

# SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

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

Monday 8:30am - Adoration and Rosary  
Sunday 11:00am - Mass

## Confessions:

First Sunday of the Month after Mass  
or by appointment

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 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

## 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

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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 1, WEEKDAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, WEEKDAY

8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00am SH George & Betty Popovich (George & Betty Klein)

Read our parish bulletin online at  
[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

**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 immediately following Sunday Mass on the first Sunday of the month. 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 10:30am Rosary at SH  
Monday Labor Day—Parish Office Closed  
Tuesday 6:30pm Rosary at OLL  
7:00pm Choir at SH  
Wednesday 7:00pm Le Nom du Pere Society meeting at SH  
Friday 8:30am Adoration and Rosary at OLL  
Sunday 9:30am Breakfast at OLL  
10:30am Rosary at SH  
Second Collection: Humanitarian aid in Gaza

## COMING EVENTS

Sept. 7 Breakfast at OLL 9:00am  
Sept. 8 Family Society meeting at OLL 6:00pm  
Sept 14 Parent meeting and Faith Formation registration at SH following the 11:00am Mass

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/  
Lk 14:1, 7-14  
MONDAY: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30  
TUESDAY: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37  
WEDNESDAY: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44  
THURSDAY: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11  
FRIDAY: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39  
SATURDAY: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5  
SUNDAY: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 1: Julie Hutcheson  
Sept. 2: Chase Miller  
Sept. 3: Craig Beuchat, Carole Jones  
Sept. 4: Ron Kalinowski  
Sept. 5: Mary Grundy  
Sept. 7: Keri Huddleson

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 6: Brian & Elizabeth Burnette

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

**Adults** – Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or invite to be part of your life?

**Youth** – God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

**Children** – Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to?

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,275	\$1,292
envelopes used:	35	36
Building Fund last week:	\$ 443	\$ 90
envelopes used:	22	13

### Catholic Services Appeal 2025:

Diocesan Assessment: \$28,259

Pledges/Gifts: 68

Pledged: \$30,725

Payments Received: \$27,485

*Thank You!*

*Thanks for your generosity and dedication.*

## Catholic Services Appeal Update:

68 out of 249 families (27%) have pledged. We have exceeded our diocesan assessment but we are short of our 100% participation goal. For those who have yet to pledge, envelopes are available in the church vestibule or the parish office. Funds received over our diocesan assessment will remain in the parish for our ongoing maintenance needs. (CSA funds are not being used for the Stained Glass Window Restoration Project.) Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year's fund drive, even if all you can give are your prayers for its success!

**HELPING HANDS PRAYER** God of compassion, to the festive assembly of the new covenant You have invited the poor, the sinful and the forsaken. Let Your church always honor the presence of the Lord in the little, the lowly and the suffering, recognizing in them our brothers and sisters whom You welcome to Your table. 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.

## LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Discover why  
families always matter at:  
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Facebook page at  
[www.ErieRCD.org](http://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.

**UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES** For the September 14 bulletin: Friday, September 5 at noon. For the September 21 bulletin: Friday, September 12 at noon. To avoid confusion, information should be submitted in writing. [office@sainthippolytechurch.com](mailto:office@sainthippolytechurch.com)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** followed by the Rosary is offered at 8:30am on Monday mornings at Saint Hippolyte and Friday mornings at Our Lady of Lourdes.

**The 9:00am monthly breakfast at Our Lady of Lourdes** has been changed from September 14 to September 7. All are welcome to attend.

**The Our Lady of Lourdes Church garden, funded by the Family Society,** is producing lots of vegetables. Come to the garden and pick vegetables on Thursdays, from 4:00 to 6:00pm. We could always use help with the garden. Call John Shonnard at 814-758-1154 with any questions or to volunteer.

**Le Nom du Pere Society will meet this Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Saint Hippolyte parish activities room.** Come early to enjoy refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome to attend. Much of our discussion will focus on the upcoming Reverse Raffle.

**The financial report for the Ham or Chicken Dinner is available.** Copies are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office for one to be sent to you.

**With the Ham or Chicken Dinner behind us, it's time to move on to our next project...our Annual Reverse Raffle!** The reverse raffle takes place on Saturday, November 1 in the Saint Hippolyte social hall. Of course, we are counting on all of you to donate the 145 consolation prizes needed for this event. Please see today's insert for ideas.

**An important registration meeting for parents of our Faith Formation students** will be held on Sunday, September 14 following our 11:00am Mass. New students should bring a copy of their baptism certificate. Parents: please make this meeting a priority on your calendar; the class schedule for the year and other important information will be shared at this meeting. Please contact Joyce Tarr (814-671-1009) if you are unable to attend. Classes begin on September 28.

**Special Collection for the people of Gaza** The USCCB has requested an emergency special collection to provide humanitarian relief in Gaza and the surrounding areas. A collection will be taken in our diocese next weekend.

**Catholics Returning Home** The Epiphany of the Lord Parish in Meadville is conducting a free series of informal listening sessions, titled "Catholics Returning Home," on six consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning September 23 at 6:30pm at St. Agatha Church Office, 353 Pine St., Meadville. The series is an invitation to Catholics who have been away to renew their relationship with the Catholic Church. These listening sessions will be conducted in a support-group format, with updates on the Catholic faith. Former returned Catholics or converts will facilitate the evenings. Everyone is welcome. For more details, call 814-336-1112.

**Theology Uncorked with Father Jeff Lucas starts on Sept. 3!** 6:30pm, St. Agatha Center. Ecumenical Councils are an exercise of the church's highest teaching authority almost always in a crisis situation. The crisis is a heretical movement shaking and dividing the faith of the Church. Their goal is to identify and promulgate the true faith of the Church and correct errors. In this course we will explore what led to the calling of all 21 ecumenical councils and what they taught. Register with Amy (814-336-1112) so folders can be made. Snacks and/or wine to share are appreciated.

**How is your spiritual life?** We all have issues that come up that affect our relationship with God, and sometimes it's good to have someone to help you through it. That's what a Spiritual Director does. They walk with you in your spiritual journey so together you come closer to God. It just so happens that Deacon Todd Sommers is now a Spiritual Director. If you would like to meet with Deacon Todd for some spiritual direction, give him a call or text him at 814-720-3766.

**Adult Retreat** Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:30am-2:30pm, at St. Mary of Grace Church, Meadville. "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mk. 6:31). Encounter God through a variety of prayer experiences in this half-day retreat. Confession will be available. Lunch provided. Register with Amy (814-336-1112) by Sept. 25.

## SOUND OFF

ST. JAMES HAVEN  
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Sat, Sept 20th 1 - 6 PM

St. James Haven (779 N. Main, Meadville)

Live Worship Concert  
Food Trucks  
Basket Raffle  
Children Activities



"Naked I hung on the Cross with arms outstretched, offering Myself freely to God the Father for your sins (Isa 53:7; Heb 9:28)... You, too, must willingly offer yourself daily to Me in the Eucharist."

~Thomas a Kempis,  
*The Imitation of Christ*, ch. 104.

We are once again asking for the help of every family for our 18th Annual Reverse Raffle, which will be held on Saturday, November 1st in the Saint Hippolyte social hall. We need you to donate consolation prizes for those who don't remain eligible for the final prize of \$1,000. If every family in the parish gave two prizes we would be in great shape. Your small investment will be returned to the church ten-fold. **Last year's profit was \$17,200!** Prizes can be brought to the church any Sunday morning and placed in the designated classroom at Saint Hippolyte, or call the parish office if you need to drop something off during the week. We'll even come and pick it up—just call Desi at the office (814-789-2022) to make the arrangements.

Some examples of items needed are:

- Gift Cards for gas, restaurants, shopping, movies, haircuts, etc.
- Camping, Hunting or Fishing Items
- Golf Items
- Theme Baskets
- Family Games
- Kitchen Gadgets or Small Appliances
- Live Plants or Silk Floral Arrangements
- Holiday Decorations
- Lawn & Garden Items
- Bottles of Wine or other Spirits
- Sweatshirts, Jackets, Hats, T-Shirts
- Tools & Car Care Items
- Instant Lottery Tickets
- Anything you would like to win!

**Reminder: All proceeds from this parish event are deposited into the parish general operating account to help with our parish expenses not covered by your offertory donations.**

**Le Nom du Pere Society has never received any of the proceeds from this fundraiser**

Please be sure to register your prize when you drop it off. Registration forms and instructions are available in the designated classroom.

If you don't like to shop, give us a monetary donation and we'll do the shopping for you!

**Please drop off your donations no later than Sunday, October 26th so that your prize can be included in the program.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



August 18, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza prompts concern from all people of goodwill. As Catholics, we especially are called by Christ to care for the suffering and the needy.

Pastoral concern has prompted the bishops of the United States to take up a collection for the assistance of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. Many are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions.

I ask you to give generously to this special collection, held in our parishes on the weekend of September 6-7, 2025. Funds received will be passed on to Catholic Relief Services. This group has a long-standing relationship with the Catholic Church in the region, which allows them to provide humanitarian relief and medical assistance quickly and efficiently.

Thank you for doing what you can to support our suffering brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas. I join with you in praying for peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

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