

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 Lent
March 12, 2023*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranton, PA 16314
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Sunday 8:00am

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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

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Joyce Tarr 814-671-1009

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, MARCH 13, LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, LENTEN WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00pm SH Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, LENTEN WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, SAINT PATRICK
8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM
7:00pm SH Cursillo Holy Hour

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00am OLL For the parishioners of Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes and The Epiphany of the Lord Parishes
11:00am SH Harry Semler (Greg & Elaine Bond)

Read the parish bulletin online at www.sainthippolytechurch.com

HELPING HANDS

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 (visits/telephone).... 814-967-3813

Judy Shonnard (visits)..... 814-758-1169

Brenda Withers (telephone) 814-425-1062

Ministry of Welcome:

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

Rosanne Chamberlain 814-374-4026

Elizabeth Ministry:

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Beth Bryan (errands)..... 814-671-3335

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Chris Ploski (Odd Jobs) 814-282-7635

Shannon Ploski (Odd Jobs)..... 814-282-7634

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 Saturdays at 8:30am and 3:00pm. To schedule an appointment with Father Jeffrey Lucas or Father Joseph Petrone, call 814-336-1112. Confession will also be held at Saint Agatha Church on March 28, 5:30-7:30pm and at Saint Hippolyte Church on April 7 following the 3:00pm Good Friday Service.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Faith Formation Grades PS-11 12:00pm Edge Parent Session at SH
Monday	9:30am <i>Surrender</i> class at SH 7:00pm Family Society meeting at OLL
Tuesday	7:00pm Choir at OLL
Wednesday	6:15pm Soup & Bread at SH 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at SH
Friday	9:30am <i>Surrender</i> class at SH
Saturday	7:00pm Cursillo Holy Hour at SH
Sunday	Faith Formation Grades PS-9 12:00pm Sunday Social at SH

COMING EVENTS

March 22 Soup & Bread at OLL 6:15pm
Stations of the Cross at OLL 7:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
MONDAY: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
SUNDAY: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar 13: Mike Foulk, Kylee Mailliard, Matthew Stephens
Mar 14: Michael Huddleson, Jennifer Mitchell
Mar 15: Bill Chase, Carrie Smith
Mar 16: David Parker, Larry Rhoades
Mar 18: Tim Hartman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mar 14 Ken & Beth Bryan

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – When you are tempted to try to satisfy your “thirst for meaning” through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Christ? Through what means do you experience Christ’s power in your life: Sacraments? Scripture? Prayer? Others?

Youth – Jesus revealed himself to an outcast of society. How can you be “living water” to the outcasts of your school? Society? The world?

Children – How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?
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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,781	\$1,880
envelopes used:	44	41
Building Fund last week:	\$ 369	\$ 167
envelopes used:	17	18

Catholic Services Appeal 2023:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,632

of Gifts/Pledges: 71

Pledged: \$23,905 Received: \$11,775

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: O God, You loved us while we were yet sinners; in Christ You come in search of us. We thirst for Your grace. As once at Moses’ hand in the desert, as once at Jacob’s well with the Samaritan woman, so now make Your gift of faith in all of us, a spring of living water, leaping up to eternal life. We ask this through Christ, whose gifts are water, light and life, the Lord 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, April 2. **Congratulations** to our March winner: #1868 Tom Grundy, Saegertown; sold by Jen Grundy.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A CURSILLO WEEKEND or NEED MORE INFO?

The next Cursillo Weekend will be for women and held March 17-19 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborceek, PA. 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.

THE FAMILY SOCIETY will meet on Monday, March 13 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome to attend.

SOUP AND BREAD is held this Wednesday at 6:15pm at Saint Hippolyte. All are invited to this simple meal. Volunteers are needed to donate soup and bread at both churches. Please sign the list on the bulletin board if you can help. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will follow in the church at 7:00pm. [You do not have to attend the Soup and Bread meal to pray the Stations with us.] We are still looking for someone to lead the Stations on Wednesday, March 29 at Saint Hippolyte. Please call the parish office to volunteer.

A CURSILLO HOLY HOUR will be held at Saint Hippolyte Church on Saturday, March 18 beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome to pray with us.

SOCIAL SUNDAY will be held next Sunday, March 19 at Saint Hippolyte social hall immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Students in grades 6-8 will be performing some of the ministries at this Mass. All are welcome to join us after Mass for food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share if you can, but you don't have to bring food in order to join us for lunch.

THE SUMMER MOWING SEASON is just around the corner. We are currently accepting bids for mowing at the Saint Hippolyte Cemetery. You must have your own equipment. If you are interested, please submit your written quote to the parish office by March 27.

HELPING HANDS NEWS...At the recent meeting of the Saint Hippolyte Helping Hands Chairpersons we discussed that in addition to praying for people to return to attending Mass, it might be helpful if they were also contacted by cards, phone calls or talking in person to let them know that they are missed and to offer any help that may be needed. In addition, it would be nice to contact any parishioners who regularly attend Mass but have been absent for a few weeks, just to let them know that they are missed and to see if they need any help (perhaps they have been ill and need prayers, a meal, or other assistance). Helping Hands would like to invite the entire parish to participate in this endeavor. For further info, please contact Carole Jones. Thank you!

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE & LIBERTY

HOLY HOUR

March 17 at 6:30pm

Saint Agatha Church, Meadville

Holy Hour within the Stations of the Cross with exposition and benediction.

This Holy Hour is held on the third Friday of each month.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS SACRAMENTS

Every year at this time we celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist with our Faith Formation students. We will also welcome our RCIA candidates for full initiation during the Easter Vigil.

The Sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian Life; they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian life of faith

(see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1210)

Last weekend our second grade students celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Those students were: Madeline Carless, Lucas Huddleson, Owen Kirk, Kylee Mailliard, Ryleigh McWright and Ben Neely.

On May 23rd the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, St. Agatha Church, Meadville. Students from our parish being confirmed on that date are: Jonathan Grundy, Jeannie Juracko, Nicholas Knapka, Elliot McWright, Allison Merritt, Avery Palotas, Brady Rynd, Mara Schwartz and Zayne Smith. In addition, Luca White will be confirmed at All Saints Parish, Waterford on April 24th.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist on April 23rd at St. Hippolyte with Lucian Dashner, Liam Gordon, and Camden Pierce; and on April 30th at Our Lady of Lourdes with Harlan Kalinowski, Abby Merritt, and Paityn Shetler.

At the Easter Vigil on April 8, we will welcome Laurie Hamilton and Scott Wheelock into full communion with the Catholic Church as they will celebrate the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

We ask that you keep all these participants in your prayers for all these sacraments.

CHILD PROTECTION and CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS—Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521. *The diocese encourages anyone who has experience abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims/survivors or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543.*

HELP WANTED...WE NEED YOU!

Our last parish photo directory was published in 2016. A lot has changed since then: 35 new families have registered in the parish; 32 new members have been baptized; 62 parishioners have passed away.

It's time for a new directory but we need some volunteers. Here's how you can help:

- ◆ In-person sign ups will begin after the Masses on April 2 and continue on the Sundays throughout the month of April. Volunteers are needed to help parishioners find a time and day that will work for them, and their appointment reminders need to be filled out. ***Parishioners will receive a mailing very soon with information on how to make an online appointment before in-person sign ups take place. Choose your photo session day and time as soon as possible in order to have a session that works with your busy schedule.***
- ◆ Phone callers are needed to contact parishioners who have not yet made a photography appointment. These phone calls will take place during the later part of April. You will be provided with a script to use for the phone calls.
- ◆ Greeters are needed on the photography days (May 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes; May 12 and 13 at Saint Hippolyte). Teams of at least two people per shift would be ideal. The time frame involved for this will be:
 - Thursday, May 11:** 1:45-5:30pm and 5:15-9:00pm
 - Friday, May 12:** 1:45-5:30pm and 5:15-9:00pm
 - Saturday, May 13:** 10:15am-2:00pm and 1:45-5:30pmGreeters will "check-in" those who are coming for a photo session, ask families to check the church roster to be sure that their information is correct (name, address, phone, etc.), and contact any families who forgot to come to their appointment in order to re-schedule them. Guidelines for greeter duties will be provided to you.
- ◆ More members are needed to be on the Design Team. We already have a leader for this team, but more members are needed. Materials for the layout are provided to us by *Universal Church Directories* but we need some creative minds to put everything together.

If you can help in any way, please contact our chairperson,

Mary Ann Francic

724-452-4492

mafrancic@gmail.com

or contact the parish office at 814-789-2022

office@sainthippolytechurch.com

Pastoral Planning

Anne-Marie Welsh, the Director of Diocesan Communications for the Diocese of Erie, authored an article last May summing up the status of the Pastoral Planning Process in the Diocese. Bold added.

“It has been five years since the **first phase** of parish restructuring was implemented in the Diocese of Erie as a result of pastoral planning. At that time, through a series of mergers and partnerships, and after a significant process that included dialogue, feedback and refinement, the diocese reduced the number of its parishes from 117 to 96.






‘Change is never easy,’ says the Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie. ‘But it’s encouraging to see that the majority of parishes have handled their transitions very well. The primary goal remains creating healthy, vibrant parishes where people can grow in their relationship with Christ.’

As Bishop Persico has said on numerous occasions, planning will be a way of life within the diocese going forward. To that end, a series of resources and options were created by diocesan administrators for those involved in a **second phase** of planning during which a number of parishes in several regions have been exploring the possibility of merging or partnering in the future.

While not as public as the first-round effort, this second phase of planning has been transparent within the communities involved, including the parishes of St. Agatha, St. Brigid and St. Mary of Grace in Meadville, that have now come together as one: the Epiphany of the Lord Parish.

Recognizing that a number of parishes in need of planning next steps would benefit from a more structured approach, Bishop Persico now has introduced a **third phase** of pastoral planning. The national Meitler organization already has been engaged, first to update key data that will be useful for planning in three deaneries [Bradford Deanery, the Oil City Deanery, and the West Erie Deanery], and secondly, to outline the steps that need to be taken to bring plans to fruition.”

There have been numerous economic and demographic changes since the founding of many of our parishes in mid-19th through the early 20th century. Bishop Persico plans to engage the services of the Meitler organization to gather and analyze the data regarding these changes for *all* regions of the diocese to provide a factual basis for pastoral planning. The Bishop, priests, and the faithful are called to work together in this effort to build a strong and enduring future for the growth of the Catholic Church in Northwest Pennsylvania.

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