

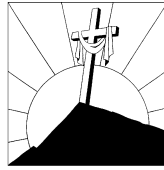
SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

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:

First Sunday of the Month or By Appointment



*Sunday of Divine
Mercy
April 27, 2025*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Friday 8:30am - Adoration and Rosary

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kyle Seyler

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St. Hippolyte Social Hall: 814-789-4533
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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 28,

SAINT PETER CHANEL; SAINT LOUIS GRIGNION de MONTFORT
8:30am SH Adoration and Rosary

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, SAINT PIUS V

THURSDAY, MAY 1, SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

FRIDAY, MAY 2, SAINT ATHANASIUS
8:30am OLL Adoration and Rosary

SATURDAY, MAY 3, SAINTS PHILIP and JAMES

SUNDAY, MAY 4, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00am SH Tammi Weier (Joyce Tarr)

Read the parish bulletin online at
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HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Coordinators:

Fran Greathouse 814-425-2549
Carole Jones 814-789-2881

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Julia Hovis 814-657-3265

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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

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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

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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.

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 immediately following Sunday Mass on the first Sunday of the month. To schedule an appointment with Father Lucas or Father Seyler, call 814-336-1112.

Sacramental Emergency: 814-350-7676

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH
	10:30am Rosary at SH
	2:30pm Divine Mercy Service at SH
	4:00pm Confirmation Practice at St. Agatha
Monday	8:30am Adoration and Rosary at SH
	9:30am Small Group Bible Study at SH
Tuesday	7:00pm Choir at SH
Wednesday	7:00pm Le Nom du Pere Society meeting at SH
Thursday	8:00am Indoor Garage Sale at SH
	7:00pm Confirmation at St. Agatha Church
Friday	8:00am Indoor Garage Sale at SH
	8:30am Adoration and Rosary at OLL
Saturday	8:00am Indoor Garage Sale at SH
Sunday	Faith Formation Grades PS-12 at SH
	10:30am Rosary at SH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

MONDAY: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58

FRIDAY: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

SUNDAY: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr 28: Erma Genis, Gerald Hutchison, Fran McClain

Apr 29: Kiley Dent

May 1: Jack Rynd

May 2: Kyle Acel, Allison Polley, Lilli Terrill

May 3: Gwen Shank, John Wentworth

May 4: Brooke Mirage

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Apr 28: Paul & Zita Sanner; Joe & Cindy Mirage

May 1: Carl & Kay Hotchkiss

May 2: Brett & Jenna Barickman

May 3: Larry & Sharon Nielsen

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week—how you are being sent forth.

Youth – Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

Children – Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Offertory last week:	\$1,643	\$ 1,107
envelopes used:	42	21
Building Fund last week:	\$ 285	\$ 132
envelopes used:	17	11

Catholic Services Appeal 2025:

Diocesan Assessment: \$28,259

Pledges/Gifts: 62

Pledged: \$23,840 Received: \$14,550

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER Creator God, You gather Your people together to celebrate Jesus, Who is the First and the Last, the Living One, Who has conquered death. Give us the Spirit's gift of strength that we may share with all believers the pain and persecution that faith in Jesus can demand. Let us come by patient endurance to share also in the glorious kingdom where Jesus lives and reigns as the Risen Lord, one 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 next monthly drawing will be held on May 4. Be sure to turn in your sold tickets!

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.eriecld.org/fam.htm>

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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.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have a celebration here at St. Hippolyte Church, beginning at 2:30, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praying a Litany for the sick, and for those who have died this past year, and Praying The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Father Michael Kesicki will hear confessions during Adoration and will end the celebration with Benediction.

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 is held at 8:30am on Monday mornings at Saint Hippolyte and Friday mornings at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Le Nom du Pere Society will meet on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00pm at Saint Hippolyte. The usual business meeting will be held and final set-up for the Indoor Garage Sale will take place afterwards. All are welcome to attend.

A Pre-Baptism Program for parents who are anticipating the baptism of their child will be held on Sunday, May 18 following the 11:00am Mass at Saint Hippolyte. Attendance at this program is required for first time parents. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please contact Joyce Tarr at 814-671-1009 for more information.

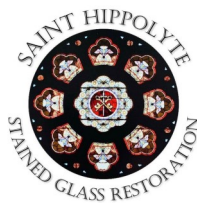
The annual Indoor Garage Sale at Saint Hippolyte will take place this week — Thursday and Friday from 8:00am until 5:00pm; Saturday (Bag Day) from 8:00am until Noon. Donations will be accepted until Noon on Wednesday; please take your donations directly to the social hall. Volunteers are still needed to work on the sale days. Contact Paul at 814-853-2847 or Kim at 814-795-1439 to volunteer or for more information. Thank you to those who have donated or volunteered for the sale. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eried.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.



“Jesus, on the altar I can see neither Your Humanity nor Your Divinity. For my senses, the sight, the taste, the touch, there are only the bread and wine. Give me the eye of faith to see through these appearances, to penetrate these veils and see You as You really are.”
~Fr. Lawrence G. Lovasik, SVD

In your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of our former pastor, Reverend B. LaMounte Sayers who recently passed away. Father Monty was pastor here from October 1996 thru July 2006. May he rest in peace with our heavenly Father



Once again Steve Ferry will be cleaning Cemetery Headstones as a fundraiser for the Stained Glass Window Project. In anticipation of Memorial Day, Steve will be cleaning headstones now through the month of May. Contact Steve @ 814-333-

8441 for more information and/or to arrange a cleaning at any of the local cemeteries. All proceeds benefit the Stained Glass Window Restoration.

Return Ministry — Do you have a family member or someone you know who has left the practice of the Faith? Have you ever wondered how to have those difficult conversations with them without driving them further away? Plan to attend the event at Saint Agatha on Thursday, May 15 at 6:30pm where guest speaker Pamela Crouch will present how she founded Return Ministry at her parish and the amazing results they’ve seen in New Castle, PA. All are welcome to attend.

Thank You to those who donated peanut butter for the students at Maplewood Elementary School who received care packages over the Easter break as well as those who are supporting the *Food For Thought* food pantry through food donations and working at the food pantry on Wednesdays. The families receiving these donations are very appreciative of your support.



Faith Builders Christian School 24th Annual Benefit Auction will be held on Friday, May 2nd at 4:00pm at 28527 Guys Mills Road, Guys Mills. Food will be available at 3:30pm, featuring BBQ Chicken, Sausage Sandwiches, Garbage Fries, etc.





May 2025 Parish Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Sunday Mass: 11:00am at Saint Hippolyte View the monthly parish calendar online: https://sainthippolytechurch.com/events.html </div>				<i>1</i> 7:00pm Confirmation at St. Agatha	<i>2</i> 8:30am—OLL Adoration and Rosary	<i>3</i>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Indoor Garage Sale Set-up at SH </div>				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> 8:00am— 5:00pm Indoor Garage Sale at SH </div>	8:00am— 5:00pm	8:00am— Noon
<i>4</i> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> Faith Formation PS-12 (last class until September) 12:00pm—SH Confession	<i>5</i> 8:30am—SH Prayer Service and Rosary 9:15am—SH Small Group Bible Study Happy Birthday Father Lucas	<i>6</i> 6:00pm—OLL PAC Joint Meeting with Epiphany 6:30pm—OLL Rosary 7:00pm—OLL Choir	<i>7</i> Parish Office Closed	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 8:30am—OLL Adoration and Rosary	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> Second Collection: Good Shepherd 9:00am—OLL Breakfast 	<i>12</i> 8:30am—SH Prayer Service and Rosary 9:15am—SH Small Group Bible Study 6:00pm—OLL Family Society	<i>13</i> 7:00pm—SH Choir	<i>14</i> 6:00pm—SH Ham/Chicken Dinner Planning	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 8:30am—OLL Adoration and Rosary	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 12:00pm—SH Baptism Class	<i>19</i> 8:30am—SH Prayer Service and Rosary 9:15am—SH Small Group Bible Study	<i>20</i> 7:00pm—OLL Choir	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 8:30am—OLL Adoration and Rosary 7:00pm Priesthood Ordination at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> Second Collection: International Needs	<i>26</i> <i>Memorial Day</i>  Parish Office Closed	<i>27</i> 7:00pm—SH Choir	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> 6:00pm—SH Holy Day Mass	<i>30</i> 8:30am—OLL Adoration and Rosary	<i>31</i>

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rev. Casimir Wozniak	2 Very Rev. Andrew Boyd, V.F.	3 Rev. William Laska
4 Rev. William Sutherland	5 Rev. Jeffrey Lucas	6 Rev. William Barron	7 Rev. Glenn Whitman	8 Rev. Luke Daghir	9 Rev. Richard Allen	10 Rev. Kevin Holland
11 Pray for Vocations	12 Rev. Msgr. James Sanner	13 Rev. Johnathan Schmolt	14 Rev Msgr. Charles Kaza	15 The Most Rev Lawrence Persico	16 Rev. Philip Pinczewski	17 Rev. Alexander Amico
18 Rev. Thomas Whitman	19 Rev. Michael Kesicki	20 Rev. Brandon Kleckner	21 Rev. LaMonte Sayers	22 Rev. Mark Mastran	23 Rev. Thomas Trochilo	24 Rev. Joseph Dougherty
25 Rev. John Santor	26 	27 Rev. Stanley Swacha	28 Pray for Consecrated Life	29 Rev. Zab Amar	30 Rev. Benjamin Daghir	31 Rev. David Wilson

Divine Mercy Sunday Explained

The message of Divine Mercy is that God is **merciful**. He is **love** poured out for us and He wants no one to escape that merciful love. God wants us to turn to Him with **TRUST** and **Repentance**. To trust God means that we rely on Him in all circumstances of our life. His mercy is always available to us, no matter what we have done or what state we are in, even if our sins are as black as night. Our Lord asked St. Faustina to pray and work towards establishing a Feast of The Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter, which is April 27th this year. He said to her: **“On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”** (*Diary, 699*)

Jesus told Faustina, **“The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to my mercy.”** (*Diary of St. Faustina, 772*). We can return to God. We can accept His mercy. We can go to the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive His mercy, and be reconciled to God and man. Jesus told Faustina that not only are we to receive His mercy but that we are to use it, and be merciful to others. Jesus said, **“Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy...I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbor always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it.”** (*Diary 742*) We show mercy through our:

1. **Actions**, 2. **Words**, and 3. **Prayers** (by practicing the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy). Thus, the essence of the Divine Mercy message and devotion is to **TRUST in God’s Mercy** and to be **MERCIFUL to others**.

On that day, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we celebrate the paschal mystery (the 8th day). It is a day of **complete forgiveness and pardon**, like the day of atonement in the Old Testament (LV 16)—**where all sins and the punishment due to them will be atoned for**.

Divine Mercy Sunday is **April 27th** this year. We celebrate “Mercy Sunday” by going to confession that day, or, preferably before that Sunday, and by receiving Communion on that day, and asking our Lord for the special graces that he promised.

Fittingly, to observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter. April 27, 2025; at St. Hippolyte, beginning at 2:30 p.m.
 2. Sincerely repent of all our sins;
 3. Place our complete trust in Jesus;
 4. Go to confession, that day, or preferably before that Sunday;
 5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast of Divine Mercy;
 6. Venerate* the Image of the Divine Mercy;
 7. Be Merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.
- *To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents—in this case, our Most Merciful Savior*

Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful

We are not only to receive the mercy of God, but to use it by being merciful to others through our actions, our words, and our prayers; in other words, we are to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works (Acts) of Mercy.

The Lord wants us to do these works of mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no use without works.

What are the Works of Mercy?

Corporal Works

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the prisoners
- Comfort the sick
- Bury the dead

Spiritual Works

- Teach the ignorant
- Pray for the living & dead
- Correct sinners
- Counsel those in doubt
- Console the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive wrongs willingly

Jesus' Call to Mercy:

"I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first — by deed, the second — by word, the third — by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy" (*Diary, 742*).

"[M]any souls ... are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul. If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment. Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves, they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy" (1317).



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