

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 4, 2022



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, SAINT NICHOLAS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, SAINT AMBROSE

Anticipated Holy Day: 6:00pm OLL Marian Baringer (Joanne Froella)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8,

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00pm SH Judy Schoening (Bill & Kim Ferguson)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN

8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, ADVENT WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am OLL Rachelle & Brian Beaver (George & Betty Klein)

11:00am SH Chub Tarr and Bethany Klingensmith (Carl & Kay Hotchkiss)

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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

is offered in our parish 10 minutes prior to and immediately following the Sunday Masses. Confession is also offered at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Saint Agatha Church (353 Pine Street, Meadville) on Saturdays at 8:30am and 3:00pm. To schedule an appointment with Father Jeffrey Lucas or Father Joseph Petrone, call 814-336-1112.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Faith Formation Grades PS-11
Monday	9:15am Small Group Bible Study at SH
Tuesday	6:30pm Rosary at OLL
Wednesday	7:00pm Le Nom du Pere Society meeting at SH
Thursday	Parish Office Closed
Sunday	Faith Formation Grades PS-11
	Special Collection: Retired Religious
	12:00pm Social Sunday at SH

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 12 Family Society meeting at OLL 7:00pm
 Dec. 18 Holiday Bake Sale at SH 12:00-2:00pm
 Dec. 18 Edge Parent Session #3 at SH 12:00pm
 Dec. 18 Journey to Bethlehem at OLL 5:30-7:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 MONDAY: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 TUESDAY: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
 WEDNESDAY: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
 THURSDAY: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 SUNDAY: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 5: Connie Bense, Lila Wilcox
 Dec. 6: Allison Mirage
 Dec. 7: Kathy Dale, DeAnn Diegelman
 Dec. 8: Doreen Stafford
 Dec. 9: Linda Poly
 Dec. 10: RJ Schmidt, John Buckley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 9: Jeff & Mary Vittorio
 Dec. 11: Scott & Kathleen Wheelock

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's First Reading

Adults – Name the one thing in your life which you must “move out of the way” in order to make more room for Christ—a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

Youth – What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

Children – Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,009	\$ 885
envelopes used:	34	23
Building Fund last week:	\$ 280	\$ 165
envelopes used:	12	15

Catholic Services Appeal 2022:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,598

of Gifts/Pledges: 102

Pledged: \$35,483 Received: \$31,958

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

IN THOSE DAYS JOHN THE
 BAPTIST CAME PREACHING IN
 THE WILDERNESS OF JUDEA, AND
 SAYING, "REPENT, FOR THE
 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!"

MATTHEW 3:1

Bible Study Tools

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: Stir up within us, O God of peace and mercy, a sincere desire for repentance, that, baptized with the Holy Spirit and enkindled by the fire of your love, we may bring to every circumstance and setting the justice, gentleness and peace that the incarnation of your Word has caused to sprout up and blossom upon the earth. 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>

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\$16,091.67...The profit for our 2022 Reverse Raffle is the highest we've ever had! THANK YOU to all who made this possible. May God bless you for your generosity.

Our Annual Advent Giving Tree is available at Saint Hippolyte. This year we are sponsoring 5 local families with gifts and food. Please return your gifts (with the tag attached) to the tree no later than Sunday, December 11. Boxes for your non-perishable food items are also available through December 11.



Thank you for supporting these local families!

Save these dates...The French Dinner will be held on February 11, 2023. The Parish Mardi Gras Party will be held on February 18, 2023. The tenth annual 22:32 Men's Conference will be held on March 4, 2023. The eighth annual 1:38 Women's Conference will be held on March 25, 2023. Photos for our Parish Directory will be taken May 11-13, 2023. The Frenchtown Ham or Chicken Dinner will be held on July 30, 2023. The Reverse Raffle will be held on November 4, 2023.

Please support Seton Catholic School's SHOE DRIVE.

Seton students are collecting gently used shoes through December 31. The school will be given funds for the used shoes collected from Funds2Orgs. The funds generated will help cover the costs associated



with sending Seton students to the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Region 10 in State College. There are classroom competitions associated with this fundraiser and our parishioner, Emma Sutton has generously volunteered to collect your donations in support of her classroom. Contact the Sutton family by calling 814-789-3225 to make arrangements to get your shoes to Seton.

In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy and entities such as parishes and schools, will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use the contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

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 Catholics 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.

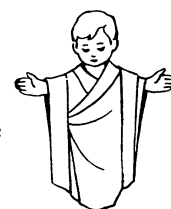
Belief in the Immaculate Conception asserts that God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception, thus preparing a pure vessel for the Incarnation of the Son. This belief is not expressly contained in the Scriptures, but it enjoys a wide-spread following in the Church's tradition. Although 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 holyday 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 *Christ-kindel* would come by night on Christmas Eve bringing gifts and riding on a mule.
- **Don't forget...**to pray for your Christ-kindel this week!
- **You could be a "Secret Christ-kindel" this Advent Season!** Send a card...do a good deed...say a prayer...be a "secret Christ-kindel" by your random acts of kindness this week!



Le Nom du Pere Society is sponsoring a

HOLIDAY

BAKE SALE

on Sunday, December 18
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, Candy, Chex Mix, Sweet Breads, Nut Rolls, Pumpkin Rolls, Pies, Cakes, Dinner Rolls, Breads, etc. Anything you make 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!

2022 Reverse Raffle Report

Income: \$17,999.04

Rifle	\$ 647.00
Crossbow	\$ 628.00
Griddle	\$ 896.00
Cash Pizza	\$2,018.00
Patio Fireplace	\$ 263.00
Cabin Weekend	\$ 623.00
1/2 Pig	\$ 795.00
Instant Lottery Board	\$ 744.00
Instant Rip Tickets	\$ 512.00
Last Chance Ticket	\$ 370.00
50/50	\$ 676.50
Bingo & Daubers	\$ 241.00
Side Boards	\$2,700.00
Ticket Sales	\$6,705.00
Other Income	\$ 180.54 (sale of leftovers, recycling, donations)

Expenses: \$ 1,907.37

Main Board Payout	\$1,025.00
Food	\$ 754.82
Rip Tickets	\$ 64.00
Ticket Printing	\$ 63.55

Profit \$16,091.67

Thank you to our generous family, community members and parishioners who donated the items for the side raffle, loser prizes, cold beverages, and desserts.



November 21, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has passed, and we are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious to be held in parishes on December 10th and 11th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as 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 \$145,858 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gift provides vital support for their ongoing health care, helping them to age in safety with dignity and comfort.

Senior Religious are our treasure in 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 serve actively support all that is being done through their ministry of prayer, while continuously remembering all those who support them.

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. Ministries started by Sisters have had a tremendous influence in this diocese and they stand as a legacy to those generous women who dedicated their lives in service to the reign of God and continue to find ways to minister to others. 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 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 that you remain in their prayers. Please join me in supporting this year's **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
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