

# 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 7, 2025*

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranton, PA 16314  
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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, SEPT. 8, NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30am SH Adoration and Rosary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, SAINT PETER CLAVER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

11:00am SH Shirley Hope (Steve & Pat Ferry)

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

♦ The parish office is closed until Tuesday, September 16.

Today 9:30am Breakfast at OLL  
10:30am Rosary at SH  
Second Collection: Humanitarian Relief in Gaza  
Monday 8:30am Adoration and Rosary at SH  
6:00pm Family Society meeting at OLL  
Tuesday 7:00pm Choir at OLL  
Friday 8:30am Adoration and Rosary at OLL  
Sunday 10:30am Rosary at SH  
12:00pm Parent meeting/student registration at SH  
12:00pm SGW Restoration meeting at SH

## COMING EVENTS

Sept. 16 Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) meeting

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33  
MONDAY: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
TUESDAY: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19  
WEDNESDAY: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26  
THURSDAY: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38  
FRIDAY: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42  
SATURDAY: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49  
SUNDAY: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept 8: Judy Clark  
Sept 9: Stephen Schwartz, Jr.  
Sept 10: Robert Kuhn  
Sept 11: Dick Barickman  
Sept 12: Jody Kalinowski, Kinsley Pratt  
Sept 14: Garold Molli

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept 8: Randy & Rebecca Arbuckle  
Sept 11: Bob & Diane Schafer; Dan & Cristy Hamilton  
Sept 12: Don & Chris Bornemann

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

**Adults** – Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

**Youth** – Jesus tells His disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

**Children** – Jesus says that in order to be one of His followers, we must be close to Him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

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## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,478	\$ 49
envelopes used:	33	4
Building Fund last week:	\$ 202	\$ 10
envelopes used:	11	1

### Catholic Services Appeal 2025:

Diocesan Assessment: \$28,259

Pledges/Gifts: 69

Pledged: \$30,975

Payments Received: \$27,735

*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 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** Only with difficulty, O God, do we understand the things of earth; how much more difficult for us to grasp the truths of heaven! Grant us the wisdom of Your Spirit, the understanding bestowed on the true disciples, that we may carry the cross each day and follow after Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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:  
<http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm>



## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

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Join the diocesan 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.

**THE BULLETIN DEADLINE** for the September 21 bulletin is this Friday, September 12. To avoid confusion, submissions should be in writing. [office@sainthippolytechurch.com](mailto:office@sainthippolytechurch.com)

**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, call the parish office. Donation: \$10.

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

**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.

**Our annual Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, November 1.** Tickets are now available. If you purchased a ticket in the past, your ticket seller will be contacting you soon. If you did not have a ticket last year and you would like to attend, please contact Mike & Julie Foulk at 814-789-3688. In the meantime, we are again asking for your donations of our consolation prizes. We need 145 prizes (preferably in the \$20-\$25 range) which are awarded to ticket holders who do not make it into the grand prize "final five." Proceeds benefit St. Hippolyte and Our Lady of Lourdes. Last year's profit was \$17,200!

**Listening Session...**The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is requesting input from the laity throughout the nation in preparation for a pastoral document on the laity. Parishioners are welcome to attend the local listening session on Friday, September 26 at 6:30pm in the Saint Mary of Grace Social Hall, 1085 Water Street, Meadville.

**Theology Uncorked** Wednesday, Sept. 10, 6:30pm St. Agatha Center. It's not too late to sign up! Register with Amy so folders can be made. Snacks and/or wine to share are appreciated. 814-336-1112

**Rummage Sale at East Mead Vol. Fire Hall,** Friday, September 19 (8am-6pm) and Saturday, September 20 (Bag Day 8am-3pm). Donations are accepted Sept 15-18. Drop off items in the fire hall foyer. Hosted by East Mead V.F.D. Auxiliary Association. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Annual Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner** Sunday, October 5 from 11:30am until 5:00pm at St. Mary of Grace Church, Meadville. Adults \$15; Children 5-10 \$7; Children under 5 Free. Also: Raffle, 50/50, Gift Basket Auction, homemade cannoli for sale.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments — Diocesan Child Protection Policies:** The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more info, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

**Helping Hands:** Are you looking to breathe new life into your parish social ministries and connect with fellow parishioners in renewed service? Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie invites you to attend an information session to learn more about how Parish Care and Concern can help you use your gifts and talents as a parish family to serve your neighbors in need. On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 12pm, there will be a presentation at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie and an opportunity to attend virtually. Register at <https://bit.ly/PCandC> or contact Diane Gallagher at [dgallagher@ccincerie.org](mailto:dgallagher@ccincerie.org) or 814-824-1251 for more information. All are welcome.

## SOUND OFF

ST. JAMES HAVEN  
CONCERT FUNDRAISER

Sat, Sept 20th 1 - 6 PM  
St. James Haven (779 N. Main, Meadville)

Live Worship Concert  
Food Trucks  
Basket Raffle  
Children Activities



### Eucharistic Corner

"Communicating with Christ demands that we gaze on him, allow Him to gaze on us, listen to him, get to know him. Adoration is simply the personal aspect of Communion... God is waiting for us in Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us not leave him waiting in vain! Let us not, through distraction and lethargy, pass by the greatest and most important thing life offers us."

~ Pope Benedict XVI





August 25, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to thank you for your generous support of Catholic education in the past. I also ask you to continue your generosity during the weekend September 20-21 when we will conduct the Catholic Education Collection in our diocese.

This annual special collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our entire diocese. We have many reasons to be proud of the faith formation occurring at all levels - from parish religious education to Catholic schools, from baptismal instruction to adult faith formation and OCIA. We are teaching the truths of the Catholic faith and forming disciples.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support local education and faith formation programs. The other half supports diocesan faith formation initiatives, tuition assistance for Catholic school students and educator leadership development. A small portion also supports The Catholic University of America.

Please generously support this collection. Your gift to the Catholic Education Collection renews the very heart of the Church as we strive to carry out our mission to teach the Christian faith to each new generation. Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at <https://www.eriecd.org/cec.html>. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

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





## Catholics Returning Home

Please join us for informal group sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by Catholics who have returned home. The sessions are conducted in a support-group format. Everyone is welcome, no matter where they are from.

The Epiphany of the Lord Parish will conduct this ongoing series on six consecutive evenings at 6:30pm beginning Tuesday, Sept. 23. For more details call Amy at 814-336-1112.



Then Jesus told them this parable: "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the pasture and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, comes home, and calls together his friends and neighbors to tell them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep!' In the same way, I tell you that there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous ones who do not need to repent. ~Luke 15:3-6

**We are still accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant for our parish.** Don't let the bookkeeping aspect keep you from applying if you are not skilled in that area; other arrangements for that segment are possible. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please share this job opportunity with them. This is a wonderful way to serve the Lord and our parish and get paid for it. If you would like more information regarding this position—which could be part-time or full-time, depending on your needs—please contact the parish office or see a Finance Council member after Mass today.

**Beware of AI voice scams.** Deepfake technology is getting more convincing every day. Using AI, scammers are now able to clone the faces and voices of friends, family and even the IT personnel who support your computer systems. Use two factor authentication on your financial accounts. When it comes to family members, have a family password. Before giving information or login credentials to computer support personnel, call them separately using contact information you have saved locally before divulging any information or clicking on any links. Remember, scammers rely on urgency to get you to let down your guard. So, trust your gut. When the caller puts pressure on, pause and verify. Read more from the FTC: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2024/04/fighting-back-against-harmful-voice-cloning>. Share this information with coworkers and friends/family.



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