

SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

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

Liturgies:
Sunday 11:00am

Confessions:
By appointment

*The Second
Sunday of Easter*
**Sunday of
Divine Mercy**
April 16, 2023

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

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Sunday 8:00am

Confessions:
By appointment

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.

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 17, EASTER WEEKDAY
8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, EASTER WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, EASTER WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, EASTER WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, SAINT ANSELM
8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, EASTER WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am OLL Gertrude Homan (Julie Hovis & Lew Schaff)
11:00am SH Harry Semler (Ann Semler)

Read the parish bulletin online at www.sainthippolytechurch.com

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Dave Wolff (Odd Jobs).....814-573-6260

Mary Everitt (Respite Care).....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.

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 the Sunday Masses. 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 Jeffrey Lucas or Father Joseph Petrone, call 814-336-1112.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today		Faith Formation PS-11
	12:00pm	Edge Parent Session at SH
	2:30pm	Divine Mercy at SH
Monday	9:30am	Surrender class at SH
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir at SH
Friday	9:30am	Surrender class at OLL
Saturday	9:30am	First Eucharist Retreat at SH
Sunday		Faith Formation PS-9

COMING EVENTS

April 24 Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) at SH 6:00pm
April 26 Finance Council at Rectory 6:30pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
MONDAY:	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
TUESDAY:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
WEDNESDAY:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
THURSDAY:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
FRIDAY:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
SATURDAY:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
SUNDAY:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr 18: Dan Chatley
Apr 19: Raegan Belz
Apr 20: Alison Merritt
Apr 21: Olivia Gordon
Apr 22: Autumn Buckley, Rita Bogardus

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Apr 19: Jim & Marcene Karns; Jeff & Allison Mattis

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Second Reading
Adults – When and how do you experience the “new birth” which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebrate reconciliation? At other times?

Youth – Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Children – Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you “see” Jesus in others?

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Offertory last week:	\$2,258	\$1,690
envelopes used:	62	34
Building Fund last week:	\$ 285	\$ 207
envelopes used:	24	14

Catholic Services Appeal 2023:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,632

of Gifts/Pledges: 83

Pledged: \$28,770 Received: \$16,890

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: In Your great mercy, O God, You have given us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Who gathers us into community, stands among us and gives us peace. Day by day, increase in us this Easter faith, and day by day add to our number, that, believing in Jesus, Whom we have never seen, we may confess Him as our Lord and our God, and loving Him, Whom we cannot see, we may rejoice to share with others the pardon and peace He bestows. 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 or mailed to the parish office. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office. Our next monthly drawing will be held on Sunday, May 7.

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 Roman Catholic Church



Join the diocesan Facebook page at
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.

Today we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in a special way, beginning at 2:30pm at Saint Hippolyte Church. This is a day of complete forgiveness and pardon, where all our sins, and the punishment due to them will be atoned for, if we do as our Lord told St. Faustina. All are encouraged to attend and participate.

You may have noticed the beautiful new altar cloth at Saint Hippolyte. This custom-made cloth was purchased in memory of Lee Ann Leech with funds that were given to the parish in her memory. Thank you to those who donated.

Do you know someone who has been away from practicing their Catholic faith or have you yourself been away? We invite you back home to rediscover Christ! Informal sessions are held on Thursdays at 6:30pm at St. Brigid's library (383 Arch Street, Meadville). For more information call Amy at 814-336-1112.

Bishop Lawrence Persico has written an introductory letter to the clergy, women and men religious and lay faithful in order to inform them about the ongoing pastoral planning efforts in the Diocese of Erie. The letter will be followed by a series of letters designed to help people understand the situation more fully. Among the statistics included is the fact that Mass attendance in the diocese has declined by 78 percent since 1990. "We must think of ourselves as a diocese, mindful of the needs of all of our sisters and brothers, as we lay out a sustainable plan for the future," the bishop writes. "What needs to happen in order to care for all of the people in our diocese?" The full letter can be found at www.eriecd.org/planning.html.

Child Abuse Prevention Month: 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. In the Diocese of Erie for particular questions, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

THANK YOU!

- To those who donated soup, helped with set-up and/or clean-up for our Lenten Soup and Bread meals. We enjoyed some delicious food and great fellowship!
- To those who donated their time to lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent
- To the "floor guys" who are always willing to clean the floors and set up for our events.
- To those who volunteer their time and talents to clean at Saint Hippolyte Church and make the place sparkle and shine
- To our decorating crews. The worship space at both churches were beautifully decorated throughout the season of Lent, the Triduum, and the season of Easter. Your many, many hours of planning, ordering, arranging, etc. are greatly appreciated!

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



The Second Sunday of Easter is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." When Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in the Jubilee Year of 2000, he added the title to this day. In visions, Faustina heard Jesus request that the image of Divine Mercy be venerated on the Sunday after Easter, a day John Paul lovingly chose for Faustina's canonization.

Many communities display the image of Divine Mercy on this day. Jesus' penetrating, compassionate gaze reaches out to the viewer. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbols of blood and water—Eucharist and Baptism. Many Catholics confess their sins or pray before the Blessed Sacrament in conjunction with this feast.

A priest may use the prayers from the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy on any day when a stronger feast does not conflict. The Second Sunday of Easter has its own prayers and readings, so the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy is never permitted on that day. Instead, we observe the much older tradition of the octave day of Easter. The Gospel story of the doubting Thomas is heard every year on this day because Jesus appeared to him a week after the Resurrection. The other texts for this Mass refer to the season and to Baptism. This day used to be called *Dominica in albis*, the Sunday of white garments, because those baptized at the Easter Vigil wore their new vesture to conclude a week of catechesis about the sacraments.

Today the only change to this liturgy is its title: the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday. The mercy of God may be proclaimed in the homily or the Universal Prayer, but especially in the actions of believers, who extend God's mercy to all they meet.

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April 10, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the peace and joy of the risen Christ be with us during the Easter season.

I am writing to let you know I am preparing a pastoral letter to the clergy, women and men religious and lay faithful of the diocese. My hope is to give you a fuller understanding of our ongoing efforts in pastoral planning. I have a significant amount of information to share with you. While the entire letter will be published on our planning website at www.eriecd.org/planning.html, I am hopeful that by sharing portions of it as a series, people will be able to absorb the details more easily.

We are, always have been and always will be a missionary church. We are called not only to care for the souls of the churched, but also to invite others into the community Christ established on earth. My goal in beginning another more formal round of pastoral planning for parishes, is to create communities that are vibrant and dynamic, and in a position to extend a sense of welcome and belonging to all. Our planning website includes a good explanation of what I mean when I talk about vibrancy in a parish.

As the data we commissioned in 2015 predicted, our realities have changed significantly in the past eight years. The number of practicing Catholics in our diocese has declined steeply, as has the number of active priests available to serve in parishes. In fact, while the population in the 13 counties of our diocese has dropped by about seven percent since 1990, the number of Catholics who attend Mass on Sunday has dropped by 78 percent. I understand the pandemic hastened some of this decline. But that does not change our situation.

I have begun making visits to each region of the diocese and will continue to do so in the coming months. The needs in each area are different, and I plan to tailor information in my letters. But one message for all is that we must think of ourselves as a diocese, mindful of the needs of all of our sisters and brothers, as we lay out a sustainable plan for the future.

Our geography includes everything from mid-sized and small urban cities connected by four-lane highways to very small hamlets accessible only by winding, two-lane roads. In some areas, it is possible to walk between churches. In others, there may



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be 30 miles between churches. Decisions about the future need to be made with the big picture in mind. What needs to happen in order to care for all of the people in our diocese?

I invite you to visit our planning website as one way to remain informed. A bulletin announcement with the link has been made available, but we've created a prominent banner on the diocesan homepage as well. Just search for Diocese of Erie online.

I look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks, but until that time, I ask you to please join me in keeping the needs of the Diocese of Erie, its people and its clergy, in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

INDOOR GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

Saint Hippolyte Church Social Hall

Route 27 in Frenchtown

7 miles east of Meadville; 20 miles west of Titusville

New selection – nothing held over from previous years.

Thursday, May 18 and Friday, May 19

8:00am until 5:00pm

Saturday, May 20 -- Bag Day

8:00am until Noon

Parishioners and Friends: We will accept your donations at the church on Sundays after Mass starting in May, and directly into the social hall on May 15, 16 and 17 from 8:00am until 1:00pm. Paul is also available to receive your donations by appointment; give him a call at 814-853-2847.

Good Clean Gently used items are needed!

For example: clothing, furniture, appliances, lawn care items, household items, bedding, books, toys, etc. **We are unable to accept TVs, monitors, or printers.**

Our workers would greatly appreciate your labeling of the bags or boxes of donated clothing, indicating them as Infant, Child, Teenager, Man, Woman

Baked Goods and Refreshments ----- Stop in for lunch!!!

Your donations of Baked Goods for our sale are greatly appreciated!

All proceeds benefit Saint Hippolyte Le Nom du Pere Society

+++++ If you are available on any of the above dates, please call or text Paul Mercier (814-853-2847) or Kim Ferguson (814-795-1439) and let us know how you can be of service this year-----even if you have helped year after year.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED...

Please lend a hand to your fellow parishioners!

It's time for some outdoor spring cleaning of the parish grounds at:

- Saint Hippolyte Rectory
- Saint Hippolyte Cemetery
- Saint Hippolyte Church

Two organized clean-up sessions have been scheduled:

- ⇒ Tuesday, April 25—5:00pm until dark
- ⇒ Saturday, April 29—9:00am until ?

Come and help whenever you are available!

Whether you can help for a few minutes or a few hours, your help will be appreciated.

There are plenty of wind-fallen branches and sticks that need picked up in the cemetery as well as general cleanup and maintenance of the flower beds and lawns.

Please bring your own gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. and come join us for this time of service to the parish.



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