

SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

26012 N. Frenchtown Rd., Guys Mills PA 16327
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Monday 8:30am - Prayer Service and Rosary
Sunday 11:00am - Mass

Confessions:

Before and After Mass or By Appointment

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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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.

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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, SEPTEMBER 2, WEEKDAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, WEEKDAY

8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00am SH Intentions of Clark, April, Sophia & Lilli Terrill
(Michael & Aimee Vinca Family)

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 & 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

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. 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

Monday Labor Day—Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 6:30pm Rosary at OLL
7:00pm Choir at SH
Wednesday 6:00pm Finance Council meeting at Rectory
7:00pm Le Nom du Pere Society meeting at SH
Friday 8:30am Adoration and Rosary at OLL
Sunday 9:00am Light Breakfast at OLL

COMING EVENTS

Sept 9 Family Society meeting at OLL 6:00pm
Sept 15 Parent meeting and Faith Formation registration at SH following the 11:00am Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
MONDAY: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
TUESDAY: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
WEDNESDAY: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
THURSDAY: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
FRIDAY: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
SATURDAY: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
SUNDAY: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept 2: Chase Miller
Sept 3: Craig Beuchat, Carole Jones
Sept 4: Ron Kalinowski
Sept 5: Mary Grundy
Sept 7: Keri Huddleson
Sept 8: Judy Clark

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept 6: Brian & Elizabeth Burnette
Sept 8: Randy & Rebecca Arbuckle

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Second Reading

Adults – Based on this reading from James, what is the sign in one's life that faith is present?

Youth – Jesus warns about the things that will lead us away from God. What tempts you away from being the person that God created you to be?

Children – What steps can you take to more humbly welcome Christ into your heart?

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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning this week at Saint Hippolyte Church in memory of Clyde Shank as requested by the Family.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Offertory last week:	\$1,966	\$ 212
envelopes used:	39	13
Building Fund last week:	\$ 420	\$ 21
envelopes used:	17	6

Catholic Services Appeal 2024:

Diocesan Assessment: \$29,034

of Gifts/Pledges: 62

Pledged: \$26,855 Received: \$21,390

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER Lord God of our ancestors, Whose statutes and ordinances are for all time a way of holiness, cleanse us through and through, and keep our hearts faithful. As we welcome Your saving Word, help us speak it in the generous service of those most in need, for this alone is religion pure and undefiled. 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.

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 or the parish office. **The next Cursillo weekend is Men's #255**, October 18-20 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek. This will be the final Cursillo weekend held in 2024. There's still time for men to sign up and attend.

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

The deadline for submitting items for the bulletin of Sunday, September 15 is this Thursday, September 6.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Friday morning at 8:30am until Noon at Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Family Society is sponsoring a light breakfast next Sunday at 9:00am at Our Lady of Lourdes. Food will be provided but you may also bring food to share. Please come next Sunday for fellowship before or after you attend Mass. All are welcome!

The Parish Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 6:00pm at the Rectory.

Le Nom du Pere Society will meet on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00pm in the Saint Hippolyte parish activities room. Come early to enjoy food and fellowship. All are welcome!

A follow-up meeting for the Frenchtown Ham or Chicken Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30pm in the Saint Hippolyte Parish Activities Room. All are welcome to attend. Please bring your ideas and suggestions and any issues that you are aware of so that we can make corrections and improvements for 2025.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Diocesan Requirements for working with children:

Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to see what is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

Today we welcome **Father David Adiletta, O.P.** who will share information regarding his work in Kenya. Today's second collection will benefit his mission. Donations may also be placed in next week's collection basket in an enveloped marked "Mission Appeal". Thank you for your generosity.

We are pleased to tell you that Phase I of our Stained Glass Window project is nearing completion!

As such we will be moving right along to Phase II! We are kicking off a fall fundraiser — *Cemetery Headstone Cleaning*. Contact Steve Ferry for information and/or to arrange a cleaning. Steve can be reached at 814-333-8441. Flyers about this project are available in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our Stained Glass Window projects.



We are still collecting donations of animal crackers for the weekend backpack food program at Maplewood Elementary. Your donations can be left in the boxes available under the coats in the vestibule at Saint Hippolyte. Thank you for your continued support of this important program!

Upcoming Events at our partner parish: The Epiphany of the Lord. All are welcome!

- **Franciscan at Home** Do you ever feel tempted to turn away from God and His ways? Wondering how to do a workshop using *Franciscan at Home*? Learn how to do both at once on Sat., Sept. 7, 9:00am-3:00pm at St. Agatha Center in Meadville. Come for a day of spiritual growth as Amy Mosbacher guides us through "An Introduction to Spiritual Combat." Lunch is available for \$7 per person. Please bring your own laptop, tablet, or phone. Register with Amy at 814-336-1112.
- **Theology Uncorked** Wednesdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 23, 6:30pm at St. Agatha Center in Meadville. Register with Amy so that folders can be made for everyone. 814-336-1112 or amy.mosbacher@catholic-meadville.org




Most of the Gospel readings throughout the summer focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life, from the sixth chapter of John. How centralized the Eucharist is to our faith is so important. The Church gives us an entire summer to contemplate it! Try finding some time in your day, grab a cold drink and the Bible, and just sit with the scriptures for a

few minutes. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you read a few passages from John 6. There's a lot happening: Jesus feeds the 5,000, He walks on water, He gives the whole Bread of Life discourse, etc. What jumps out at you? Read that part again, and reflect on what Jesus may be saying to you in that scripture, and ask what He wants you to do to live it out. End your prayer time by simply being with Jesus, not even talking, just enjoy being with Him, like you're sitting next to your best friend.

PLEASE
PRAY
FOR
OUR
PRIESTS

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Very Rev Nicholas Rouch, VC	2 	3 Rev Vincent Cieslewicz	4 Rev. Mark Nowak	5 Rev Stephen Collins	6 Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw	7 Rev David Carter
8 Rev John Chaplin	9 Rev David Renne	10 Rev. Cory Pius	11 Rev. Gregory Passauer	12 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, V.F.	13 Rev Richard Allen	14 Rev John Jacquel
15 The Most Rev Lawrence Perrico	16 Rev. Walter Packard	17 Rev. Stephen Schreiber	18 Rev Msgr. Bruce Allison	19 Rev William O'Brien	20 Rev Philip Oriole	21 Rev Zab Amar
22 Rev Benjamin Dagher	23 Rev Luke Dagher	24 Rev James Piszker	25 Rev. Msgr. Richard Stiefer	26 Rev Robert Manning	27 Rev Alexander Amico	28 Rev Jason Feigh
29 Rev Thomas Aleksa	30 Rev Mark O'Hern					



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find Catholics who aren't active in their faith in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones; however, we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our inactive brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Secondly, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most inactive Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many Catholics who have been away carry a tremendous amount of guilt, misinformation or anger about the Church so they are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family.

At The Epiphany of the Lord there is a special program to help inactive Catholics return to the Church called *Catholics Returning Home*. *The next series begins Sept. 17 at 6:30pm in St. Mary of Grace Social Hall (1085 Water St, Meadville). Please pass this article on to anyone who might be interested. For more information about Catholics Returning Home call Amy at 814-336-1112.*

Introductory Note



Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.¹ The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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¹ *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.



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