme for this year is **SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED**. We are commissioning our parish catechists during Mass today. The following people have most graciously agreed to teach our young people and adults:

- Debbie Furry—Pre-School
- Jen Gordon—Kindergarten and Grade 1
- Amy Mercier—Grade 2 (no third graders this year)
- Kathy Young—Grades 4 and 5
- Pat and Steve Ferry—Grades 6, 7 and 8
- Gabrielle Pierce—Grades 6, 7 and 8
- David Paul—Grade 9 (Confirmation Class)
- Darin Sutton—Grades 10-12 Small Group
- Eileen Mantz—Edge Parents
- Fran Greathouse—Adult Education
- Joyce Tarr, Carole Jones, Jack Jones, Carl Hotchkiss, and Kay Hotchkiss—RCIA

Catechetical Sunday gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of our Baptism, in handing on the faith and being witnesses to the Gospel.

Today we register our students and meet with their parents after Mass. Our Faith Formation Class Schedule will be given to the parents today at the registration meeting. Classes begin next Sunday, September 22.

Today's second collection supports Catholic Education. Half of the funds collected at each parish remain in the parish for use in faith formation programs. In our parish we do not require a fee from our faith formation families, but we gladly accept donations.

Most of all, we ask for your prayers and cooperation for a meaningful Faith Formation year for our parish.

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Wednesdays Sept. 18 - Oct. 23
6:30 PM St. Agatha's Center

Register with Amy so folders can be made.
814-336-1112
amy.mesbacher@catholic-meadville.org
or use the QR code to register online

Dignity of the Human Person



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on the **Dignity of the Human Person**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Because each human person is created in the image and likeness of God, each one of us possesses innate and inviolable human dignity. This dignity is present in each person from the moment of their conception and throughout their lives. As Pope Francis has emphasized, human dignity is central to building a society in which we are "brothers and sisters all."¹

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"The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society."
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Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity.²

Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107

The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society. As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan and become neighbor to all, we must work to protect the dignity of all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

As we engage in the public square with a well-formed conscience:

- We work to protect the most vulnerable—children in the womb who are in danger of abortion—while also standing in radical solidarity with mothers.³ Building on their bond of flesh and kinship, and on the network of family, neighbor, and community relationships in which they are situated, the Church actively assists mothers and their children to have a brighter future.

- We continue to protect the dignity of our sister or brother who is elderly, disabled, or ill by strongly rejecting euthanasia and assisted suicide. These practices are symptoms of a “throw-away culture,” in which children of God of inestimable worth are cast aside as worthless.⁴
- Likewise, we must recognize the inherent dignity of the migrant and refugee. In our country now, that means comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- We support the dignity of the person, created male or female; therefore, we oppose a gender ideology that fails to recognize the difference and reciprocity between man and woman.⁵
- Racism attacks the dignity of the human person by denying that we are all equally made in the image of God, so we must overcome racism in our hearts as well as in our systems and institutions.⁶
- We continue to seek reform of the criminal justice system and to end the use of the death penalty. We support common sense measures to reduce gun violence.⁷
- Finally, we seek to prevent and remedy any aspects of an “economy of exclusion,”⁸ which “does not hesitate to exploit, discard, and even kill human beings,”⁹ and to work instead toward an “economy of communion” rooted in ethical concern.¹⁰

“Social friendship and universal fraternity” Pope Francis writes, “necessarily call for an acknowledgement of *the worth of every human person*, always and everywhere.”¹¹ Through our political participation, our accompaniment of those in need, and the witness of our daily lives, may we support the worth of every person, created in God’s image.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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- 1 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 8.
- 2 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), no. 45.
- 3 USCCB, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.
- 4 St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), nos. 8, 15, 18, 23, 94. See also: Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* nos. 18-21.
- 5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*), no. 56.
- 6 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, 3-8.
- 7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 263-270. See also: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 84.
- 8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (*Joy of the Gospel*), no. 53.
- 9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 22.
- 10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, nos. 45-47.
- 11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 106.



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