

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranon, PA 16314
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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.

Pastor

Rev. Jeffrey J. Lucas

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kyle Seyler

Faith Formation Coordinator

Joyce Tarr 814-671-1009

Administrative Assistant

Desiree Wagner

Director of Music Ministries

Darcie Schoenfeldt

To schedule an appointment with

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

Parish Office

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm

St. Hippolyte Social Hall: 814-789-4533

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

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, SAINT PETER CLAVER

8:30am SH Prayer Service and Rosary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00am SH For the Parishioners of Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes and The Epiphany of the Lord Parishes

Read our parish bulletin online at
www.sainthippolytechurch.com
and The Epiphany of the Lord parish bulletin at
www.epiphanymeadville.org

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Coordinators:

Fran Greathouse 814-425-2549

Carole Jones 814-789-2881

Prayer Requests:

Bob & Denise Schoenfeldt.... 814-333-8464

Julia Hovis 814-657-3265

Visitation:

Carole Jones (cards) 814-789-2881

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

Services to the Bereaved:

Kay Hotchkiss (Mass) 814-425-3933

Steve Dale (Mass) 814-425-2341

Kitty Jehn (dinner) 814-425-8282

Cathy Kalinowski (dinner).... 814-425-2484

Rita Bogardus (dinner)..... 814-789-2679

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

Emergency Home Care:

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	9:00am	Light Breakfast at OLL
Monday	8:30am	Prayer and Rosary at SH
	9:15am	Small Group Bible Study at SH
	6:00pm	Family Society meeting at OLL
Tuesday	7:00pm	Choir at OLL
Friday	8:30am	Adoration and Rosary at OLL
Sunday		Catechetical Sunday
		Second Collection: Catholic Education
	12:00pm	Faith Formation Parent Meeting and Registration at SH

COMING EVENTS

Sept 17 Pastoral Advisory Council meeting at OLL 6:00pm
Sept 18 HC Dinner follow up meeting at SH 6:30pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
MONDAY: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
TUESDAY: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
WEDNESDAY: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
THURSDAY: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
FRIDAY: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
SATURDAY: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
SUNDAY: Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept 9: Stephen Schwartz, Jr.
Sept 10: Robert Kuhn
Sept 11: Dick Barickman
Sept 12: Jody Kalinowski, Kinsley Pratt
Sept 14: Garold Molli
Sept 15: Don Johnson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept 11: Bob & Diane Schafer; Dan & Cris Hamilton
Sept 12: Don & Chris Bornemann

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Second Reading

Adults – In what ways do you discriminate in your heart against those whom you judge less than fully worthy?

Youth – Who are the people in our world today who sometimes go unnoticed? What could you do to help them?

Children – How do you shun others whom you don't like?
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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$2,181	\$ 745
envelopes used:	38	15
Mission Appeal : \$404		
Building Fund last week:	\$ 477	\$ 25
envelopes used:	23	5

Catholic Services Appeal 2024:

Diocesan Assessment: \$29,034

of Gifts/Pledges: 62

Pledged: \$26,855 Received: \$21,440

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER

O good and gracious God, You have chosen little ones, the world's poor and lowly, to become rich in faith and to be heirs of Your Kingdom. Help us to speak words of encouragement and strength to all whose hearts are fearful, that the tongue of the speechless may be loosened and all of our wounded humanity, unable so much as to pray, may join us in singing the mighty wonders of Your love. 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 of Mercy Church in Harborcreek.** 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>

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church



Join the diocesan Facebook page at
www.ErieRCD.org

Contact the parish office for bulletin announcements. The deadline for submitting information to be included in the parish bulletin is Monday at noon. To avoid confusion, information should be submitted in writing.

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.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments — Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

Faith Formation Classes begin on Sunday, September 22 for grades Pre-School thru 8; 9:15am until 10:45am at Saint Hippolyte. Students in the *Edge* program (grades 6-7-8) meet in the rectory; students in grades PS-5 meet in the basement classrooms.

An important registration meeting for parents of all students in grades PS-12 will be held in the Saint Hippolyte social hall next Sunday, September 15 immediately following the 11:00am Mass. The 2024-2025 calendar and other important information will be given to parents at this meeting.

The Chosen Starts this week! Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 29, 1:00pm, at St. Mary of Grace. Watch and discuss Season 4 of *The Chosen* with Deacon Ken Reisenweber. Bring your own brown bag lunch.

Catholics Returning Home Do you feel Jesus running after you? If you have been away from actively practicing your Catholic faith for a while and would like to make it a bigger part of your life, we invite you to a program called *Catholics Returning Home*. There are 6 sessions on Tuesday nights starting Sept. 17 - Oct. 22, held at St. Mary of Grace (1085 Water St, Meadville) at 6:30pm. The sessions are held small group style and informal. There are pamphlets by the doors of the church, or call the parish office for more information. It's not too late to come; we'd love to welcome you home! 814-336-1112

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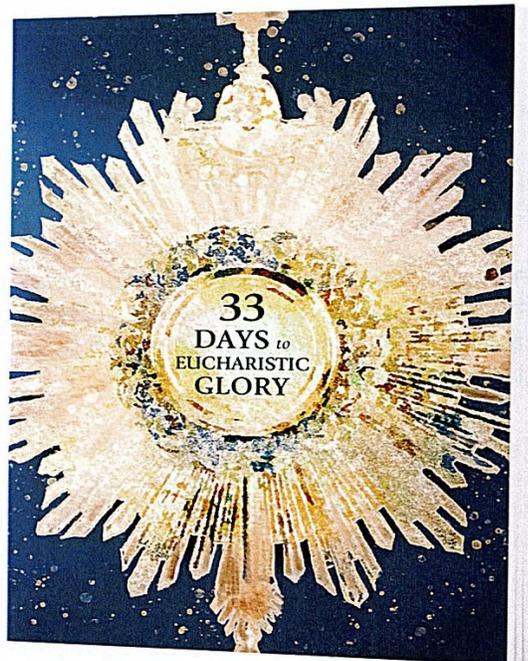
Wednesdays Sept. 18 - Oct. 23
6:30 PM St. Agatha's Center

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



Sept 8 we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Imagine if you were able to create your own mother! Would you want her to be beautiful? Loving? A good cook? Jesus made His mother all these things and more. He made her perfect. Of all creation, Mary is the one person closest to God because she never said no, never refused His will for her. Because of that God was able to so completely fill her with grace that it overflowed into the form of Jesus, her Son. Imagine Mary looking into the face of her Son, her God, and seeing her own features there!

“The Eucharist is God dwelling among us today. Come Prepare yourself for an explosion of grace in your life. Grace is the assistance God gives us to do what is good, true, noble, and right. And there is no better way to receive God's grace than through the Eucharist. Over the next thirty-three days you will learn how these great saints and others lived in Eucharistic Glory. This extraordinary spiritual guide will forever change the way you spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist.” Matthew Kelly



On Monday, October 21st, 2024, at St. Hippolyte Church, we will begin preparation for our consecration to the Body and Blood of our Lord. Then, using Matthew Kelly's book, "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory," we will read and reflect each day (on our own) beginning October 23rd. Each Monday we will meet as a group to share our thoughts, reactions, and inspirations we have received over the past week. The group will meet at 9:30 a.m. and will end no later than 10:45 a.m. The last Monday we will meet will be on November 18th, 2024. Our 33 Days will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 24th. On that day, we will consecrate ourselves to the Eucharist.

All are welcome to join our group. You can do it on your own of course, but sharing one's faith in a group is powerful and a blessing to all who attend. To register call Fran Greathouse at 814-425-2549. Fran has less than 10 used copies to sell. You will need to purchase your own online, new at Dynamic Catholic or used from several book companies, such as Thrift books or Second Sale, or do a search. If you have questions, call Fran. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to love God more!



Vicar General

Diocese of Erie

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August 26, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I ask for your support of the Catholic Education Collection being taken up on the weekend of September 14-15.

This annual second collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our diocese. Please generously support this collection. You play an integral part in our success in nurturing growth in the minds, hearts and spirits of the faithful.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support your local education and faith formation programs. The other half is used across the diocese for ministry and leadership training, technology support, creative projects in faith formation, as well as tuition assistance for families attending Catholic schools. A small portion also supports The Catholic University of America.

Thank you for your generosity. Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch

The Very Reverend Nicholas J. Rouch, STD
Vicar General

The Role of the Church in American Political Life



The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to ‘go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation’ (Mk 16:15). . . . Here, ‘the creation’ refers to every aspect of human life. . . . ‘Nothing human can be alien to it.’

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., “Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families. . . . Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation.”¹

“If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. . . . A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most

basic of truths” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively “religious” truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.

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“The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.”
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Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church’s mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand

on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

Participation in political life requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While bishops together with their coworkers help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.² The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.³ By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

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, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.

² *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

³ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2239-40.



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Our Lady of Lourdes

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