

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

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

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, DECEMBER 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
6:00pm Toni Pierce (Neely Family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, ST. JUAN DIEGO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, OUR LADY OF LORETO

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, SAINT DAMASUS I

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, SAINT LUCY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00am SH Rosalie McCracken (Jack McCracken)

Read our parish bulletin online at
www.sainthippolytechurch.com
and The Epiphany of the Lord parish bulletin at
www.epiphanymeadville.org

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Coordinators:

Fran Greathouse 814-425-2549

Carole Jones 814-789-2881

Prayer Requests:

Bob 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.

EUCCHARIST: If you require a gluten-free host, please notify the hospitality minister as you enter the church.

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 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

Today	9:15am	Faith Formation Classes PS-8
	10:30am	Rosary at SH
Tuesday	7:00pm	Choir at OLL
Wednesday	5:00pm	Family Society Christmas Party at OLL
Friday	8:30am	Adoration and Rosary at OLL
		Parish Office Closed—Friday, Dec. 12
Sunday	9:15am	Faith Formation Classes PS-9
	10:30am	Rosary at SH
		Second Collection: Retired Religious

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 15 Parish Office Closed
Dec 16 Choir Christmas Party at SH
Dec 21 Holiday Bake Sale at SH following Mass until 2:00pm
Decorating for the Christmas Season at SH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
MONDAY: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
TUESDAY: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
THURSDAY: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
FRIDAY: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SUNDAY: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 8: Doreen Stafford
Dec 9: Linda Poly
Dec 10: Robert Schmidt III
Dec 13: Jane Butryn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 9: Jeff & Mary Vittorio
Dec 11: Scott & Kathleen Wheelock

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's First Reading

Adults – Name the one thing in your life which you must “move out of the way” in order to make more room for Christ—a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling?

Youth – What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following Him?

Children – Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

SH/OLL

Offertory last week: \$ 836
envelopes used: 32

Building Fund last week: \$ 265
envelopes used: 14

Catholic Services Appeal 2025:

Diocesan Assessment: \$28,259

Pledges/Gifts: 69

Pledged: \$31,025

Payments Received: \$29,760

Thank You!

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

As the year comes to an end, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the blessings we've received and consider how we can give back. Your support helps us continue our mission and make a positive impact in our community. Plus, your contributions can be beneficial during tax season. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. We are truly grateful for your support.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER

Stir up within us, O God of peace and mercy, a sincere desire for repentance, that, baptized with the Holy Spirit and kindled by the fire of Your love, we may bring to every circumstance and setting the justice, gentleness and peace that the incarnate of Your Word has caused to sprout up and blossom upon the earth. 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 Sunday, January 4.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?



Discover why families always matter at:
<http://www.eriescd.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.

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 the parish office at 814-789-2022. Donation: \$10.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Rosary is offered at 8:30am on Monday mornings at Saint Hippolyte and Friday mornings at Our Lady of Lourdes. ***Due to the holy day of obligation**, adoration and the rosary will not be held tomorrow.

Monday, December 8 is a holy day of obligation—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm at Saint Hippolyte tomorrow.

The Family Society Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 5:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. For more information, contact Judy Shonnard at 814-758-1169. All are welcome!

A second collection will be taken next Sunday for The Retirement Fund for Religious. Please read today's insert from Bishop Persico for more information regarding this important program.

Additional Confessions during Advent will be offered at Saint Agatha Church on Wednesday, December 17 at 5:00pm.

Advent Giving Tree Reminder: Please return your wrapped gifts with the tag attached no later than next Sunday, December 14th. This will give time for the committee to sort and organize the gifts in order to get them to the families before Christmas. (contact Shannon Ploski at 814-282-7634 with questions regarding this process) We are also collecting non-perishable food for six families thru next Sunday.

We are collecting small jars of peanut butter for the backpack program at Maplewood Elementary School. 100 jars are needed by next Sunday, December 14th in order for them to be distributed to the students over their Christmas vacation. Thank you for your support.



May God bless you for your generosity!



Our Annual Holiday Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 21st immediately following Mass. Held in the Saint Hippolyte social hall, the sale continues until 2:00pm (or until sold out).

Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated; drop them off in the social hall before Mass. Don't want to bake this year?...Please keep us in mind for your holiday cookies and baked goods.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity — We are in the process of forming a group for adults to focus on and discuss the book *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus* written by Sherry A. Weddell. With the book the author leads you through the steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God. Some stats to consider:

- Fully 10 percent of all adults in America are ex-Catholics.
- Nearly three-quarters of young Catholics think that they could be a good Catholic without going to Mass every Sunday.
- Catholic marriages have declined by almost two thirds since 1969, even as the number of Catholics in the United States has grown significantly.
- Only one third of Catholics believe that the bread and wine actually become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at the consecration during Mass.

If the Church is to reverse these trends, the evangelizers must first be evangelized. In other words, Catholics in the pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to Him. This book study is a great way to start! To participate, contact Eileen Mantz at 814-425-1405.

Something more to ponder....*Hemorrhaging Faith* was a study that showed why some young adults STAY in the church.

1. They had experienced God's presence and love, and had seen God answer prayer.
2. They could openly discuss their spiritual experiences and questions within the community.
3. They had heard and wrestled with their spiritual experiences Great Story of Jesus (the Kerman) at a deep level.
4. They had experienced communities of faith and older adults living the Christian faith in authentic and compelling ways.

Stay tuned for reasons why young adults are leaving.

Eucharistic Corner

"How is it that we do not die of love in seeing that God Himself could do no more than shed His divine blood for us drop by drop?"

~St Teresa of the Andes



December 1, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has passed, and we are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious to be held in parishes on December 13th and 14th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as the over 20,000 retired religious throughout the country.

The **Retirement Fund for Religious** offers financial support for those Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for years for little or no stipends. Last year, the people in our diocese contributed \$138,840.00 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gift provides help for their ongoing health care supporting them as they age safely, with dignity, and comfort.

Senior Religious are our treasure in the Church. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, religious education programs, hospitals, social service agencies and countless other ministries throughout our diocese; many still serve those in need today. Those who are no longer able to actively minister continue to support all that is being done through their ministry of prayer. They also remember the generous people who assist them through the aging process.

Some of you may not presently know consecrated men and women, but they have affected your lives through their ministry to your parents and grandparents and through the many organizations now in place due to their foresight and generosity. Ministries started by Sisters have had a tremendous influence in this diocese, and they stand as a legacy to those generous women who dedicated their lives in service to the reign of God and continue to find ways to minister to others. I join you in praising God for their faithful and generous service to the Church in the past and in the days and years to come.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's blessing on all our women and men religious. Know you remain in their prayers. Please join me in supporting this year's **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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“Donors like you have made it possible for me—and religious like me—to continue our mission in spirit and in prayer. Thank you for helping us live with dignity and peace.”

Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86, center

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help.

They have spent decades caring for those in need, but years of service for little or no pay have left many religious communities without sufficient retirement savings. Today, over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover their rising health care costs, medication, and daily living expenses. Your gift can help ensure they receive the care they deserve. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

From left:

Brother Jordan Coonen, OP, 84;

Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86;

Sister Sharon Glumb, SLW, 76.

Visit retiredreligious.org/2025photos to meet the religious pictured.

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To give at your parish: Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

Amount: ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$ _____

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Please check with your employer about matching gifts.

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*Our parish elderly or shut-ins
might enjoy a card or letter from you.*



BOB and DONNA AARON — 13045 N. Wayland Road, Meadville, PA 16335

DUTCH BARICKMAN — 12740 Schenenberg Road, Guys Mills, PA 16327

JOYCE BERNIER — Wesbury, 31 Park Avenue, Room 249, Meadville, PA 16335

ELISABETH GUEST — Embassy of Park Avenue, 14714 Park Avenue Ext., #128,
Meadville, PA 16335

LUCILLE HAMILTON — 23448 Hunter Road, Meadville, PA 16335

JIM and MARCENE KARNS — Crawford County Care Center, 20881 PA-198,
Saegertown PA 16433

LINDA KERR — Crawford County Care Center, 20881 PA-198, Room 412
Saegertown PA 16433

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ELAINE MORRELL — PO Box 55, Cochran, PA 16314

SHIRLEY PORTER — 26579 Shaffer Road, Guys Mills, PA 16327

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*If you are aware of someone who needs to be added to or removed from this list, please
contact the parish office.*