

SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

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

Monday 8:30am - Prayer Service and Rosary
Sunday 11:00am - Mass

Confessions:

Before and After Mass or By Appointment

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranon, 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

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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 2, ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am SH Adoration and Rosary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, ADVENT WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, SAINT NICHOLAS

8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, SAINT AMBROSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00am SH For the Parishioners of Saint Hippolyte/Our
Lady of Lourdes and 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 & 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

Today	No Faith Formation Classes
	10:30am Rosary at SH
Monday	8:30am Adoration and Rosary at SH
	9:30am Small Group Bible Study at SH
Tuesday	#iGiveCatholic Giving Day
	6:30pm Rosary at OLL
	7:00pm Choir at OLL
Wednesday	4:00pm Kitchen Cleaning at SH
	7:00pm Le Nom du Pere Society meeting at SH
Friday	8:30am Adoration and Rosary at OLL
Sunday	9:00am Breakfast at OLL
	9:15-10:45am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH
	9:15-10:45am Adult Education Session at SH
	10:30am Rosary at SH
	12:00-1:30pm Faith Formation Grades 9-12 at SH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
MONDAY:	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
TUESDAY:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY:	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
THURSDAY:	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY:	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
SATURDAY:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUNDAY:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Dec. 2: Lydia Honard
- Dec. 3: Adam Tate
- Dec. 4: Tyler George
- Dec. 5: Connie Bensel, Lila Wilcox
- Dec. 6: Allison Mirage
- Dec. 7: Kathy Dale, DeAnn Diegelman
- Dec. 8: Doreen Stafford

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Dec. 2: Garold & Connie Molli

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading

Adults – Paul exhorts us to “make greater progress” in our spiritual lives. What one step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?

Youth – Advent is the church season when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas. What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

Children – What helps you to grow in your faith? Who helps you?
lifelongcatechesis.osv.com

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,574	\$ 417
envelopes used:	37	18
Building Fund last week:	\$ 266	\$ 52
envelopes used:	18	9

Catholic Services Appeal 2024:

Diocesan Assessment: \$29,034

of Gifts/Pledges: 65

Pledged: \$28,175 Received: \$25,380

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

THANK YOU, James and Gerald Hamilton!

James and Gerald Hamilton have donated several tons of gravel for our parking lot expansion project at Saint Hippolyte Church. This project would not have been possible without this generous donation! **Thank you also** to John Hamilton for his many hours of work moving and packing down the gravel with a bulldozer. John looked like he was having lots of fun, but the many hours of hard work are greatly appreciated. More thank you notes will appear as this project unfolds. Thanks to all involved!

HELPING HANDS PRAYER God of holiness, whose promises stand through all generations, fulfill the longings of a humanity weighed down by confusion and burdened with fear. Raise up our heads and strengthen our hearts, that, free from anxiety and steadfast in hope, we may look forward to the glorious return of Christ, our Judge and our Savior, 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 January 5.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?

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

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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.

Le Nom du Pere Society meets this Wednesday, December 4 at Saint Hippolyte. A cleaning bee for the social hall kitchen will be held, beginning at 4:00pm on Wednesday. Can't come that early? Come whenever you can! Food and beverages will be available and the monthly meeting will follow at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to hang out with LNPD members and learn the things that this organization does in service to our parish. All are welcome!

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious during next weekend's second collection.

Faith Formation for Parents—Next Sunday we'll be talking about "Examen." This Ignatian prayer gives us a chance to pause, even if only for 5 minutes, and take stock of our day and see where we are in relation to God. See you in the Saint Hippolyte Youth Room on Sunday at 9:45.

Update on our Advent Giving Tree: All gifts should be returned to the tree no later than next Sunday, December 8. Please don't forget to attach the tag from the tree to your wrapped gift(s). Thank you for your support of this annual program.

#iGiveCatholic—Giving Day—Tuesday, Dec. 3

Your donations through #iGiveCatholic will benefit our parish's Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund.

Direct donations to the parish can be made with the envelope included in last Sunday's bulletin or by visiting the special website: <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-hippolyte-parish>

Back by Popular Demand! St Hippolyte Confirmation Class is once again partnering with the Stained Glass Window Restoration Committee! Together we will help 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 done in "Memory of" or "Honor of" anyone you would like. The cost is a donation. All donations will benefit the Stained Glass Window Restoration Project. Order forms are available in the Saint Hippolyte Church vestibule and the deadline is December 22nd.



Don't forget to pray for your Christ-kindel this week!



Walk with One

During this third and final year of the Eucharistic Revival, we are presented with "Walk With One." <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one>

"In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to "walk with one" person to a new or renewed experience of God's love.

Evangelization, or "bringing the Good News," typically happens in one-on-one moments that are not planned or scripted. This can happen at the grocery store, the bus stop, or a sporting event. As Pope Francis has noted, "Anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 120).

You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith? Here's a simple four-stage process of accompaniment that focuses on a "heart-to-heart" approach:

- 1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility:** • Write down a list of people you know and pray over the list • Visit our Lord in Eucharistic adoration and ask him to show you whom to reach out to • Do a novena to the Holy Spirit asking for increased discernment and guidance
- 2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit:** • Write down the person's name on a sticky note and keep it in your wallet to remember during prayer • Ask for God to open the heart of the person you are called to meet, to be receptive to him • Offer a Mass or a holy hour for the person
- 3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship:** • Meet up for coffee • Share lunch together • Plan a weekly phone call with someone you plan to walk with throughout the year
- 4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her:** • Invite the person to a Bible study or book club group • Invite a person to join you for Mass and coffee afterward • Invite the person over for dinner where you could have a personal conversation and share your faith"



A reflection from Dr. Matthew Breuninger, SEEK24 Conference:

"Do not forget this. That the Lord wants to heal and He comes to you. He's journeyed to you from all eternity to meet you under the guise of bread and wine so that He can enter those places and spaces deep within you and show you that He is not afraid, He's not scared of those places, that He wants to console you. He heals the brokenhearted, and He desires you the way a bride desires a bridegroom...When you receive [Communion], be vulnerable, and find these images of safety and security that allow Christ to enter the very depths of your being, and that allow you to feel soothed, and cared for, and safe and loved."

Winter Blues Spring Outdoor Raffle

**Benefits: St. Hippolyte Stained Glass
Window Restoration**

Drawing: March 15, 2025

Prizes available with the **\$10.00 Raffle Ticket** :

1. *Hawken Woodsman 50 cal.
 2. 10' Pelican Kayak
 3. *Winchester SXP Hybrid Hunter 12 ga.
 4. Wilson Top Flight Golf Clubs with bag
 5. *Ruger Bold Action 350 Legend
 6. 4 Person Walleye Charter by Misfit Charters
 7. *Savage Arms Bolt Action 17 HMR
 8. 36" Blackstone Griddle
 9. *Mossberg Patriot 308 with scope
 10. Six Hour Guided Steelhead Fly Fishing Trip with Ari Coptis, Keystone Fly Girl
- *Winner must pass a background check.

OR

Purchase the **\$30.00 Event Dinner Raffle Ticket**
for a chance on all of the prizes listed above and
attend the dinner on March 15, 2025 at Saint Hippolyte Social Hall.

The \$30 ticket includes:

- Dinner—BYOB
- Guest Speaker Presentation
 - Raffle Drawing
- Additional side raffle items

Doors open at 6:00pm. *Only 150 dinner tickets will be sold.



October 29, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious, to be held in parishes on December 7th and 8th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as for the over 30,000 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 \$140,304 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gift is vital for their ongoing health care, supporting them so that they may age safely, with dignity and comfort.

Senior Religious are a treasure of 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 serve still support all that is being done through their ministry of prayer, while continuously remembering the generous people who care for 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. They stand as a legacy to those generous women who dedicated their lives in service to the reign of God and who continue to find ways to minister to others. I join you in praising God for their faithful and generous service to the Church both in the past and in the years to come.

Please join me in supporting this year's **Retirement Fund for Religious**. 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 and mine.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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