

# 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

## Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024



# 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

### 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

25997 State Highway 27, Guys Mills, PA 16327  
Phone: (814) 789-2022 Fax: 814-789-2025  
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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, DEC. 9, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

8:30am SH Adoration and Rosary  
6:00pm SH Joe Greathouse (Eileen Mantz)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, OUR LADY OF LORETO

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, SAINT DAMASUS I

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, SAINT LUCY

8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00am SH In honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Clark and April Terrill (Michael & Aimee Vinca Family)

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[www.sainthippolytechurch.com](http://www.sainthippolytechurch.com)  
and The Epiphany of the Lord parish bulletin at  
[www.epiphanymeadville.org](http://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	Breakfast at OLL
	9:15-10:45am	Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH
	9:15am	Adult Education Session at SH
	10:30am	Rosary at SH
	12:00-1:30pm	Faith Formation Grades 9-12 at SH
Monday	8:30am	Adoration and Rosary at SH
	9:30am	Small Group Bible Study at SH
Tuesday	6:00pm	Choir at SH
Friday	8:30am	Adoration and Rosary at OLL
Sunday	9:15-10:45am	Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH
	10:30am	Rosary at SH
	12:00pm	Holiday Bake Sale at SH

## COMING EVENTS

December 22 Social Sunday

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
MONDAY:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
TUESDAY:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
THURSDAY:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
FRIDAY:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SUNDAY:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 9: Linda Poly  
Dec. 10: Robert Schmidt, III  
Dec. 11: John Buckley  
Dec. 13: Jane Butryn  
Dec. 14: Josh Moore

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 9: Jeff & Mary Vittorio  
Dec. 11: Scott & Kathleen Wheelock

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel*

**Adults** – Name one thing you can do to help “prepare the way of the Lord?”

**Youth** – How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

**Children** – What things do you need to get ready for a big event or celebration?

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**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning this week at Saint Hippolyte in memory of Ed Coyle as requested by Mary Beth Coyle.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,015	\$ 205
envelopes used:	35	8
Christmas Flowers	\$ 355	\$ 80
Building Fund last week:	\$ 305	\$ 15
envelopes used:	19	2

### Catholic Services Appeal 2024:

Diocesan Assessment: \$29,034

# of Gifts/Pledges: 65

Pledged: \$28,275 Received: \$25,730

*Thanks for your generosity and dedication.*

**THANK YOU,** Dennis and Daniel Diegelman!

Thank you for the removal and clean-up of the dead tree that could have fallen on the cars parked in our expanded parking lot. We continue to receive many blessings so that this very needed parking lot expansion project was able to move forward. Thank you to all involved!

**HELPING HANDS PRAYER** God of everlasting glory and eternal love, from west and east You gather the humble, leading them with joy to the glorious life of Your kingdom. Make straight Your path in our hearts; bring low the heights of our pride; and prepare us to celebrate with ardent faith the coming of our Savior, 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 first monthly drawing will be held on January 5, 2025.

## LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?

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**Our Annual Holiday Bake Sale is next Sunday following Mass.** Your donations of baked good will be greatly appreciated. See today's insert for more information.

**Our next Sunday Social** will be Sunday, December 22. Our students in grades 9-12 will be participating in the Mass in a special way that day. Lunch in the social hall will follow the Mass. Bring a dish to share, if you can. All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship!



**Did you know:** Before the introduction of the Christmas tree, the *Christ-kindel* traditionally deposited gifts — usually only nuts, cookies, and candies — in one of three different containers: a straw basket, a plate, or in a stocking "hung by the chimney with care..."

**Have you been praying for your Advent prayer partner? Mail a card anonymously this week to let them know.**

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments — Be Vigilant:** It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. For particular questions in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

## **CLARIFICATION ON DECEMBER HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION...**

When either December 8 or December 25 falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the faithful are obligated to attend the Mass for that day in addition to that for the Sunday which either precedes or follows it. Attending the celebration of any one Mass cannot fulfill the obligation for both days. In calendar year 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed on Monday, December 9 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass in our parish will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 at 6:00pm at Saint Hippolyte. Masses at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish will be celebrated on Sunday, December 8 at 5:30pm and on Monday, December 9 at 7:00am and 9:30am at Saint Agatha Church.

**Service of Lessons and Carols presented by St. Peter Cathedral Choir**—The Choir of St. Peter Cathedral, 230 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, will present a service of lessons and carols on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 pm. This service is an adaptation of the *Festival of Lessons and Carols* at King College, Cambridge, celebrated annually on Christmas Eve. St. Peter Cathedral's service, like the liturgies that inspired it, begins and ends in prayer. Nine scripture readings, from Genesis to the poetic prologue of the Gospel of John, recount the Christmas story and its location within the broader context of Salvation History. This year's musical selections feature several favorite congregational Christmas carols and anthems. Please consider making this a part of your family's annual Advent/Christmas tradition. Admission is free.



**The Confirmation Students and Stained Glass Window Committee** will be partnering to light up the Church on Christmas Eve! Luminaries can be done in "Memory of" or "Honor of" anyone you would like. The cost is a donation. All donations will benefit the Stained Glass Window Restoration Project. Please see students and/or committee members after Mass to complete an order form. Order forms and donations are due by December 22nd.

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION:** Wednesday, December 18  
7:00pm at Saint Agatha Church, Meadville.



Are you feeling a tug on your heart this Christmas season? A longing for something you can't quite place? Maybe it is the Lord breaking through and asking you to come home to the Catholic faith. Don't be afraid to take that step; Jesus is here, waiting for you with whatever scars you bring to cover you with His healing. We would like to invite you to a program called **Catholics Returning Home**. There are 6 sessions on Wednesday nights starting on Jan. 8 - Feb. 12, held at St. Mary of Grace Church in Meadville at 6:30pm in the library. The sessions are held small group style and informal. There are pamphlets in the church vestibule, or call the Epiphany Parish Office for more information. It's not too late to come; we'd love to welcome you home! 814-336-1112

# Winter Blues Spring Outdoor Raffle

Benefits: St. Hippolyte Stained Glass Window Restoration  
Drawing: March 15, 2025

Prizes available with the **\$10.00 Raffle Ticket**:

1. \*Hawken Woodsman 50 cal.
2. 10' Pelican Kayak
3. \*Winchester SXP Hybrid Hunter 12 ga.
4. Wilson Top Flight Golf Clubs with bag
5. \*Ruger Bolt Action 350 Legend
6. 4 Person Walleye Charter by Mistfit Charters
7. \*Savage Arms Bolt Action 17 HMR
8. 36" Blackstone Griddle
9. \*Mossberg Patriot 308 with scope
10. Six Hour Guided Steelhead Fly Fishing Trip with Ari Coptis, Keystone Fly Girl

\*winner must pass a background check

**OR**

Purchase the **\$30.00 Event Dinner Raffle Ticket**

for a chance on all of the prizes listed above and attend the dinner on March 15 at Saint Hippolyte Social Hall.

**The \$30 ticket includes:**

- Dinner—BYOB
- Guest Speaker Presentation
- Raffle Drawing
- Additional side raffle items

Doors open at 6:00pm — only 150 dinner tickets will be sold.

Le Nom du Pere Society is sponsoring a

## HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

on Sunday, December 15  
from Noon until 2:00pm  
at Saint Hippolyte Church Social Hall

**Love to Bake?** We'd gladly accept your home-baked goods for our sale. Candy, Cookies, Pies, Sweet Breads, Nut Rolls, Pumpkin Rolls, Dinner Rolls, Bread, etc. Anything you make and donate will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Bring your donations directly to the social hall before Mass on December 15.

**Don't like to Bake?** Come and shop at the sale for your holiday goodies.

**Proceeds from this sale** will help fund our gifts to local families in need as well as other expenses through the year, such as: Funeral Luncheons, Sunday Socials, Receptions, kitchen supplies (small appliances, paper products, coffee and tea, etc.), Christmas gifts to our shut-ins, Little Books for Advent and Lent, etc. etc.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

*Our parish elderly or shut-ins  
might enjoy a card or letter from you.*



DUTCH BARICKMAN —12740 Schenenberg Road, Guys Mills, PA 16327

JOYCE BERNIER — 25758 Highway 27, Guys Mills, PA 16327

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BETTY DALE—9108 PA 198, Fig Street, Rolling Fields, Conneautville, PA 16406

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RUTH MERCIER — Juniper Village, 455 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Saint Hippolyte

Our Lady of Lourdes

Please drop this form in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.