

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

The Fifth Sunday of Lent *March 21, 2021*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

MONDAY, MARCH 22, LENTEN WEEKDAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO
8:30am SH Communion Service
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00pm OLL Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
8:30am OLL Communion Service
FRIDAY, MARCH 26, LENTEN WEEKDAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 27, LENTEN WEEKDAY
Anticipated Sunday Liturgy:
4:30pm SH Living & Deceased of the Wentworth/Laibe Family (Estate)
SUNDAY, MARCH 28, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
8:30am OLL Mary & Harry Murray (John & Fran Greathouse)
10:30am SH Intentions of Father Daniel J. Prez (Joe & Janice Jarzabek)

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HELPING HANDS

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Fran Greathouse.....425-2549
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Garold Molli967-3813
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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:

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

MONDAY:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY:

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

FRIDAY:

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY:

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 22: Ken Bender, David Wagner
March 23: Beth Burnette
March 24: Dan Partin, Zayne Smith
March 26: Ken Laird
March 27: Zita Sanner, Claire White
March 28: Carol Barickman, Denis Free,
Kevin Merritt

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 26: Rob & Chris Waddell

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.

Youth – Sometimes one thing needs to die in order for something new to be born. When have you experienced this in your own life? What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow?

Children – Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.
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Our gifts given in thanksgiving for what we have already received.

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Offertory last week:	\$1,436	\$1,493
envelopes used:	38	26
Building Fund last week:	\$ 456	\$ 231
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Catholic Services Appeal 2021:

Dio Assessment: \$27,069

of Gifts/Pledges: 79

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Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

FATHER DAN would love to hear from you. You can mail him a card or letter at this address: Erie VA Medical Center, 135 East 38thth Street, Room 521, 5 West, Erie PA 16504

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: Hear, O God, the eternal echo of the prayers and supplications Your Son offered when, to establish the new and everlasting covenant, He became obedient even unto death on the cross. Through all the trials of this life, bring us to a deeper, more intimate share in Christ's redeeming passion, that we may produce the abundant fruit of that seed that falls to earth and dies, and so be gathered as Your harvest for the kingdom of heaven. 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.

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 next monthly drawing will be held on Sunday, April 4.

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.



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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.

THE PETTIS BELL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, March 22 at 6:00pm at OLL.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. All are encouraged to attend.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF MEADVILLE is hosting a **Communal Penance Service** today, March 21 at 3:00pm at Saint Agatha Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

THE CHRISM MASS is scheduled for March 29 at 1:00pm. Unfortunately, due to ongoing renovations at St. Peter Cathedral and COVID restrictions, only priests may attend the Chrism Mass. Everyone is encouraged to view the livestreamed Mass on St. Peter Cathedral's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM0RUeDBD67qz4-PSm8gVw> or its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SaintPeterCathedral>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL INDOOR GARAGE SALE AT SAINT HIPPOLYTE SOCIAL HALL — APRIL 29, APRIL 30 and MAY 1. Your donations of clean and gently used clothing, books, household goods, appliances, toys, tools, etc. are needed. Now is the perfect time for some spring cleaning and putting aside items for donation. Your donations will be accepted at the social hall between April 12 and April 26th. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, sort, price and sell! For more info or to volunteer, contact Wanda Schmidt (208-899-3119) or marcussss@outlook.com to volunteer.

COMMUNITY IN MADASGASCAR—Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.



CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS—Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their family members through the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543. For particular questions you may call Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

FINDING OUR LOST SHEEP

During the pandemic Bishop Persico has given a dispensation from the obligation to attend public Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, which is still in effect today. On June 1, 2020 priests were given permission to resume public Masses using the **CDC guidelines, including reduced seating and mask wearing.**

People made a gradual return to Mass if they were comfortable; agreeing to wear their mask and following the distancing of 6 feet. Families are permitted to sit together, if they live in the same household. Mass attendance has also increased due to the vaccine.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep gives us the direction to go out and find the people who have strayed from our midst. Do not be afraid to be human and embrace those others who have been absent from our community. Time heals and they may only need an invitation from you, a faithful Catholic, to return to our community. We don't need to be judgmental or self-righteous and turn people off; be honest and show them that our life is a gift from God and we need to show God our gratitude. We all need encouragement and we need to get up after we have fallen down, and get up again and again. When someone returns we can all rejoice with God because we have all become one in our community of believers. The best reason for our returning to the church is in the Eucharist and receiving the real presence of Christ every week. As scripture tells us, there will be more joy in heaven over one who repents than over the ninety-nine who have no need for repentance. When approaching people go with your gut — God speaks to us through our gut. God says come to my house and we can hang out. We have no need to judge others or the church, We have all made mistakes and God will forgive those who repent and return to him joyfully.

As the song says: Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world...We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see...**Now, go and make a difference in the world!!!**

Remember: wear your mask, sit in the pews that are open and stay 6 feet apart.

Be safe and don't put others at risk.





HE MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US

The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.



The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man."¹ God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person."²

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life."³ The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory."⁴ Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God."⁵ By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."⁶ Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.

1 Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.

2 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2.

3 *Ibid.*

4 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 34.

5 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 35.

6 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 2.





Fact of Faith

WHY IS LENT FORTY DAYS?

The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty-day length of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts,

and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.

The forty-day period of Jesus' trial in the desert echoes a number of events in the Old Testament:





- The face of the earth was cleansed and purified during the promised period of days and nights that rain poured down during the great flood—"I will bring rain down on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and so I will wipe out from the surface of the earth every moving creature that I have made" (Gen 7:4).
- The face of the earth was renewed during a forty-day period after the mountain tops appeared and the waters of the great flood receded—"The tops of the mountains appeared. At the end of forty days Noah opened the hatch of the ark that he had made" (Gen 8:5-6).
- Moses spent forty years as a shepherd in the desert before God called him to lead the Israelites out of slavery—"Moses fled when he heard this and settled as an alien in the land of Midian . . . Forty years later, an angel appeared to him in the desert near Mount Sinai in the flame of a burning bush" (Acts 7: 29-30).
- Moses fasted for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai before receiving the tablets of the covenant—

"So Moses stayed there with the LORD for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments" (Ex 34:28).

- The Israelites spent forty years wandering in the desert, as a time of testing, trial and purification of the people, before reaching the Promised Land—"Now the Israelites had wandered forty years in the desert, until all the warriors among the people that came forth from Egypt died off because they had not obeyed the command of the LORD" (Jos 5:6; see Num 32:13).

- The prophet Elijah spent forty days in the desert before encountering God on Mount Horeb—" [Elijah] got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb" (1 Kgs 19:8).

- The Ninevites were given forty days before God was going to destroy the city, allowing time for repentance and conversion—"Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,' when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth" (Jon 3:4-5).

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