

SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

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

Liturgies:
Saturday 4:30pm (Nov-Apr)
Sunday 10:30am

Confessions:
By appointment

Second Sunday Of Advent *December 6, 2020*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, SAINT AMBROSE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:30am SH For the Parishioners
6:00pm OLL Marian Baringer (Joanne Froella)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, ADVENT WEEKDAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, SAINT DAMASUS I
8:30am OLL Ed Coyle (Mary Beth Coyle)
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Anticipated Sunday Liturgy:
4:30pm SH Albert Smith (Wanda Schmidt)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30am OLL Mary Jane Garofola (Mark & Pam Garofola)
10:30am SH For the Parishioners

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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.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

MONDAY:

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY:

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY:

Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY:

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:9a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

SUNDAY:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 7: Kathy Dale
Dec. 8: Doreen Stafford
Dec. 9: Linda Poly
Dec. 10: Robert Schmidt, III
Dec. 11: John Buckley
Dec. 13: Jane Butryn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 9: Jeff & Mary Vittorio

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's First Reading

Adults – When you hear Isaiah comfort the people by promising that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs into his arms, what is your response?

Youth – John went out to announce the Good News of the Messiah's coming. How can you be good news to your friends and family this week?

Children – How do you experience God taking care of you, even in times of trouble?

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

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Offertory Nov. 22:	\$1,103	\$1,228
envelopes used:	41	25
Building Fund Nov. 22:	\$ 418	\$ 205
envelopes used:	23	14
Offertory last week:	\$ 846	\$1,022
envelopes used:	24	28
Building Fund last week:	\$ 300	\$ 185
envelopes used:	14	18
#iGiveCatholic Advance Gifts:	\$ 210	\$ 135
envelopes used:		

Catholic Services Appeal 2020:

Dio Assessment: \$27,618

of Gifts/Pledges: 101

Pledged: \$38,805 Received: \$36,070

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.



HELPING HANDS PRAYER: O God, Whose word is comfort and Whose promise is a new creation, prepare the way in the wilderness of our world. Open our eyes to the One Who comes into our midst, that by lives of holiness and service we may hasten the coming of that day and be found at peace when at last it dawns. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was, Who is and Who is to come, 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 425-3933.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?

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



DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR FREE COPY OF *MAGNIFICAT*? If you did not receive your copy and would like one, please contact the parish office to make arrangements to pick it up. There are a few extra copies available. If you know of someone who would enjoy a copy please contact the parish office to make arrangements to pick one up for them.

OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE is empty of tags! Thanks so much for your cooperation and help. We are providing Christmas gifts and food boxes to 5 local families (through the program organized by the Maplewood Elementary School). When returning the gift to the tree, please be sure to attach the tag to your wrapped gift. Gifts and non-perishable food will be collected through December 13 in order to be distributed to the families in time for Christmas. Please be sure your donations are delivered to the church **no later than the morning of December 13**. Thank you for your generosity!



FAITH FORMATION PARENTS are reminded to complete your child(ren)'s registration forms for this year and return them to the parish office ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation with this annual task.

THE PETTIS BELL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, December 7 at 6:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Plans for the memorial dedication service on June 29, 2021 will be discussed. Members are asked to begin thinking about the text for the historical marker that will be placed near the memorial.

LOOKING FOR SIMPLE, CREATIVE WAYS TO CELEBRATE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT HOME? This year is certainly like no other! The Diocese of Erie has created a new website with everything from Advent wreath ideas to a Christmas week prayer service that can be offered in the home or with loved ones who are far away using technology. For some great ideas visit <https://www.eriercd.org/christmas.html>



WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS



The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the new Church year. Advent is the time of preparing for Christmas and how we prepare for Christmas says something about what our priorities are.

This year the pandemic guidelines make our concern for ourselves and others all the more important in our faith life. Have you been preparing to come back to church with the CDC guidelines or by live-streaming our Sunday celebrations on the computer or television? We need to use our imagination in keeping up with our faith, prayer life, scripture reading, and our spiritual communion.

Did you set up your Advent Wreath and use the prayers for the blessing? Have you brought out your Nativity scene up and begun to place the proper figurines at the proper time? Are you reading the Christmas stories to your children? Why not make this Advent a new adventure for your family?

There are many ideas available on-line and you can even bring back some of your old family traditions. The Diocese of Erie has created a website for Celebrating Advent and Christmas at Home www.eriercd.org/christmas.html. Watch and be alert for ideas for your family to do together in order to prepare for Jesus' birth. Take time to help others who are in need of your love and support. Living our life for others is a way of serving the Lord in our midst, so Watch!!!

Reminder of catechesis for our pandemic: following the CDC's and Bishop Persico's guidelines, while we are inside the church we are to wear a mask/face covering which covers both our nose and mouth.





November 9, 2020

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 12th and 13th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as the over 30,000 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 small or no stipends. Last year, the people in this diocese contributed \$171,106.90 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gifts provide vital support for their ongoing health care helping them to age with dignity, safety and comfort. This year of the pandemic has been especially hard on communities of our elderly religious since many have COVID-19 protocols and visiting restrictions so that, along with these additional costs, there is also the emotional toll of loneliness and isolation for our senior religious.

Due to their years of faithful witness to the Gospel, 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. 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 pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Know you remain in their prayers. Please join me in supporting the **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



Retirement Fund for Religious

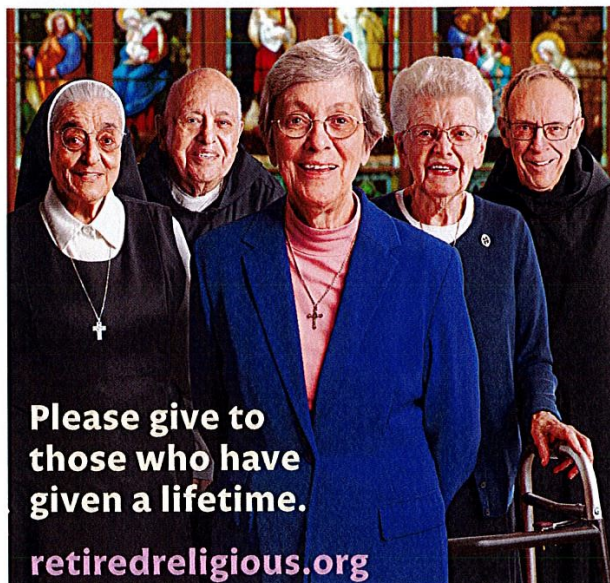
Why We Ask

- In 1988, Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers, and priests in religious orders.
- For most of their lives, elder religious worked for little to no pay. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions.
- Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church.
- Only 5 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office are adequately funded for retirement; 40 percent have 25 or fewer members. Many small communities struggle to care for elder members due to a lack of financial resources and personnel.
- Today, religious past age 70 outnumber religious under age 70 by nearly three to one.
- There are 28,418 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2019, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$47,000 per person; skilled care averaged \$72,000 per person.
- Since 2009, the annual cost to support senior women and men religious has exceeded \$1 billion.
- In 2019, 72 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office had a median age of 70 or higher.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$6,843, whereas the average US beneficiary receives \$18,034.

Statistics on women and men religious were obtained from the NRRO database of participating religious institutes as of December 31, 2019. Visit uscceb.org/nrro to access a full statistical report.

How Donations Help

- Each year, hundreds of US religious communities receive financial assistance made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. Communities can use this funding for immediate retirement expenses or invest it for future needs. Since the first collection, US Catholics have donated almost \$899 million.
- Almost \$762 million has been distributed since 1989 to support the day-to-day care of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. An additional \$101 million has been allocated toward self-help projects initiated by religious communities, including collaborative health-care facilities.
- In addition to direct financial assistance, proceeds from the annual appeal underwrite educational programming, services, and resources that enable religious communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs.
- Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members while continuing important ministries to the People of God.



From left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ, 91; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI, 86; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU, 93; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB, 79.



National Religious Retirement Office

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Kids Catechist Calendar

DECEMBER 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sponsored by Living Faith Kids Daily Catholic Devotions VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT: WWW.LIVINGFAITHKIDS.COM						
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Q Where was John baptizing the people? (SEE DECEMBER 10) ✚ Mk 1:1-8 6	SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 7	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION 8	SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATONZIN 9	SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST 3	SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 4	5
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Q Who was the man sent from God? (SEE DECEMBER 16) ✚ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 13	SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 14	15	A John 16	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF LORETO A The river Jordan 10	SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE 11	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST 12
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Q Which angel was sent by God to speak to Mary? (SEE DECEMBER 22) ✚ Lk 1:26-38 20	SAINT PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 21	A Gabriel 22	SAINT JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST 23	24	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION 25	SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR FEAST 26
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Q Where did Mary and Joseph take Jesus? (SEE DECEMBER 30) ✚ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 27	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS 28	FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 29	SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD A The Temple 30	SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Manger 31	Word of the month: <i>A feed trough that was a bed for baby Jesus</i>	

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The Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 6, 2020

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.

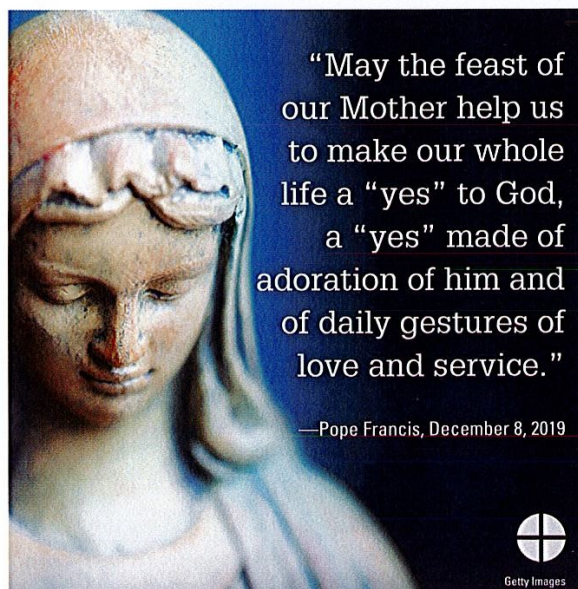
We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.—St. Bernard of Clairvaux



"May the feast of our Mother help us to make our whole life a "yes" to God, a "yes" made of adoration of him and of daily gestures of love and service."

—Pope Francis, December 8, 2019







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