

SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

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

Liturgies:

Monday 8:30am Communion Service
Sunday 11:00am

Confessions:

Before and After Mass or By Appointment

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranton, PA 16314
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Liturgies:

Friday 8:30am Communion Service

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, DECEMBER 4, SAINT JOHN DEMASCENE
8:30am SH Communion Service and Rosary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, ADVENT WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, SAINT NICHOLAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, SAINT AMBROSE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
6:00pm Marian Baringer (Joanne Froella & Family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00am SH Norma Burchard (Mark Richard)
and
Scott Lyons (Debbie Kersting; Alex, Hunter, Cameron)

Read the parish bulletin online at
www.sainthippolytechurch.com

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
Mary Ann Francic (Mass) 724-452-4492
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.

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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	8:00am Faith Sharing Group at OLL
	9:15am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH
	12:00pm Faith Formation Grades 9-10 at SH
Monday	9:30am Advent Retreat at SH
Tuesday	6:30pm Rosary at OLL
	7:00pm Choir at SH
Wednesday	7:00pm Le Nom du Pere Society meeting at SH
Thursday	6:00pm Adoration at OLL
Friday	Parish Office Closed
	9:30am Advent Retreat at OLL
Sunday	8:00am Faith Sharing Group at OLL
	9:15am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH

COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 11 Parish Office Closed
- Dec. 11 Family Society meeting at OLL 7:00pm
- Dec. 17 Holiday Bake Sale at SH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
MONDAY:	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
TUESDAY:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY:	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
THURSDAY:	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
SATURDAY:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUNDAY:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Dec. 4: Tyler George
- Dec. 5: Connie Bensel, Lila Wilcox
- Dec. 6: Allison Mirage
- Dec. 7: Kathy Dale, DeAnn Diegelman
- Dec. 8: Doreen Stafford
- Dec. 9: Linda Poly
- Dec. 10: Robert Schmidt, III

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Dec. 9: Jeff & Mary Vittorio

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

Youth – What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?

Children – What special things do you do to get ready for a visitor at your house? What things can you do like that to get ready for Jesus?
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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory Nov. 19:	\$1,479	\$ 823
envelopes used:	41	31
Building Fund Nov. 19:	\$ 502	\$ 122
envelopes used:	22	10
Campaign for Human Development:	\$219	

Offertory last week:	\$1,639	\$ 360
envelopes used:	59	14
Building Fund last week:	\$ 445	\$ 110
envelopes used:	20	7

Catholic Services Appeal 2023:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,632

of Gifts/Pledges: 93

Pledged: \$36,210 Received: \$32,005

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER God our maker, Whose name is "our Redeemer from of old": Tear open the heavens and come down! Keep us faithful to building Your kingdom, alert to your presence in those around us, and blameless in our witness until the dawning of the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was, Who is and Who is to come, 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.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?



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

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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.

The deadline for submitting bulletin information for both the December 24 and December 31 bulletins is Monday, December 18.

If you would like the **Sanctuary Candle to be lit** for a week in memory of your loved one at either Saint Hippolyte or Our Lady of Lourdes, please call Desi at the parish office at 814-789-2022. Donation: \$10 per week.

Adoration is held every Thursday at Our Lady of Lourdes from 6:00-7:00pm. All are welcome!

Our Lady of Lourdes Church is open for private prayer each Friday until noon, following the Communion Service and Rosary.

Le Nom du Pere Society will meet on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00pm at Saint Hippolyte. All are welcome to attend. Invite a friend to come with you!

Our annual Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 17. Back by popular demand will be our “build your own cookie box” with a variety of cookies to choose from. Buy a dozen or more! Of course, we need your donations of cookies, pies, cakes, rolls, breads, candy, and other assorted goodies for the sale. Please deliver your donations for the bake sale to the social hall on December 17, anytime after 8:00am.

The Stained Glass Window committee is blessed to be launching a benefit raffle thanks to some very generous donations from several awesome parishioners! 1st prize will be a whole pig - fully processed - donated by Dawn Morelli and Dennis McClelland. 2nd prize will be a Blackstone 28" Tabletop Griddle donated by Roseann and Doug Gordon. 3rd prize will be a \$150 GetGo Gift Card donated by Chris and Jen Gordon and LWE, Inc. The tickets were printed courtesy of the Gabrielle and Matt Pierce family. A huge thank you to our donors!! The drawing will be at our Parish Mardi Gras Party on February 10th. Ticket donation is \$5.00 Please see a committee member after Mass to purchase tickets. If anyone is willing to help sell tickets, please see Steve Ferry - or email restorationproject@sainthippolytechurch.com



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WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

St. Nicholas' feast day is celebrated every year on December 6. St. Nicholas was the Bishop of ancient Greece in a town called Myra (present day Turkey). St. Nicholas was born around March 15, 270 and died December 6, 343. He had a great love for the poor and worked for their benefit. Historically, Nicholas is noted as a figure of Santa Claus. It is a tradition for children to put their shoes or boots in front of the fireplace on December 5th and in the morning they would be filled with coins, candy or oranges.

St. Nicholas is the patron saint of the poor people and also patron saint of children, bakers, brides, unmarried woman, grooms, sailors and travelers. St. Nicholas is a patron saint known for his praying for and helping people who are in need of certain circumstances. Because Nicholas was persecuted for his faith and helping the poor, we should pray and do the same for all the people in the world who are being persecuted today. We can also ask him to pray for all those in most need in our families and communities.

PRAYER OF ST. NICHOLAS

My God and my Lord: Take me away from my own self, and let me belong completely to you.

My Lord and my God: Take me away from everything that keeps me apart from you.

My God and my Lord: Grant me everything that draws me closer to you. AMEN

Thank you to those who are supporting our Advent Giving Tree.

All of the tags have been taken! We are also collecting non-perishable food for six local families. Gifts and food should be brought to the church no later than next Sunday.



You can help. “Religious are blessed to serve,” says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. (use the envelope provided today)



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

So what's so special about a priest? It's just another job in the church, right? Wrong! There are three sacraments that leave indelible (permanent) marks on a person, Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. These mark us as belonging to Christ in a most profound and radical way, permanently and forever. These sacraments give us power. (Perhaps this is a good time to review our own baptism and confirmation and consider whether we are truly living in the grace we have to be Christians. We've been given strength to live differently from the secular world. Are we taking advantage of it?) The sacrament of Holy Orders also gives power. When a priest is ordained, he is given “the sacred power of Order, that of offering sacrifice and forgiving sins, and to exercise the priestly office publicly on behalf of men in the name of Christ.” *Paul VI, Presbyterorum Ordinis, 1965.*



December 1, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has passed, and we are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious to be held in parishes on December 9th and 10th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as the over 30,000 retired religious throughout the country.

The **Retirement Fund for Religious** offers financial support for those Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for years for little or no stipends. Last year, the people in our diocese contributed \$129,907 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy, and other necessary needs. Your generous gift provides vital support for their ongoing health care.

Senior Religious are a treasure in the Church. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, religious education programs, hospitals, social service agencies and countless other ministries throughout our diocese; many still serve those in need, today. Those who are no longer able to actively serve, support all that is being done through their ministry of prayer.

Some of you may not presently know consecrated men and women, but they have affected your lives through their ministry to your parents and grandparents and through the many organizations now in place due to their foresight and generosity.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's blessing on all our women and men religious. Know you remain in their prayers. Please join me in supporting this year's **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie





Catholics Returning Home

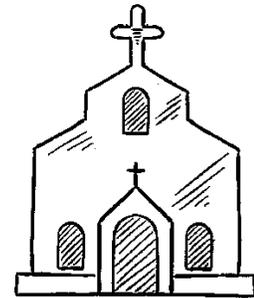
An invitation for Catholics who have been away

- Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?
- Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the church?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
- Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith. The sessions are held at St. Brigid's, Meadville, starting Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 6:30pm. For more information, call Amy Mosbacher, 814-336-1112.



Catholics Returning Home 2024 Winter Schedule



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| Jan. 3 | Welcome
Overview of Series
Sharing by team and attendees |
| Jan 10 | Video "Stories of Faith from Catholics Returning Home
Discussing and Sharing |
| Jan. 17 | The Church Today: Changes Since Vatican II
Explanation of Major Changes
(Mass in English, Involvement, Bible Study) |
| Jan. 24 | Walk through of the Mass
(along with explanation and historical overview) |
| Jan. 31 | Tips on Sinning-
Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) |
| Feb. 7 | The Creed: What Catholics Believe |



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Our Lady of Lourdes

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