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 First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranton, PA 16314 (GPS only; send mail to the parish office)

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, ADVENT WEEKDAY 8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, SAINT ANDREW

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, ADVENT WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, ADVENT WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER 8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00am OLL Frances, Arthur and Jacob Wagner

(John & Fran Greathouse)

11:00am SH Allen Bogardus (Rita Bogardus & Family)

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HELPING HANDS

Coordinators: Fran Greathouse 814-425-2549 Carole Jones 814-789-2881	Transportation: 814-827-3803 Jennifer Mitchell 814-827-3803 Bob Robinson (to church) 814-282-3673 Beth Bryan (errands) 814-671-3335
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Mary Beth Coyle (Meals)	Ministry of Welcome: 814-967-3813 Garold Molli 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.

ANOINTING 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 No Faith Formation Classes—Thanksgiving Break Monday 9:15am Small Group Bible Study at SH Tuesday GIVING TUESDAY—#iGiveCatholic

10:00am Hebrews Bible Study at SH

7:00pm Choir at SH

6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study at OLL Wednesday

7:00pm Le Nom du Pere Society meeting at SH

Thursday Friday Saturday

9:00am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at OLL Sunday 9:15am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 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: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 WEDNESDAY: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 THURSDAY: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 FRIDAY:

SATURDAY: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 SUNDAY:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 29: Abigail Knapka, Kathy Myers Dec. 1: Cathy Kalinowski, Pam Kalinowski

Dec. 2: Lydia Honard, Shirley Hope, Judy Kirberger

Dec. 3: Adam Tate Dec. 4: Tyler George

Dec. 5: Connie Bensel, Lila Wilcox

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 30: Chris & Shannon Ploski 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?

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Offertory last week:	\$ 889	\$1,285
envelopes used:	34	27
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 77	\$ 270
Building Fund last week:	\$ 489	\$ 203
envelopes used:	14	16

Catholic Services Appeal 2021:

Dio Assessment: \$27,069 # of Gifts/Pledges: 104

Pledged: \$40,365 Received: \$38,245

HELPING HANDS PRAYER:

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

God, ever faithful to your promises, hasten that long-awaited day when you will establish justice in the land. Lift from our hearts the weight of selfindulgence, and strengthen us for holiness. Amid chaos and confusion, let your people stand secure. Raise our heads to greet the redemption that is drawing near, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

with all his saints, your Son who was, who is and who is to come, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and

ever. Amen.

INTERESTED IN **ATTENDING 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

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, January 2nd.

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Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church

> Join the diocesan Facebook page at www.ErieRCD.org

Our annual Advent Giving Tree is available today at Saint Hippolyte Church. We are sponsoring 5 local families. Take a tag from the tree and return the wrapped gift, with the tag attached to the gift, no later than Sunday, December 12. Boxes for your donations of non-perishable food will also be available until December 12. Thank you for your support of this project!



Giving Tuesday is this week! Please remember our parish on November 30 and donate through #iGiveCatholic by using the envelope that was inserted into the bulletin recently or by visiting our parish website at www.sainthippolytechurch.com and follow the link provided for #iGiveCatholic. Thank you for your generosity!

Men and Women are invited to the next Le Nom du Pere Society meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 1 at 7pm at Saint Hippolyte Church On the agenda will be election of officers, plans for the Holiday Bake Sale and the French Dinner — and pie and ice cream!

LE NOM DU PERE SOCIETY NEWS...The St. Hippolyte Le Nom du Pere Society met on November 10. Nancy Buckley acted as hostess and we shared donuts and cider. President Debbie Furry called the meeting to order. Prayers were offered for the special intentions of those present. The minutes were approved as written. The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

LNDP sponsored a Reverse Raffle on November 6. There was a good crowd present. Everyone enjoyed a good meal and everyone won a gift as a consolation prize. Quite a few people attending walked away with much bigger prizes, including cash! Proceeds from the raffle will be used for the day-to-day expenses of the parish. We are proud to have our beautiful church and we want to keep it in good repair.

Plans for future Social Sunday luncheons were discussed with the dates to be announced. There are also plans for future fundraising activities and a LNDP Christmas party. We are also excited to announce that LNDP will be having a French Dinner on February 12. This is a dinner featuring authentic French food served in a fancy restaurant style atmosphere.

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. These conferences will be offered in-person as well as on Zoom.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

Advent is the season that begins our church year and is the time of waiting in preparation for the Nativity of Christ. This year, Advent begins today and ends on December 24th. The Season of Advent prepares us for the real meaning of Christmas and helps us to prepare for our celebration of the coming of Christ.

Many of us use the Advent wreath in our home to celebrate each week. The candles of the wreath represent Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. This is the order for lighting them in your home.

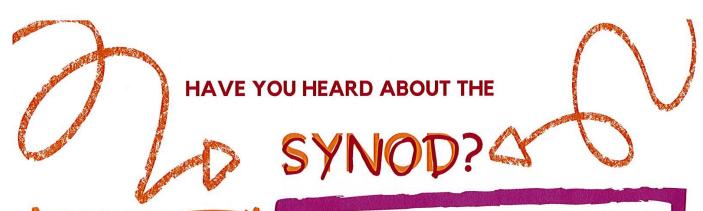
The Advent Wreath is just one of our ways of celebrating the Advent Season. Another way is to make use of the daily reflections in the *Little Blue Books*, provided by Le Nom Du Pere Society. There are also many online resources for you to use during Advent. One source is from EWTN and you may access it by visiting www.ewtn.com/advent. Another online resource is from Dynamic Catholic. *Best Advent Ever, Life is Messy* provides a daily reflection at www.dynamiccatholic.com.

One of the Advent traditions in our parish the Christ-kindel prayer partner name exchange. Hopefully, you were able to participate in that today. If you do not participate in the Christ-kindel activity, we would like to suggest that you choose someone who you feel would be in need of your prayers during this pandemic. Pray for them daily and send them a thinking of you card throughout the Advent season, without disclosing your name until Christmas. activity can be as creative as your ideas are. You might also choose to pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena, which begins on the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle, November 30th and continues until Christmas. This prayer is to be said 15 times a day until Christmas.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



CHRIST-KINDEL CORNER...Today is our annual Advent prayer partner name exchange. Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for the history of the Christ-kindel and some ideas on how to be one.



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What is Synodality?

Synodality literally translates as "on the same path" or "journeying together."

"Fundamentally, synodality is about journeying together. This happens through listening to one another in order to hear what God is saying to all of us. It is realizing that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone to help us walk forward together on our journey as the People of God."

In short, a synod is like a family meeting. Good family meetings listen to everyone in the family – from oldest to youngest. They are marked by deep listening in an effort to understand one another and to understand what the Holy Spirit is asking the family to do and to be. Like families, synods are not a democracy.

Every voice must be heard, but the path isn't necessarily determined by the loudest voice. It is determined by deep listening and discerning the voice of the Holy Spirit in each person's experience and insights.

Discerning the Holy Spirit is a "Church speak" way to talk about listening and understanding how the Holy Spirit is moving in our concrete reality. It happens through prayerful listening in the context of the Scriptures and the way God has acted in the Church in the past.

https://slmedia.org/blog/what-is-the-synod-onsynodality

What is the process for Erie?

October-November: Pastors will select parishioners to facilitate the synodal process at the parish level, and facilitators will be chosen for those on the margins, such as the differently abled, impoverished, and non-practicing Catholics.

January: Diocesan training of facilitators

February - March: Local Synodal gatherings take place. The faithful are encouraged to take part in the synodal gathering hosted by their parish, or if that is not feasible, the gathering hosted by another parish.

March-April: Diocesan representatives process responses and write synodal report.

Does my voice matter?

Your voice is important to hear the breadth of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Diocese of Erie for the 2021 Diocesan phase of the Synod on Syodality. More importantly, your participation in listening and discerning the Holy Spirit's action is important for building a culture of synodality in our diocese for the long term.

In the Vademecum, a document released before a synod to prepare participants, Pope Francis writes that the primary question for this synod is, "How does this "journeying together" take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? and what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? (PD, 2)" (VD 1.3)

Over the next 6 months, the Diocese of Erie will be listening to its people to hear, honestly and charitably, about how we listen and journey with one another at the familial, parish, and diocesan level. The Diocese will also be listening to discern ways that the Holy Spirit is calling it to grow in a spirit of "journeying together," attentive to the direction of the Holy Spirit speaking through all its members and in the signs of the times.

In some synods, the questions focus on a particular challenge or topic (eg. Eucharist, New Evangelization) and the work of the synod is primarily done in preparation to or during the synod. This synod is different. The diocesan phase will take place over the next 6 months, but the most important work remains in continuing and growing a diocesan culture of synodality. Your participation helps us as a diocese continue listening and discerning; to become more fully a people who are "journeying together" in the Holy Spirit.



Synod: Key Term #1

What is the Synod on Synodality?

Pope Francis has asked the entire world to participate in a synod on the topic "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission." The central question he asks of everyone is:

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together." How is this "journeying together" happening today in our diocese? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

You may be invited to participate in listening sessions at your local parish, or you may wish to give your input online. Participation in a synod should always involve prayer, listening, discussion, and above all, discerning the way that the Holy Spirit is guiding us. Hopefully these questions and answers can help you as you prepare your input.

What is a synod?

"Synod" comes from ancient Greek. It can be translated as "journeying together." Its literal meaning reminds us of Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6) and of Christians as followers of the Way (Acts 9:2). In Christianity it became the proper term for an assembly specifically called to discern, in accordance with the Holy Spirit, answers to important questions for the Church. One of the earliest examples is the Council of Jerusalem, described in Acts 15. Synods have been used at all levels of the Church, from local diocesan synods all the way up to the Synod of Bishops for the universal Church. They generally deal with how we can best live out our faith in practice.

A synod can be thought of as a type of family meeting. By this analogy, the bishops are like the head of a household, with responsibility for the Church and authority to make decisions for her. In order to make the best possible decisions, they check in with the rest of the family and ask for our experiences and input. Then, taking everything into consideration, they make the decision. Bishop Persico, for example, is using this method for Pastoral Planning in our diocese. A synod is not democratic, and it is not majority rule. It is a means of discussing and discerning God's will, the God who is drawn always to the poor and little ones.



December 2021

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		XXX STB	1 Rev. Joseph Kalinowski	2 Very Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lohse, V.G	3 Very Rev. Christopher M. Barnes, V. F.	4 Rev. John P. Beal
6 Rev. Raymond C. Gramata		7 Very Rev. Richard J. Allen, E.V.	8 Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel	9 Rev. Philip A. Pinczewski	10 Very Rev. Matthew J. Kujawinski, V.F.	11 Rev. Msgr. Casimir A. Bogniak
Rev. Philip Billotte R	- & 2	14 Rev. Mark J. Mastrian	15 Pray for Vocations	16 Rev. Joseph R. Czarkowski	17 Rev. Msgr. George Appleyard	18 Rev. Msgr. Richard G. Mayer
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December 2021 Parish Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1st Sunday of Advent No Faith Formation Classes Today Christ-kindel Name Exchange	8:30am—SH Communion Service 9:15am—SH Small Group	30 10:00am—SH Bible Study 7:00pm –SH Choir Giving Tuesday #iGiveCatholic	I 6:30pm—OLL Bible Study 7:00pm—SH Choir 7:00pm—SH Le Nom du Pere Society meeting	Our Lady of Saint Hill The Rosary our Sun follow	ekend Mass Scl of Lourdes: Sur poolyte: Sunday is prayed one had day Masses and in g the Monday a	day at 8:00am / at 11:00am alf hour before mmediately nd Friday
Faith Formation PS-8 at SH PS-8 at OLL	8:30am—SH Communion Service 9:15am—SH Small Group	7 10:00am—SH Bible Study 5:30pm—OLL Rosary 6:00pm—OLL Holyday Mass 7:00pm—OLL Choir	8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:00pm—SH Holyday Mass 6:30pm—OLL Bible Study	9	7:00pm—SH Cursillo Ultreya and Christmas Party	11
3rd Sunday of Advent Faith Formation PS-11 at SH PS-11at OLL 12:00pm—SH Sunday Social	13 8:30am—SH Communion Service 9:15am—SH Small Group 7:00pm—OLL Family Society meeting	14 10:00am—SH Bible Study 7:00pm—OLL Choir	15 6:30pm—OLL Bible Study	16	17	18
4th Sunday of Advent Faith Formation PS-8 at SH PS-8 at OLL 12:00-2:00pm—SH Holiday Bake Sale 5:30-7:00pm—OLL Journey to	20 8:30am—SH Communion Service 9:15am—SH Small Group 6:00pm—OLL Pastoral Advisory Council meeting	21 10:00am—SH Bible Study	22 6:30pm—OLL Bible Study	23	Parish Office Closed 7:00pm—OLL Mass 10:00pm—SH Mass	25 The Nativity of the Lord 11:00am—SH Mass
Bethlehem	Parish Of	ice Closed				
26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	27 8:30am—SH Communion Service 9:15am—SH Small Group	28 10:00am—SH Bible Study	29 6:30pm—OLL Bible Study	30	31	I Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
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