

SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

26012 N. Frenchtown Rd., Guys Mills PA 16327
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Liturgies:

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

Confessions:

By appointment

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranton, PA 16314
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Confessions:

By appointment

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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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00pm SH Lena Love (John & Fran Greathouse)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, WEEKDAY

8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, SAINT JOHN EUDES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00am SH Rosalie McCracken (Dan & Cec Richard)

and

The Parishioners of Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes and
The Epiphany of the Lord Parishes

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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.

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 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 Doubet Family Reunion at SH
 Monday 9:30am Small Group Bible Study at SH
 Wednesday 6:30pm Catechist meeting at SH
 Sunday Second Collection: Latin America

COMING EVENTS

Aug 28 Pastoral Advisory Council meeting at OLL 6:30pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
 MONDAY: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
 TUESDAY: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/
 Lk 1:39-56
 WEDNESDAY: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
 THURSDAY: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1
 FRIDAY: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
 SATURDAY: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
 SUNDAY: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 15: Kenneth Stafford
 Aug. 16: Bernadette Lewis
 Aug. 17: Julie Hovis, John Ritchey
 Aug. 18: Pam Garofola, Jared Wolff
 Aug. 19: Terry Bensel, John Choffel
 Aug. 20: David George



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 18: Doug & Rose Gordon

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel
Adults – Tell about your experiences of hearing God speak in “tiny voices” rather than in the winds and earthquakes of life.
Youth – In today’s Gospel, Peter began to walk on the water when he was focused on Jesus. He began to sink when he got distracted by the storm. What is your life like when you are focused on Jesus and your relationship with God? How is it different when you get caught up in other things?
Children – What does God’s voice sound like when you pray and listen to Jesus?
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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Offertory last week:	\$1,873	\$2,152
envelopes used:	45	35
Mission Appeal:	\$ 312	\$ 427
Building Fund last week:	\$ 327	\$ 126
envelopes used:	21	15

Catholic Services Appeal 2023:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,632
 # of Gifts/Pledges: 93
 Pledged: \$36,510 Received: \$29,700

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.
 Many have asked how they can still support our parish if they attend Mass at another parish. If you attend Mass at another parish, simply drop your offertory envelope in their collection basket and it will be forwarded to our parish. We do the same for those who attend Mass in our parish but are members of another parish. **Thank you for your continued support of our parish.**



HELPING HANDS PRAYER Strong and faithful God, Your outstretched arm governs the mighty forces of creation, and Your gentle hand cradles even the smallest of creatures. Strengthen our “little faith,” and open our eyes to Your presence at every moment of history and in every circumstance of life, that we may face with serenity times of testing and turmoil, and walk with Christ through every storm toward safe haven and true peace. 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.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Discover why families always matter at: <http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm>



Welcome to the members of the Doubet Family who are visiting us for their family reunion today! In 1833, Jean-Claude Doubet (1783-1847) left his home in Roye, France and arrived in Frenchtown. Jean-Claude was instrumental in founding the parish of Saint Hippolyte, together with Jean-Nicolas DeMaison, and it is believed that the parish name was derived from that of the church in his hometown of Roye. Both of these fine gentlemen are buried in Saint Hippolyte Cemetery. (excerpts from *A History of the French Settlement in Crawford County*, written by Paul T. Poux)

Tuesday, August 15 is a holy day of obligation — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 14 at 7:00pm at Saint Agatha Church; on Tuesday, August 15 at 7:30am and 12:15pm at Saint Agatha, and at 6:00pm at Saint Hippolyte.

Catechists and substitute catechists will meet on Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30pm at Saint Hippolyte. Please contact Joyce Tarr at 814-671-1009 if you are unable to attend.

The community garden at Our Lady of Lourdes is producing many vegetables. Please come on Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm and take what you can use.

The Rosary will continue to be prayed on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Saint Philip Church, 401 S. Mercer Street in Linesville has accumulated many items in their hall over the last 40 years. There will be a sale of these items on August 26, from 9:00am until 4:00pm. See the flyer on the bulletin board for a list of the numerous items available,

FYI...the cost of the votive candles that are available at both churches has risen to \$3.37 each. We continue to ask for a donation of \$2 when you light a candle in memory of your loved one or for your special prayer intention. We appreciate any additional donation you can give to help cover the cost of the candles.

We once again want to thank those who volunteer to keep Saint Hippolyte Church clean. It is a never-ending job and we greatly appreciate those who give of their time and talent to accomplish this task on a monthly basis. Several of those who volunteer tell us that they really enjoy their quiet time with the Lord. We are still looking for volunteers for the months of November and December. You don't have to take the entire month; consider just a week or two. You can sign up on the schedule that is posted in the church vestibule or call Dani Wagner at 814-671-4323 to volunteer.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS



This week we celebrate two important feasts. Today, August 13th is the Feast of St. Hippolytus of Rome and Tuesday August 15th is the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

St. Hippolytus is known most importantly as a 3rd century theologian in the Christian Church. He holds the distinction as being the first antipope, but he died in 235 reconciled to the church as a martyr and is recognized as a saint. He is the patron saint of our Parish and is credited as the author of Eucharistic Prayer II and of this prayer:

We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved servant, Jesus Christ, whom at the end of time you did send to us a Savior and Redeemer and the Messenger of your counsel, who is your word inseparable from you; through whom you did make all things and in whom you are well pleased. Amen

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated on August 15th. In 1950 Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Church teaches that the Virgin Mary, having completed her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. The prayers we are most familiar with are the Hail Mary and the Rosary. The Assumption of Mary is the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary

Do you pray the Rosary? Here in our parish, the rosary is prayed one half hour before our Sunday Mass and also after our Monday and Friday Communion Services. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

**Volunteer
Spotlight**

Clergy Thoughts by *Father Kyle Seyler*

I thought that it would be fitting to introduce myself for my first Clergy Thoughts, given that this is only my third weekend here in my new assignment, and I have not yet had a chance to do so for the whole parish.

My name is Father Kyle Seyler, and I am happy and excited to be your new priest, your new Parochial Vicar! I was born and raised in Franklin, and my parents still live there. I go home quite often to visit them, and they look forward to visiting me here, with all of you. They had me attend St. Patrick School, my home parish grade-school, from kindergarten through eighth grade, after which I attended Franklin High School (public school).

I first heard my call to the priesthood on my Confirmation retreat at my home parish, during my junior year of high school. The priest leading our retreat, who I already knew from his time at my home parish as our Parochial Vicar years prior, told me that he saw something in me, in my eyes, that prompted him to ask me if I had ever thought of the priesthood and seminary before, to which I replied that I had not. He saw that I was sadly one of the only people in my class who took the retreat and Confirmation seriously, and he invited me to think and pray about it. After looking at some other options in a couple different colleges, I came back to what I felt was my vocation in life. And so, I decided to enter St. Mark College (or Minor) Seminary in Erie, straight out of high school, while getting my bachelor's degree in philosophy at Gannon University. I was there for four years before being sent to St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore for another four years in Major Seminary. Finally, I was ordained a priest in 2017 at our cathedral and was given my first assignment at Our Lady of Peace Church in Erie.

I was only at OLP, however, for half of my assignment there (1.5 years) before falling into major depression, upon which I was sent to St. Luke Institute in Maryland, a mental health institution for priests and religious, for an evaluation. After that, I was advised to stay there in their "Flexible Length Program," which ended up being about 3.5 months long for me. Despite the treatment I received, my time there made my depression immeasurably worse, and upon my return to the diocese, I was placed on a medical leave of absence and assigned to live at Holy Rosary rectory in Erie. I came back from the institute to being put under very painful and unjust restrictions, and this rectory in Erie proved to be a bad arrangement for me on top of that. And so, after several months of living there, I was sent to live with my parents in Franklin.

I was home with them again for about 1.5 years before eventually moving into St. Patrick rectory and living there with my home pastor, Monsignor Herbein, whose health had been declining. During this span of time, I gradually came out of my depression and transitioned back into priestly ministry, doing more and more sacrament ministry for the people of my home parish. After Monsignor retired and moved out of the rectory, I stayed there for about another month to take care of the people before the new pastor arrived. I lived with him for about another month before moving out myself and into Our Lady Queen of the Americas rectory in Conneaut Lake, where I still reside and will be residing throughout my time here with all of you, for multiple good reasons. I covered the sacramental ministry in Father David Carter's parish for almost a whole year, as he gradually recovered from two replacement surgeries.

And now, after almost four years of being on medical leave and helping out in the two aforementioned parishes, I am here with all of you, in my second priestly assignment. Despite my joy in being here to serve, feed, and help shepherd you, I think it is important for us to have a common understanding right from the start, regarding expectations. I can never possibly fill the shoes of your prior parochial vicar, Father Joe Petrone, for two reasons. First, he is an excellent priest, whom I know has found a special place in your hearts. Second, unlike him, I have the handicap of a major depressive disorder and am not coming here from another assignment in full active ministry. As I said, I am coming here from nearly four years of a medical leave of absence. Therefore, I am not ashamed to say that I do not possess as great of a capacity as Father Joe, nor am I going to be able to work at as fast a pace as he has. And so, I ask for your prayers, your patience, and your understanding. As I said, I am very much looking forward to this assignment, and I am going to give it my all, in loving service to you. I hope that we can get to know and love each other more and more, as time goes on, and may God bless you all abundantly in His goodness.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Kyle Seyler



July 31, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For more than 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. This collection supports diocesan pastoral, catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers.

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Please consider generously supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America the weekend of August 19-20, 2023. Your contribution, and especially your prayers, will help make our Catholic faith a living reality for people throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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