

# 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 Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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St. Hippolyte Social Hall: 814-789-4533

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## Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, SAINT LUCY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, ADVENT WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, ADVENT WEEKDAY  
8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am OLL Jim Schneider (Johanna Schneider)  
11:00am SH For the Parishioners of Sant Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes  
and Epiphany of the Lord Parishes

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## HELPING HANDS

### Coordinators:

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### Ministry of Welcome:

Garold Molli ..... 814-967-3813

Rosanne Chamberlain ..... 814-374-4026

**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 Saturdays at 8:30am and 3:00pm. To schedule an appointment with Father Jeffrey Lucas or Father Joseph Petrone, call 814-336-1112.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Faith Formation Grades PS-11 Special Collection: Retired Religious
Monday	12:00pm Sunday Social at Saint Hippolyte 9:15am Small Group Bible Study at SH 7:00pm Family Society at OLL
Tuesday	7:00pm Choir at OLL
Wednesday	Parish Office Closed
Sunday	1:00-3:00pm Confessions at St. Agatha Church Faith Formation Grades PS-9 12:00pm Holiday Bake Sale at SH 12:00pm Edge Parent Meeting #3 at SH 12:00pm Church Decorating at SH 5:30-7:00pm Journey to Bethlehem at OLL

## COMING EVENTS

Dec. 19 Pastoral Advisory Council meeting at OLL 6:00pm  
Dec. 23 thru Jan. 2 Parish Office Closed

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
MONDAY: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
TUESDAY: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32  
WEDNESDAY: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23  
THURSDAY: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30  
FRIDAY: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36  
SATURDAY: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
SUNDAY: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 13: Jane Butryn  
Dec. 14: Dan Kantz, Joshua Moore  
Dec. 18: Tom Mattis, Bill McCarthy, Stephen Schwartz,  
Amillie Young

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 16: Dennis & Anita Shaw  
Dec. 18: Al & Cindy Nahay

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's First Reading*  
**Adults** – What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

**Youth** – God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

**Children** – Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?  
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## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,514	\$1,457
envelopes used:	43	33
Christmas Flowers	\$ 538	\$ 315
Building Fund last week:	\$ 529	\$ 135
envelopes used:	23	13

### Catholic Services Appeal 2022:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,598  
# of Gifts/Pledges: 102  
Pledged: \$35,483 Received: \$31,993

*Thanks for your generosity and dedication.*

Lord,  
come and save us.

**HELPING HANDS PRAYER:** Joy and gladness, O God, attend the advent of your reign in Jesus, for wherever the good news is proclaimed to the poor, feeble limbs are made steady, and fearful hearts grow strong. Give us strength for witnessing, that we may go and tell others what we see and hear. Give us patience for waiting, until the precious harvest of your kingdom, when the return of your Son will make your saving work complete. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was, who is and who is to come, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

**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:  
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**Our Annual living nativity, *Journey to Bethlehem*** will be held next Sunday, December 18 at Our Lady of Lourdes from 5:30 until 7:00pm. If you would like to participate or help in any way,

**please contact Kevin Merritt at 814-720-1604.** Volunteers to fill the various roles and those who would like to help with set-up/clean-up are all needed and welcome to join in the fun! Donations of cookies for this event are also needed; just bring them to the social hall next Sunday morning or evening. The Parish Choir will be singing in the Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall during *Journey to Bethlehem*. All are welcome! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

**Decorating Volunteers are needed at Saint Hippolyte on Sunday, December 18 following the 11:00am Mass.** Many large items need to be brought out of storage. Volunteers are needed during the week as well, so please contact Nancy Buckley (724-746-1625) if you would like to help in any way.

**The next session geared towards parents of middle school and high school students will be held next Sunday, December 18** following the 11:00am Mass at Saint Hippolyte. This month's topic is "Decision Making and Discernment: Do these choices help me to be the best version of myself?" Lunch is provided and all adults of the parish are welcome to attend.

**A Holiday Bake Sale** will be held next Sunday at Saint Hippolyte from Noon until 2:00pm. Donations for the sale are gladly accepted and greatly appreciated!

**Additional times for Confessions have been scheduled at Saint Agatha Church, Meadville:**

- December 14: 1:00-3:00pm
- December 23: 6:00-8:00pm

Both Father Jeff Lucas and Father Joe Petrone will be available for confession during these times.

**We have been asked once again to provide 80 small jars of peanut butter** for the weekend food program at Maplewood Elementary School. Please bring your donations to Saint Hippolyte Church no later than next Sunday, December 18 so that the students will have food over their Christmas break. This is the start of the 5th year of providing food to the students in need at MES. We received this message regarding our continued support: *"You folks are so compassionate and you help to make the difference as we assist our families in our community with chronic hunger...may the Lord reward you well for the kindness you always show."*

**We still need more volunteers to clean at Saint Hippolyte Church.** Please contact Dani Wagner at wagner.dani@gmail.com or 814-671-4323 (texting is preferred) if you would like to volunteer. Volunteers are needed for the months of: March, August, October, November and December. Please contact Dani and select your preferred month. **THANK YOU** for your support in keeping the church clean!

## WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Each December 12 the Catholic Church honors Our Lady of Guadalupe. The feast recalls the day in 1531 when the Mexican peasant Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, having seen a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Tepeyac, yet having been rebuffed by the local bishop, obeyed Mary's command to pluck the roses that were impossibly growing in the rocky land during December. Bundling the flowers within his outer garment, Juan Diego returned to the bishop and opened his tilma to show the miracle of the roses. Then, to the wonderment of them both, the roses falling to the floor revealed an imprint of Our Lady on the very garment that bore the miraculous flowers.



Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has spread throughout Mexico, Latin America, North America, and the world. Her image adorns churches, homes, meeting rooms, places of business, cars, and clothes. The tilma itself remains on display at a basilica in Mexico City, where it is the object of intense devotion. Although the date is not a holy day of obligation on the Church's calendar, it is practically observed that way among the Hispanic population.

Ceremonies in parishes typically include a Mass, a serenade of devotional music addressed to the Virgin, a theatrical presentation of the story of Juan Diego, and the lively dancing of matachines to the loud accompaniment of drums, all honoring the power and love of Mary, especially her concern for the poor and the lowly.

In years when December 12 falls on a Sunday, the Mass is that of the Third Sunday of Advent, but it is still appropriate for those devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe to include music, devotion, petitions, and preaching that commemorate this important day.

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### CHRIST-KINDEL CORNER...

**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 to let them know.**



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## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones; however, we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Secondly, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most in-active Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many Catholics who have been away carry a tremendous amount of guilt, misinformation or anger about the Church so they are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family.

The Epiphany of the Lord Parish has a special program to help in-active Catholics return to the Church called *Catholics Returning Home*. *The next series begins January 12 at 7:00 in St. Brigid's library (383 Arch St, Meadville). Please pass this along to anyone who might be interested. For more information about Catholics Returning Home call Amy at 814-336-1112.*



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