

# SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

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

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

### Confessions:

Before and After Mass or By Appointment

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



# 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

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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, DECEMBER 16, ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am SH Adoration and Rosary

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, SAINT PETER CANISIUS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00am SH Shirley Hope (Joe & Alice Johnson)

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 10 minutes prior to and immediately following Sunday Mass. 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 9:15-10:45am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH  
10:30am Rosary at SH  
12:00pm Holiday Bake Sale at SH  
Monday 8:30am Adoration and Rosary at SH  
9:30am Small Group Bible Study at SH  
Tuesday 7:00pm Choir at OLL  
Friday 8:30am Adoration and Rosary at OLL  
Sunday 9:15-10:45am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH  
10:30am Rosary at SH  
12:00pm Sunday Social at SH

## COMING EVENTS

Dec 23-27 Parish Office Closed  
Dec 29 No Faith Formation Classes

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
MONDAY: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27  
TUESDAY: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
WEDNESDAY: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25  
THURSDAY: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
FRIDAY: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
SATURDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
SUNDAY: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 18: Tom Mattis, Bill McCarthy, Amillie Young  
Dec. 19: Regina Foriska, Gerald Kutruff, Grace Sylves  
Dec. 20: Ruth Jackard, Avery Palotas  
Dec. 21: Ron Maloney, Rhonda Weagraff  
Dec. 22: Breanna Heme, Landon Pierce

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 18: Al & Cindy Nahay

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

**Adults** – How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

**Youth** – What do you remember from stories about your Baptism?

What does your Baptism mean to you now?

**Children** – Why is it so important to keep promises which you have made?

[lifelongcatechesis.osv.com](http://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com)

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning this week at Saint Hippolyte in memory of Ed Coyle as requested by Mary Beth Coyle.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Offertory last week:	\$1,963	\$1,800
envelopes used:	42	30
Holy Day:	\$ 211	\$ 80
Retired Religious:	\$276	
Building Fund last week:	\$ 498	\$ 160
envelopes used:	20	6

### Catholic Services Appeal 2024:

Diocesan Assessment: \$29,034

# of Gifts/Pledges: 65

Pledged: \$28,275 Received: \$25,790

*Thanks for your generosity and dedication.*

**HELPING HANDS PRAYER** O God, the fountain of life and rejoicing, renew us in Your love and baptize us with the fire of Your Holy Spirit, that we may proclaim to all people the Good News of Your presence in our midst. May we delight to share with them Your peace, which surpasses all understanding. 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, given to Kathy Young or mailed to the parish office. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office or Kathy Young. Our first monthly drawing will be held on January 5..

**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](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.

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, please call Desi at the parish office at 814-789-2022. Donation: \$10 per week.

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

**Women and men religious offer gratitude.** "Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters, Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donations help, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

**Next Sunday is Social Sunday!** Students in grades 9-12 will participate at Mass in a special way as lectors, ushers, hospitality ministers and gift bearers. Following Mass all are invited to the social hall for food and fellowship. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share, but you don't have to bring something to attend. Beverages and table service are provided by Le Nom du Pere Society.



**Did you know...**Some Pennsylvania Dutch farmers would throw a pile of hay in the barnyard on Christmas Eve so that the dew might fall on it? In the morning they would feed this hay, heavy with the Christmas dew, to their livestock convinced that they would prosper for the next twelve months. There is an old adage: "The hay is for the mule on which the *Christ-kindel* comes riding on Christmas Eve."  
**Don't forget...** Say a prayer! Find a small gift! Plan a surprise for your Advent Prayer Partner!



We currently have two fundraisers benefitting the Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund: Christmas Luminaries and a Winter Blues Spring Outdoor Raffle. The Confirmation Students and Stained Glass Window Committee are partnering to light up the Church

on Christmas Eve! Luminaries can be done in "Memory of" or "Honor of" anyone you would like. The cost is a donation. All donations will benefit the Stained Glass Window Restoration Project. Please see students and/or committee members after Mass to complete an order form. Order forms and donations are due by Dec. 22.

A Winter Blues Spring Outdoor Raffle will be held on March 15, 2025. Raffle Tickets are \$10 for a chance to win 10 great prizes OR \$30 for a chance at the prizes as well as attendance at a Dinner Event with guest speaker and additional raffles. See any member of the SGW Restoration Committee or call the parish office for more information or to purchase tickets. Only 150 tickets for the dinner event will be sold.

**Online Donation Safety - 'Tis the season for charity scams: How can you tell what's a scam?** Charity scammers want to get your money quickly. They often pressure you to donate right away and ask for cash, gift cards, cryptocurrency or wire transfers. Scammers often refuse to send you information about the charity, won't answer questions or explain how the money will be used. They might even lie and say you've already made a pledge to donate. If you receive unsolicited emails from charities you have never heard of or have no association with, do not respond and do not click on links contained in them. Instead, verify the charity's legitimacy by using its official website. You can report financial fraud to the FTC here: <https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov>.

**Due to the upcoming holidays,** the deadline for submitting information to be included in the bulletin is **12:00 NOON** on these dates:

- For the Dec. 22nd bulletin: Dec. 16
- For the Dec. 29th bulletin: Dec. 20
- For the Jan. 5th bulletin: Dec. 30



Imagine you hear our Father in Heaven saying to you:  
 "I know you so often feel overwhelmed and beaten down, like everything is working against you. That doesn't change how I see you. You are My child, my precious son or daughter. Think of how you feel when you look at your child and feel overwhelming love, despite whatever they've done. That's a small glimpse of how I feel for you. I could never say I don't want you near Me; My heart longs for the day when we are one. Until then, know that everything that happens will lead you to that end. Even the trials and the things that exasperated you and feeling so alone. My beloved Son felt all those things, and I took those trials and made something good out of them. Hold on. I'll do the same for you. You have a purpose. Surrender all to Me. Trust Me. Give Me your anxieties and just breathe. You are doing a good job. Give me your hand, and we'll walk together in each moment. I will always help you, my precious, precious child."

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# Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

*Celebrating Together for Holy Year 2025*

Diocese of Erie  
December 2024



## YEAR OF JUBILEE



*Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica to inaugurate the Jubilee Year of Mercy at the Vatican in this file photo from Dec. 8, 2015. CNS photo/Vatican Media*

Welcome to the *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* monthly newsletter. Join us each month for ways to stay connected and to celebrate this Holy Year.

## CALLED TO CONNECT

*As we prepare for this upcoming Holy Year, I want to share with you some reflections on the significance of this Jubilee Year: "Pilgrims of Hope". The Holy Father has called us to **"fan the flame of hope that has been given us"** and to help others **"gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."***

*This theme underscores the commitment we have made in our own diocese to look forward after facing the challenge of pastoral planning to embrace our future with trust and faith. **As we unite during this sacred time, may our hearts be opened to the graces and blessings of this extraordinary celebration.** Whether you are making a pilgrimage to Rome or encountering the Lord in your local community, let us honor this Holy Year with a renewed sense of mission and hope.*



The spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
therefore he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
To proclaim liberty to captives,  
Recovery of sight to the blind and release of prisoners,  
To announce a year of favor from the Lord."

*Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend  
Lawrence T. Persico

~~~~~ *According to the Scriptures* Luke 4:18-19



## JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

## CELEBRATIONS

It's a time for spiritual renewal. Explore Jubilee Mass celebrations, events and faithful ways to connect. Key dates:

- **12.24.24** - Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica of Rome
- **12.29.24** - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Diocese of Erie Opening of the Holy Year
- **10.15.25** - [Diocese of Erie Pilgrimage to Italy](#)

The Year of Jubilee has a special logo or picture (see front) that represents something. The Jubilee logo has distinct colors and meaning: **Red** symbolizes love, passion and self-sacrifice, Christ's sacrifice and his boundless love for humanity; **Orange** expresses joy, vitality, and enthusiasm, the light that illuminates the path of faith; **Green** is universally recognized as the color of hope, growth, and rebirth, and; **Blue** symbolizes faith, peace, and tranquility, evoking the sky and spirituality, and inviting contemplation and prayer.

If you could draw a logo that would symbolize what your family represents, what would it look like? Grab your crayons or markers and get creative!

## SAINT OF THE MONTH



**St. Jude** is the patron saint of hope and impossible causes. As one of Jesus' original twelve Apostles, he preached the Gospel with great passion, often in the most difficult circumstances.

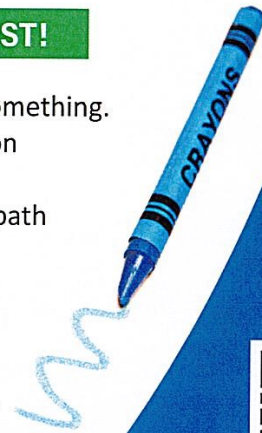
## FAITHFUL FACTS!

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first jubilee, also known as a "Holy Year," since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us.

## LIVING THE MISSION

In announcing the 2025 Holy Year, Pope Francis said, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us." (Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022). **In what ways can you take this opportunity to celebrate your faith and the faith of others?**

## HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!





# Charity Fraud

## Here's how it works:



Someone contacts you asking for a donation to their charity. It sounds like a group you've heard of, it seems real, and you want to help.

But how can you tell what's a scam? Charity scammers want to get your money quickly. They often pressure you to donate right away. They ask for cash, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfers. Scammers often refuse to send you information about the charity. They won't answer questions or explain how the money will be used. They might even lie and say you already made a pledge to donate.

## Here's what to do:

- 1. Take your time.** Don't trust your caller ID. Scammers use technology to make any name or number appear on caller ID. Tell callers to send you information by mail. Do some research. Is the charity real? If callers ask you for cash, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or a wire transfer, it's a scam.
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend.** Probably everyone you know gets charity solicitations. This information could help someone else spot a possible scam.



Want to know more?  
Sign up for Consumer Alerts  
at [ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts](https://ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts).

...*Pass* it ON

## Please Report Scams

If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

- Go online: **ReportFraud.ftc.gov**
- Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)  
or TTY 1-866-653-4261

Your report can help protect other people. By reporting fraud, you can help the FTC's investigators identify the scammers and stop them before they can get someone's hard-earned money. It really makes a difference.



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Our Lady of Lourdes

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