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

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

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

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To schedule an appointment with Father Lucas or Father Seyler, call 814-336-1112.

Parish Office

25997 State Highway 27, Guys Mills, PA 16327 Phone: (814) 789-2022 Fax: 814-789-2025 Email: office@sainthippolytechurch.com www.sainthippolytechurch.com 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, JANUARY 6, SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE 8:30am SH Adoration and Rosary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, SAINT RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY 8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11:00am SH Living and Deceased Members of the Arthur & Frances Wagner Family (John & Fran Greathouse)

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:

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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.

ANOINTING 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 9:15-10:45am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH

10:30am Rosary at SH

12:00-1:30pm Faith Formation Grade 9 at SH

Monday 8:30am Adoration and Rosary at SH

9:30am Small Group Bible Study at SH

Tuesday 6:30pm Rosary at OLL 7:00pm Choir at SH

Wednesday 6:00pm Le Nom du Pere Society Christmas Party

at SH

Friday 8:30am Adoration and Rosary at OLL

Sunday 9:15-10:45am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH

9:15-10:45am Adult Faith Formation at SH

9:00am Breakfast at OLL 10:30am Rosary at SH 12:00pm Sunday Social at SH

12:00pm SGW Committee meeting at SH

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 13 Family Society meeting at OLL 6:00pm

Jan. 21 PAC at SH 6:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 MONDAY: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 THURSDAY: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 6: Jenna Barickman, Betty Dailey Jan 8: Tasha Myers, Renee Schwartz

Jan 9: Joe Kerr, Carrie Miller

Jan 10: Brett Neely, Bob Schafer, Roxanne Schmitt

Jan 11: Marcie Gordon, Rose Ann Gordon, Renee Stininger

Jan 12: Lynn Wentworth

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

Youth – The star guided the magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Children – In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

Offertory information not available at the time of printing.

Catholic Services Appeal 2024:

Diocesan Assessment: \$29,034

of Gifts/Pledges: 65

Pledged: \$28,335 Received: \$26,540

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER With a star's radiance O God. You guided the nations to the Light:

radiance, O God, You guided the nations to the Light; in a prophet's words You revealed the mystery of the Messiah's coming; through the Magi's gifts You unfolded the richness of the Savior's mission. Scatter again the darkness that covers the earth and divides the peoples. Make our hearts thrill anew to see the multitudes carried as sons and daughters in Your arms. In Christ and through Christ's gospel draw the ends of the earth into Your family, that disparate cultures and warring nations may be gathered together as one. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever 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 first monthly drawing is today.

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.eriercd.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 at 8:30am on Monday mornings at Saint Hippolyte and Friday mornings at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Le Nom du Pere Society's Christmas Party will be held this Wednesday, January 8 beginning at 6:00pm at Saint Hippolyte. All adults of the parish are welcome! Bring a dish to share and a \$15 unisex gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange game.

We are still collecting recipes for our parish In order to produce a good quality book, we still need several recipes. We especially need French recipes and recipes for snacks, pies, cookies, vegetables, and canning. Dig out your grandma's cookbook and submit your family For more information, please contact Kathleen Wheelock at 814-967-4319 or email your recipes directly to wheelock@windstream.net

Next Sunday is Social Sunday. Students in grades 4-5 will participate at Mass in a special way as lectors, ushers, hospitality ministers and gift bearers. Following Mass all are invited to the social hall for food and fellowship. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share, but you don't have to bring something to attend. Beverages and table service are provided by Le Nom du Pere Society.

Breakfast will be served next Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes beginning at 9:00am, sponsored by The Family Society. All are welcome!

Special Thanks and Blessings to those who helped to decorate the Volunteer church for Christmas! Spearheaded by Nancy Buckley, Spotlight

this group did an amazing job.

Enhanced by the luminaries organized by the Stained Glass Window Committee and the Confirmation Class, the church was too beautiful to describe. Thank you to all involved!

Thanks again for your support of the liminary **project!** This year there were 73 luminaries which brought in \$698 for the SGW Renovation project.



A Winter Blues Spring Outdoor Raffle benefitting the Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund will be held on March 15, 2025. tickets are \$10 for a chance to win 10 great prizes OR \$30 for a chance at the prizes as well as attendance at a

Dinner Event with guest speaker and additional raffles. See any member of the SGW Restoration Committee or call the parish office for more information or to purchase tickets. Only 150 tickets for the dinner event will be sold. If you are willing to help sell tickets, please contact Steve Ferry or Bob Schoenfeldt.

All are invited to Open House Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Pregnancy Center of Meadville on Sunday, January 19 from 11:00am until 2:00pm. The Opening Ceremony will be at 1:00pm at 657 Pine St. Meadville. Many parishioners of The Epiphany of the Lord, St Hippolyte, and Our Lady Queen of the Americas Parishes as well as several Knights of Columbus have made this new Medical Suite with Ultrasound a reality, including volunteers and donors to fundraising efforts particularly over the last year. This is our opportunity to say Thank You for your gifts of time and talent. It is estimated that upwards of 80% of women who see their unborn baby via ultrasound will choose life for their baby. This is another opportunity for PCOM to enable life as we support families and work to promote a culture of life in our community. This Ultrasound will be the only such resource between Erie and Pittsburgh. A Blessing of the Ultrasound Machine will be held on Friday, January 17 at 1:00pm by Reverend David Carter of Our Lady Queen of the Americas. Please join us for either or both events The Center will be open for visitors to tour the remodeled building and hear about services and programs PCOM offers our community. This is a wonderful opportunity to familiarize yourself with The Pregnancy Center of Meadville and the services offered at this facility.

From the mail...Thank you so much! We don't know what we would do without you! Thank you for your unwavering support of the Food for Thought program. Your generous spirits keep us going! Thanks for sharing the food drive with us. Much appreciated!

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Isn't God good to give us the opportunity to have a clean slate at the beginning of the Eucharistic year, especially in this Jubilee Year? The Sacrament of Confession, sometimes also called Penance or Reconciliation, is our chance to start again. In the confessional we can receive the grace and strength we need and the freedom to live a new life. Yes, it

can be a little intimidating, humbling, maybe embarrassing, and sometimes like taking medicine, but it heals us. God is never so pleased as when we make use of a gift He gave us. Why not make this one of our New Year's resolutions, to make a fresh start in our spiritual life as well?

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY IN YOUR HOME

The *Blessing of the Home on Epiphany* recalls the Magi's visit to the Holy Family's dwelling in Bethlehem. Follow the short prayer service below to bless your home. Use a piece of chalk to mark your main doorway like this: 20 + C + M + B + 25

The numerals refer to the New Year of the Lord, the four crosses represent the four seasons and the initials C, M, B stand for the traditional names of the three kings: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar or the Latin phrase: *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (May Christ bless this house).

Begin at the main entrance of your home. All make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: God's peace be in this house and with all who live here.

All: Now and forever.

The person reading the Scripture says:

A reading from the holy gospel according to John. (Read John 1:1-3, 14)

Then everyone walks from room to room asking God to bless the activity that takes place there. Holy Water may be carried and sprinkled. In each room the Leader says:

Bless this space, O Lord, and those who pass this way. Deliver us from every evil and show us your face. Return to the main entrance of your home. The Leader marks the top of the doorway, using chalk, with the following sign: 20 + C + M + B + 25

Then the leader prays: Bless our home, Lord with the peace and joy of your presence. Heal all of our family who are in need of your touch. Teach us how to offer hospitality to every guest, seeing your face in every stranger and welcoming all who enter here as you welcome us into your Kingdom in this life and the next. Amen.

THREE KINGS CAKE

The three kings' cake is a European tradition. The cake is flat, more like a cookie, and has one or two almonds, a dime, or some other tiny "prize" in it. The one to find the prize will have good fortune throughout the year. Here is the recipe for three king's cake:

The ingredients you will need: ½ cup blanched almonds, 1 cup sugar, 6 tablespoons soft butter, 2 tablespoons vanilla or almond extract, 2 eggs lightly beaten, 2½ cups flour, 1½ teaspoons baking powder, 2 tablespoons raisins or currants

Grind the almonds and ¼ cup sugar in a food processor or blender, then set aside. Use a fork to mix the butter and remaining sugar together in a bowl until thoroughly blended. Beat in the eggs and the extract, saving a tablespoon of the egg to glaze the top. Stir the flour and baking powder into the egg mixture. Stir in the sugar and almond mix, along with the raisins or currants, then add one or two whole almonds, a dime, or whatever other item you will use for a "prize".

Pat the dough flat into a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick circle onto a greased cookie sheet. Spread the reserved beaten egg on the top of the cake. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Serves 12.



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