

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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

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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 15, ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am SH Adoration and Rosary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, ADVENT WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, ADVENT WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00am SH For the Parishioners of St. Hippolyte &
The Epiphany of the Lord Parishes

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-12 with Child Protection Videos
	10:30am	Rosary at SH Second Collection: Retired Religious
Monday	8:30am	Adoration and Rosary at SH
	9:30am	Small Group Bible Study at SH
Tuesday	7:00pm	Choir at SH
Wednesday	5:00pm	Confessions at St. Agatha
Thursday		
Friday	8:30am	Adoration and Rosary at OLL
Saturday		
Sunday	9:15am	Faith Formation Classes PS-9
	10:30am	Rosary at SH Holiday Bake Sale at SH

COMING EVENTS

December 24-26 Parish office closed

December 28th No Faith Formation

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
MONDAY:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
TUESDAY:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
WEDNESDAY:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
THURSDAY:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
FRIDAY:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
SATURDAY:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
SUNDAY:	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 18: Tom Mattis, Bill McCarthy, Stephen Schwartz,
Amillie Young

Dec 19: Regina Foriska, Gerald Kutruff, Grace Sylves

Dec 20: Ruth Jackard, Avery Palotas

Dec 21: Ronald Maloney, Rhonda Weagraff

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 1st 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:	\$ 2,404
envelopes used:	62
Holy Day	\$ 285
Building Fund last week:	\$ 506
envelopes used:	33

Catholic Services Appeal 2025:

Diocesan Assessment: \$28,259

Pledges/Gifts: 69

Pledged: \$31,025

Payments Received: \$29,945

Thank You!

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER Sustain us, O God, on our Advent journey as we go forth to welcome the One who is to come; and make haste to help us as we seek to understand what we went out to see in the Advent wilderness: Your patience nurturing Your saving purpose to fulfillment, Your power in Jesus making all things new. 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 Jan 4th.

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>



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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 Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at Saint Hippolyte Church in memory of Ed Coyle as requested by MaryBeth Coyle.

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.

They gave their lives in service — now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation — it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious by placing your donation in the envelope provided last Sunday or in an envelope marked "Retirement Fund for Religious" in the collection basket by next Sunday.

An extra time for Confessions has been added to the schedule before Christmas. Confessions will be heard at St. Agatha Church in Meadville on Wednesday, December 17, 5:00-6:30pm.

Breakfast with Santa was a huge success! Thank you to all who supported this event in any way...from those who organized, to those who attended...your support and presence was a gift to



Our Annual Holiday Bake Sale will be held next Sunday in the Saint Hippolyte social hall from Noon until 2:00pm (or until sold out). Donations of

baked goods are greatly appreciated; please drop them off in the social hall before Mass. We appreciate all of your support!

Don't want to bake this year?...Let us do the baking for you! We will once again have a selection of mix-and-match cookies so that you can purchase assorted cookies by the dozen. There will be lots of other delicious baked goods, too. You won't be disappointed!

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. In order for your donations to be credited in 2025, they must be received at the parish office OR postmarked by December 31, 2025. According to the IRS regulations, we cannot credit donations that are received at the parish office in 2026 to your 2025 statement (except for those postmarked in 2025).

Upcoming events...mark your 2026 calendar for:

- French Dinner: February 7
- Mardi Gras Party: February 14
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation: March 7
- Sacrament of First Holy Communion: April 26
- Sacrament of Confirmation: May 17
- Ham or Chicken Dinner: July 26

FRENCH DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

SAINT HIPPOLYTE SOCIAL HALL

\$20 PER PERSON, IN ADVANCE

DINNER SERVED ON THE HOUR

5:00PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM

TICKETS ARE NOT SOLD AT THE DOOR

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY

Reservations will be taken thru January 24

Call Connie at 814.967.3813

This year's menu features Chicken Cordon Bleu along with our famous French onion soup. We are still in the process of finalizing the menu.



CHRIST-KINDEL CORNER...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 he would feed this hay, heavy with the Christmas dew, to his 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! Send a card! Find a small gift! Plan a surprise for your Advent Prayer Partner!

Eucharistic Corner

"You heard me, only Friend whom I love. To ravish my heart, You became man. You shed Your blood, what a supreme mystery!"

~St Therese de Lisieux



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