

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranton, PA 16314
(GPS only; send mail to the parish office)

Thursday 6:00pm - Adoration
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

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kyle Seyler

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Joyce Tarr 814-671-1009

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Desiree Wagner

Director of Music Ministries

Darcie Schoenfeldt

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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, FEBRUARY 12, OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8:30am SH Prayer Service and Rosary

6:00pm OLL Nancy Musser (Friend)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00pm SH Mary Jo Smith (Carl & Kay Hotchkiss)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00pm OLL Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30am OLL Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

11:00am SH Fr. Richard Mayer (Jack & Carole Jones)

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. 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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	8:00am	Faith Sharing Group at OLL
Monday	8:30am	Prayer and Rosary at SH
	9:30am	Small Group Bible Study at SH
	6:00pm	Feast Day Mass & Tureen Dinner at OLL
	7:00pm	Family Society meeting at OLL
Tuesday	7:00pm	Choir at OLL
Wednesday		ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday	6:00pm	Adoration at OLL
Friday	8:30am	Adoration and Rosary at OLL
Sunday	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

COMING EVENTS

Feb 21	Soup & Bread and Stations of the Cross at SH
Feb 25	Parish Family Retreat Day
Feb. 28	Soup & Bread and Stations of the Cross at OLL
Mar 6	Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Agatha

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
MONDAY:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
TUESDAY:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
WEDNESDAY:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THURSDAY:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
FRIDAY:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
SATURDAY:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
SUNDAY:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 13	Callie Belz, Kim Ferguson
Feb 16	Marcene Karns, Richelle Robinson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Feb 14	Casey & Carrie Miller
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

Youth – How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

Children – What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning this week at Saint Hippolyte Church for a special intention as requested by the donor.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$5,566	\$ 885
envelopes used:	53	16
Building Fund last week:	\$ 575	\$ 85
envelopes used:	23	5

Catholic Services Appeal 2024:

Diocesan Assessment: \$29,034

of Gifts/Pledges: 6

Pledged: \$3,500 Received: \$2,185

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER Cleanse and restore us, O God, and heal us continually from the sinfulness that divides us and from the prejudice and discrimination by which we degrade ourselves and dishonor Your image in others. Help us to stretch out our hands in love especially to those our society scorns and to recognize in their faces the very image of Christ, blood-stained on the cross. Thus may we take our part in Your work of redemption and proclaim to all the wonders of Your tender mercy and steadfast 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.

PARISH RAFFLE TICKET RETURNS

can be made through the collection basket, given to Kathy Young or mailed to the parish office. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office or Kathy Young. Our next monthly drawing will be held on March 3. Congratulations to our February winner: #1839 Vania Smith

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>



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes
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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 on Thursday at Our Lady of Lourdes from 6:00-7:00pm and every Friday morning at 8:30am.

Mass in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated tomorrow at 6:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Please bring a tureen dish to share and join us in fellowship after the Mass. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome to join the celebration!

Soup & Bread and Stations of the Cross will be held on the Wednesdays of Lent, alternating between Saint Hippolyte and Our Lady of Lourdes (except on Wednesday, March 6 due to the Sacrament of Confirmation). Our first Soup and Bread will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at Saint Hippolyte at 6:15pm. Stations of the Cross follow at 7:00pm. Sign up sheets are available on the bulletin boards at both churches for donations of Soup & Bread, and leaders for the Stations of the Cross. Please volunteer as you are able.

2023 Contribution Statements for income tax purposes will be mailed to those who request one. Contact the parish office this week to request your statement.

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes 1,000 prayer sessions available for free, and over 10,000 audio-guided sessions in an upgraded premium subscription. Hallow is designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer, and includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more! Register today at Hallow.com/pray

All are invited to take part in the interim phase of the Synod on Synodality Many parishioners from the Diocese of Erie participated in parish-level listening sessions during Phase I of the Synod on Synodality held in the winter of 2021-22. Following the international gathering in Rome last fall, synod organizers now are asking dioceses to cultivate additional dialogue before its planned October 2024 session. The Diocese of Erie is therefore facilitating additional opportunities, open to all, to deepen and broaden their prayerful reflection. Sessions will be held via Zoom in the diocese on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 8 pm, Thursday, Feb. 29 at 10 am, and Tuesday, March 5 at 12 pm. Registration, open to all, is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/47PyyTyARs>. More information about the synodal process and its history in the Diocese of Erie can be found at <https://www.eriecd.org/synod.html>.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS



Ash Wednesday officially begins the season of Lent. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 14th, which is 46 days before Easter Sunday.

Lent is a 40 day season (not counting the Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and almsgiving. The 40 days represent Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, and focusing on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection. During Mass on Ash Wednesday the priest will share a sermon that is penitential and reflective on the meaning of Lent. During the Mass ashes are placed on the forehead of those in attendance to remind us to repent and fast for the 40 days.

Where do the ashes come from? They usually come from burning the palm from the previous Palm Sunday. The ashes of this prayerful day symbolize two main things: death and repentance. Ashes represent dust and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to ashes or dust. When people come forward for their ashes we are saying we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we can celebrate the Easter with great joy.

We, as parishioners of St. Hippolyte and Our Lady of Lourdes, are offered many ways to follow the Lenten season:

- Pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings following our soup and bread supper.
- Attend our Parish Family Retreat on Sunday, February 25 at Saint Hippolyte.
- Visit www.dynamiccatholic.com and sign up to experience *The Best Lent Ever*.

Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024.
How are you preparing for Easter?



We talked about the importance of the priest spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, but as his flock we also need to surround him with prayer. There is very much a spiritual battle going on for nothing less than our souls. A single soldier is strong, but how much more powerful is a whole group? We cannot diminish the power of prayer in groups: Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them..." (Mt. 18:19) If our priests are under spiritual attack (and they always are) we need to pray all the harder, individually and in groups.

Come one, come all to enjoy an array of local talent on Saturday, April 6 from 1-4 pm at St. Hippolyte's Social Hall to support our Stained Glass Window Restoration project.

Just to be clear, this is NOT a talent contest, but a place to be able to share one's talent in a positive and inspiring format. With that being said, we are accepting and encouraging any age to tryout who has a talent such as playing an instrument, poetry reading/storytelling, comedy/jokes (church and age-appropriate of course 😊), singing, gymnastics/dance, or anything else that you may want to share.

As we are organizing an afternoon of talent between 1-4 pm, here are a few guidelines:

- We are limiting our acts, so please call or text Allison Mattis at 814-282-7216 to schedule a time to share/tryout your act.
- Please keep your talent between 5-10 minutes maximum.
- The sooner that you schedule a time to meet with Allison, the more time you will have to perfect your act, so please reach out to her ASAP.

There will be refreshments for sale (including soft pretzels 🥨 from MillStone Market) 😊, so bring your appetite and maybe even a cowbell to cheer on your favorite performer.

In lieu of ticket sales, we welcome donations that will benefit our Stained Glass Window Restoration project. We are so excited to share this afternoon of talent with our local community, so please share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors!

Thank you and on behalf of the St. Hippolyte Stained Glass Window Restoration Committee, "thank you for your support!"



NOTICE – LENTEN PRACTICES 2024

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024.

The following practices and regulations are promulgated and binding for all Latin Rite Catholics in the Diocese of Erie for Lent and the Paschal Triduum, 2024. Eastern Rite Catholics who may be attending Latin Rite parishes have their own proper regulations and should consult their own eparchy or parish.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. **ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. In 2024, St. Patrick's Day (March 17 – Principal Patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Erie) falls on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In recognition of the importance of this day for the faithful, Bishop Persico has directed that St. Patrick be liturgically observed (at daily Mass, Divine Office, etc.) throughout the diocese on Monday, March 18, 2024.
4. **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are also days of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. *(On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)*
5. On **HOLY THURSDAY**, no celebration of the Mass is to begin anywhere in the diocese earlier than 4:30 pm without the explicit approval of Bishop Persico.
6. Although it does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist, by its very nature the **GOOD FRIDAY** service is celebrated by a priest only.
7. All celebrations of the **EASTER VIGIL** are to begin *after nightfall* (which is defined as approximately one hour after local sunset.) Nightfall is about 8:45 pm this year. To balance pastoral need and liturgical prescriptions, Bishop Persico has decreed that the Easter Vigil in the Diocese of Erie is to begin at 8:30 pm or any later time. Any start time earlier than 8:30 pm must receive explicit approval from the Bishop.

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop
January 19, 2024

Sincerely,
Christopher J. Singer
The Rev. Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor



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Diocese of Erie
2024 Catholic
Services Appeal



In Discipleship

“The energy and passion of over 400 students coming together was palpable,” reflected Deacon Steve Washek, director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Erie.

The diocesan-wide day-long confirmation retreat, a new initiative by the Office of Faith Formation, brought together students preparing for confirmation from across the region. Deacon Washek continued: “This retreat was a unique opportunity to help discover God and the offerings of faith for those who follow Him.”

Moments of adoration and confession became transformative experiences for many. As the event culminated with a Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico, the magnitude of its impact on the spiritual growth of the youth was evident.

Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal allows us to come together as *One Faith, One Family* to support our Office of Faith Formation, responding to Jesus’ desire for a relationship with His people by helping them make a joyful and authentic response to Him through all stages of life.

In Service

The St. Elizabeth Center in Oil City provides food, clothing and other resources to those in need. As a faith-based outreach, however, the dignity of the people they serve is uppermost in their approach.

Rather than being handed a bag of pre-selected food items, for instance, food pantry clients can make their own choices. “They get to choose a certain number of vegetables, the kinds of soups they like, cereal products and more,” says Jessica Struthers, who oversees the St. Elizabeth Center.

Volunteers in the center’s thrift shop also create a boutique look for those in need of clothing. The latest addition? A pop-up dressing room so people no longer have to guesstimate whether or not something suits them.

Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal allows us to come together as *One Faith, One Family* to support Catholic Charities, serving the poorest among us and bringing hope to the most vulnerable in our communities.



In Prayer

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do as Catholics. Creating a prayer walk, the Catholic Schools Office for the Diocese of Erie invited school leaders to deepen their commitment to praying for each other and their students this year.

Karrie Miller, principal of DuBois Central Catholic School, described the prayer walk as an inspirational journey and a time of reflection on the importance of prayer for our schools.

“We are not one school, we are an educational body, as a whole, evangelizing to the world and growing students in faith to carry this message with purpose and reverence,” said Miller.

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2024 CSA Goal: \$4,235,000

27% | Catholic Schools Office

The Catholic Schools Office in northwest Pennsylvania is dedicated to fostering academic excellence, leadership skills and personal growth among its students. With a strong grounding in Catholic mission and identity, the office ensures that students are educated in a manner that encourages them to embrace and serve God in all aspects of life.

22% | Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities, along with its affiliate agencies, dedicates itself to assisting the less fortunate. This commitment is a living embodiment of the Gospel call to serve others in the spirit of Christ, bringing justice and compassion to those in need.

16% | Office of Communications

Initiated in 2004, *Faith* magazine remains a vital tool in the Diocese of Erie's commitment to invigorating the Catholic faith across all 13 counties of the diocese. This free publication, distributed four times a year to all registered parishioners, is complemented by a variety of digital media and social networking initiatives, all in line with the Gospel call to evangelize.

15% | Office of Faith Formation

The Office of Faith Formation aims to nurture a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ among individuals and parish faith formation leaders. Through a variety of resources and programs, the office addresses the spiritual needs of Catholics at all stages of life, guiding them to a more profound knowledge of their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

10% | Office of Clergy Services

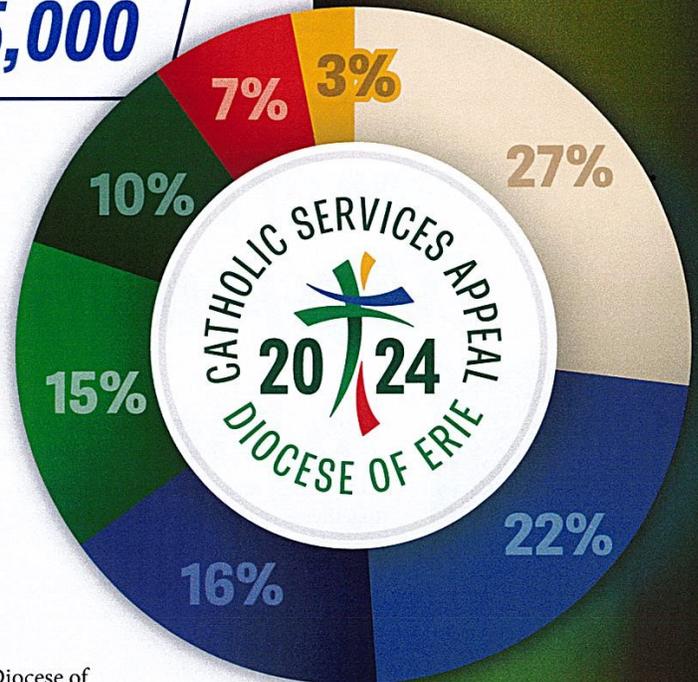
The Office of Clergy Services emphasizes the importance of supporting vocations and adhering to Bishop Persico's guidance for continual prayer and support. From ordination through retirement, clergy members are provided with spiritual retreats, educational opportunities and fellowship experiences to aid in their ministerial duties throughout the diocese.

7% | Pastoral Services

Pastoral Services supports the Diocese of Erie's commitment to Pope Francis's call for outreach to the marginalized in society. This fund facilitates the church's engagement with hospitals, prisons and nursing homes. The Office for Divine Worship contributes to the organization of significant liturgical events, including the annual Chrism Mass.

3% | Diocesan & International Missions Office

Aligned with Pope Francis' dream of a missionary Church, the Diocesan and International Mission Office promotes active missionary engagement locally and throughout the world. The office coordinates missionary education and missionary opportunities in parishes and schools, and supports the Mission of Friendship outreach in Yucatán, México. It also helps the diocese fulfill its canonical responsibility to support the Catholic Church's evangelization outreach.



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