

# SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

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

## Liturgies:

Monday 8:30am Communion Service  
Sunday 11:00am

## Confessions:

Before and After Mass or By Appointment

# The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

## Liturgies:

Friday 8:30am Communion Service

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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Email: office@sainthippolytechurch.com  
www.sainthippolytechurch.com  
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 11, SAINT DAMASUS I  
8:30am SH Communion Service and Rosary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, SAINT LUCY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, ADVENT WEEKDAY  
8:30am OLL Communion Service and Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, ADVENT WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
11:00am SH Ed Coyle (Mary Beth Coyle)

Read the parish bulletin online at  
[www.sainthippolytechurch.com](http://www.sainthippolytechurch.com)

## 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  
Mary Ann Francic (Mass)..... 724-452-4492  
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  
Mary Everitt (temporary relief to a caregiver)  
..... 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.

**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.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 8:00am Faith Sharing Group at OLL  
9:15am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH  
Monday Parish Office Closed  
9:30am Advent Retreat at SH  
6:00pm Family Society meeting at OLL  
Tuesday 6:00pm Choir at OLL  
Thursday 6:00pm Adoration at OLL  
Friday 9:30am Advent Retreat at OLL  
Sunday 8:00am Faith Sharing Group at OLL  
9:15am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH  
12:00pm Faith Formation Grades 9-10 at SH  
12:00pm Holiday Bake Sale at SH

## COMING EVENTS

Dec. 19 Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) at SH 6:00pm

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
MONDAY: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26  
TUESDAY: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
WEDNESDAY: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
THURSDAY: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19  
SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
SUNDAY: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 11: John Buckley  
Dec. 13: Jane Butryn  
Dec. 14: Josh Moore

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 11: Scott & Kathleen Wheelock  
Dec. 16: Dennis & Anita Shaw

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's First Reading*

**Adults** – When you hear Isaiah comfort the people by promising that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs into his arms, what is your response?

**Youth** – John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can you be good news to your friends and family this week?

**Children** – How do you experience God taking care of you, even in times of trouble?

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## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,846	\$1,056
envelopes used:	57	24
Building Fund last week:	\$ 383	\$ 115
envelopes used:	27	7

### Catholic Services Appeal 2023:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,632

# of Gifts/Pledges: 93

Pledged: \$36,210 Received: \$32,280

*Thanks for your generosity and dedication.*

## Prepare the way of the Lord

**HELPING HANDS PRAYER** O God, Whose word is comfort and Whose promise is a new creation, prepare the way in the wilderness of our world. Open our eyes to the One Who comes into our midst, that by lives of holiness and service we may hasten the coming of that day and be found at peace when at last it dawns. We ask 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:  
<http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm>

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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 in memory of your loved one at either Saint Hippolyte or Our Lady of Lourdes, please call Desi at the parish office at 814-789-2022. Donation: \$10 per week.

**Adoration** is held every Thursday at Our Lady of Lourdes from 6:00-7:00pm. All are welcome! **Our Lady of Lourdes Church is open for private prayer each Friday** until noon, following the Communion Service and Rosary.

**The Family Society will meet** on Monday, December 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes at **6:00pm**. All are welcome to attend.

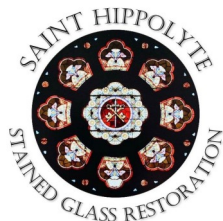
**Next Sunday is our annual Holiday Bake Sale at Saint Hippolyte Church** from noon until 2:00pm (or until sold out). Your donations of baked goods will gladly be accepted and very appreciated! Stop by the social hall after Mass and shop for some delicious homemade baked goodies. Back by popular demand is our "build your own" cookie box with a wide selection of cookies available. Thanks for your support!

**Additional times for Confession are available at Saint Agatha Church:** Friday, December 15 from 1:30-3:00pm; Wednesday, December 20 from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

**The Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC)** will meet on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00pm at Saint Hippolyte (rescheduled from Nov. 28).

**Our Confirmation Class is partnering with the Stained Glass Window Restoration Committee to light up the Church on Christmas Eve!**

The Confirmation students will be taking orders for those interested in sponsoring a Luminary for use at Mass on Christmas Eve. Luminaries can be in "Memory of" or "Honor of" anyone you would like. The cost is just a donation. All donations will benefit the Stained Glass Window Restoration Project. See one of the students in the back of the church by December 17 to reserve your luminary. Raffle tickets benefitting the Stained Glass Window Restoration Project are also available in the vestibule. Thanks for your support!



## WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

Advent is the season that begins our new church year. It is the time of waiting and preparation for the Nativity of Christ. This year, Advent began on December 3rd and will end on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Advent prepares us for the real meaning of Christmas and helps us to prepare for celebrating the coming of Christ. Many of us use the Advent wreath in our homes and celebrate each week. The candles represent; Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. This is the order for lighting them in your home. The Advent Wreath is just one of our ways of celebrating the Advent Season. Another way includes using the Little Blue Books provided by Le Nom du Pere which are available in the vestibule. There are many online resources for you to use for Advent as well. One source is available at [ewtn.com/advent](http://ewtn.com/advent) and another can be found at [dynamiccatholic.com/advent](http://dynamiccatholic.com/advent). Have your Best Advent Ever!

One of our parish's Advent traditions is the Christ-kindel activity name exchange which took place last Sunday. If you chose not to participate in the Christ-kindel activity then we suggest that you choose someone who you feel is in special need of prayer during this Advent season and pray for them daily. Perhaps send them a *thinking of you* card throughout the Advent season without disclosing your name until Christmas; just as we do for our Christ-kindel activity. This activity can be as creative as your ideas are.

Advent gives us a chance to remember that Jesus came to bring Hope, Love, Joy and Peace to our hearts and to our world. When we arrive at the Fourth Sunday of Advent, it will also be Christmas Eve. Please remember that the Mass you attend on Sunday morning, December 24<sup>th</sup>, does not fulfill your obligation for the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), a holy day of obligation.

Thank you to all who helped me have a great 90th Birthday. It was an awesome day! Thanks again and God bless everyone. *Carl Hotchkiss*

### 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.**



When a priest receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders, it is a special consecration in relation to Baptism and Confirmation, a deeper configuration to Christ the Priest. Jesus makes them His active ministers in the official worship of God and in sanctifying their brothers and sisters. Holy Orders marks the priest's soul as a sign and vehicle of the

special graces and power given for the sanctification of the whole Church. The priest's very being participates in the reality of Christ's priesthood and is his true identity. He is now consecrated to the worship of God and spreading sacred realities: the truth and grace of God. *Priesthood in the Third Millennium, St. Pope John Paul II, 1993.*



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Saint Hippolyte

Our Lady of Lourdes

*Please drop this form in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.*