

SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

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

Liturgies:
Sunday 11:00am

Confessions:
By appointment

The Second Sunday of Advent *December 5, 2021*



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranton, PA 16314
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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, SAINT NICHOLAS

8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, SAINT AMBROSE

Holy Day Anticipated Mass:

6:00pm OLL Marian Baringer (Joanne Froella & Family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8,

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00pm SH Living and Deceased of the Wentworth/Laibe Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, SAINT DAMASUS I

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am OLL Fr. Daniel Prez (Rose Poduszlo)

11:00am SH Dorothy Hargenrader (Jack & Carole Jones)

Read the parish bulletin online at www.sainthippolytechurch.com

HELPING HANDS

Coordinators:

Fran Greathouse 814-425-2549

Carole Jones 814-789-2881

Prayer Requests:

Bob & Denise Schoenfeldt 814-333-8464

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Joanne Froella (cards) 814-425-3645

Pam Garofola (cards) 814-720-8190

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Judy Shonnard (visits) 814-758-1169

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Mary Everitt (Respite Care) 814-853-0599

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Bob Robinson (to church) 814-282-3673

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Joyce Tarr (Follow up) 814-671-1009

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Carol Barickman 814-789-3814

Ministry of Welcome:

Garold Molli 814-967-3813

Rosanne Chamberlain 814-374-4026

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.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Please phone the parish office immediately if a loved one is sick or hospitalized.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession) is 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 Jeffrey Lucas or Father Joseph Petrone, call 814-336-1112.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	9:00am	Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at OLL
	9:15am	Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH
Monday	9:15am	Small Group Bible Study at SH
Tuesday	10:00am	"Hebrews" Bible Study at SH
	5:30pm	Rosary at OLL
	7:00pm	Choir at OLL
Wednesday	6:30pm	"Hebrews" Bible Study at OLL
Friday	7:00pm	Cursillo Christmas Party at SH
Sunday	9:00am	Faith Formation Grades PS-11 at OLL
	9:15am	Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH
	12:00pm	Sunday Social at SH
	12:00pm	Faith Formation Grades 9-11 at SH

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 13 Parish Office Closed
 Dec. 13 Family Society meeting at OLL 7:00pm
 Dec. 19 Holiday Bake Sale at SH
 Dec. 19 Journey to Bethlehem Live Nativity at OLL 5:30-7:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
 MONDAY: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 TUESDAY: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
 WEDNESDAY: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 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: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 6: Allison Mirage
 Dec. 7: Kathy Dale
 Dec. 8: Doreen Stafford
 Dec. 9: Linda Poly
 Dec. 10: Robert Schmidt, III
 Dec. 11: John Buckley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 9: Jeff & Mary Vittorio

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord."

Youth – How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Children – What things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$ 896	\$ 855
envelopes used:	30	25
Building Fund last week:	\$ 239	\$ 174
envelopes used:	18	13

Catholic Services Appeal 2021:

Dio Assessment: \$27,069

of Gifts/Pledges: 104

Pledged: \$40,365 Received: \$38,545

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: God of everlasting and eternal love, from west to east you gather the humble, leading them with joy to the glorious light of your kingdom. Make straight your path in our hearts; bring low the heights of our pride; and prepare us to celebrate with ardent faith the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 or mailed to the parish office. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office. Our first monthly drawing will be held on Sunday, Jan. 2nd.

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>

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church



Join the diocesan Facebook page at
www.ErieRCD.org

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Live Nativity to be held on Sunday, December 19th at Our Lady of Lourdes.

- The stable needs to be put up and this will take "muscle power" to accomplish. It is very heavy and takes many helpers to assemble. The stable will be put up Sunday, December 12th beginning at 1:00pm. If you can help, please call Kevin at 814-720-104.
- We also need students and adults to volunteer to be part of the Nativity. We are in need of angels, shopkeepers, wise men, shepherds, etc. You do not have to be a student to participate, all are welcome! If you would like to participate, call Kevin so we can size you for a costume.

All of the tags from our annual Advent Giving Tree at Saint Hippolyte have been taken. Thank you! Please return the wrapped gift, with the tag attached, **no later than next Sunday, December 12.** We are also collecting food for five families. Boxes for your donations of non-perishable food are available. Thank you for your support of this project!



Sunday Social will be celebrated next Sunday following the 11:00am Mass at Saint Hippolyte. A pot-luck luncheon will be served in the social hall. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share, but you don't have to bring a dish to join us for food and fellowship. Please plan to join us!

A Holiday Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 19 from Noon until 2:00pm at the Saint Hippolyte social hall. Donations of baked goods for the holidays will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from this bake sale will support Le Nom du Pere Society's annual gift to a local family in need as well as other projects.

We are once again offering a yearly subscription to *Magnificat*. By ordering through the parish's bulk rate, your subscription cost for one year is only \$36, rather than the normal \$47. Please contact the parish office ASAP if you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription. We need to have at least 10 subscribers and we currently only have four. Payment will not be due until next month.

Mark your calendar...The Ninth Annual 22:32 Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 and the Seventh Annual 1:38 Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception is a title for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The expression means that Mary was conceived without sin. The conviction that Jesus was born of a virgin is a distinct belief, even though many Catholic erroneously think that the Immaculate Conception refers to Jesus.

Contributing to the confusion is the celebration of the Immaculate Conception during the season of Advent. While the faithful are preparing to honor the birth of Jesus, we commemorate the conception of Mary. The choice of December 8 for the Immaculate Conception does not directly relate to Advent; it corresponds more to the traditional date for the Feast of the Birth of Mary, September 8, which coincides with the dedication of a Jerusalem church in honor of the mother of Mary. The feast for the conception of Mary is backed up from that day nine months. In a similar way, we celebrate the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before the birth of Jesus.

Belief in the Immaculate Conception asserts that God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception, thus preparing a pure vessel for the Incarnation of the Son. This belief is not expressly contained in the Scriptures, but it enjoys a wide-spread following in the Church's tradition. Although the Immaculate Conception of Mary has been affirmed since the earliest centuries of Christianity, it was not formally proclaimed a dogma of the Church until 1854. December 8 is now a holy day of obligation in the United States, which is placed under Mary's patronage with this title.

When Mary is depicted as the Immaculate Conception, she is often shown wearing a crown of stars as the woman in Revelation 12 and standing on a snake, reversing the temptation of Eve. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the exalted Queen of Heaven who manifests God's power over sin.

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CHRIST-KINDEL CORNER...

- **Did you know...**The custom of the Christ Child, or *Christ-kindel*, bringing gifts began in 18th century Pennsylvania Dutch Protestant communities? By the nineteenth century the Christ-kindel became *Kris Kringle*, a bearded twin to Santa Claus.
- **Don't forget!...**Continue praying for the person whose name you have. You may want to send them a card or note *anonymously* and let them know of your prayers. You represent the Christ-kindel — the Christ Child — to your Advent prayer partner.



Le Nom du Pere Society is sponsoring a

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

on Sunday, December 19
from Noon until 2:00pm
at Saint Hippolyte Church Social Hall

Love to Bake? We'd gladly accept your home-baked goods for our sale. Cookies, Pies, Sweet Breads, Nut Rolls, Pumpkin Rolls, Dinner Rolls, Bread, etc. Anything you bake and donate will be accepted and greatly appreciated.

Don't like to Bake? Come and shop at the sale for your holiday goodies.

Proceeds from this sale will help fund our annual gift to a local family in need as well as other expenses through the year, such as: Funeral Luncheons, Sunday Socials, Receptions, kitchen supplies (small appliances, paper products, coffee and tea, etc.), Christmas gifts to our shut-ins, Little Books for Advent and Lent, etc. etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

COME FOLLOW
JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM
A WALK THROUGH JOURNEY



LIVE NATIVITY
DECEMBER 19, 2021

5:30 - 7:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes
251 South Franklin St.
Cochranton

Donation of canned good accepted for Cochranton Food Pantry



November 8, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The annual collection for our Retired Religious will be held in parishes on December 11th and 12th. This collection 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 this diocese contributed more than \$150,000 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs.

The pandemic has been especially hard on communities of our elderly religious. All of our large convents in Erie have suffered through bouts of COVID with two Sisters dying of the illness. Strict COVID-19 protocols and visiting restrictions, along with additional costs, have taken an emotional toll of loneliness and isolation for our senior religious. Your generous gift provides vital support for their ongoing health care, helping them to age with dignity, in safety and comfort.

Senior Religious are a treasure of the Church. 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 foresightedness and generosity. 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. I join you in praising God for their faithful and generous service to the Church in the past and in the days and years to come.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to be as generous as 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 in mine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



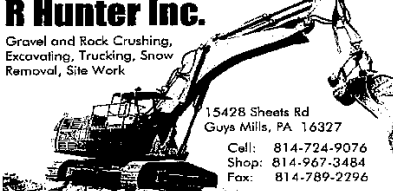

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Check One:

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