

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, SAINT PETER CANISIUS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:

5:00pm OLL Paul Kerchin (Connie Kerchin)

10:00pm SH For the Parishioners of Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes and Epiphany of the Lord Parishes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

11:00am SH Katie Mattis (Becky Myers)

Read the parish bulletin online at www.sainthippolytechurch.com

HELPING HANDS

Coordinators:

Fran Greathouse 814-425-2549

Carole Jones 814-789-2881

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Carole Jones (cards) 814-789-2881

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Rita Bogardus (Dinner) 814-789-2679

Joyce Tarr (Follow up) 814-671-1009

Emergency Home Care:

Mary Beth Coyle (Meals) 814-350-6218

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Chris Ploski (Odd Jobs) 814-282-7635

Shannon Ploski (Odd Jobs) 814-282-7634

Dave Wolff (Odd Jobs) 814-573-6260

Mary Everitt (Respite Care) 814-853-0599

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

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. **No afternoon confessions on Saturday, December 24.** To schedule an appointment with Father Jeffrey Lucas or Father Joseph Petrone, call 814-336-1112.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today Faith Formation Grades PS-9
12:00pm Holiday Bake Sale at SH
12:00pm Edge Parent Meeting #3 at SH
12:00pm Church Decorating at SH
5:30-7:00pm Journey to Bethlehem at OLL
Monday 9:15am Small Group Bible Study at SH
6:00pm Pastoral Advisory Council at OLL
Tuesday 7:00pm Choir at SH
Friday Parish Office closed
6:00pm Confessions at St. Agatha, Meadville
Sunday MERRY CHRISTMAS
No Faith Formation Classes
No 8:00am Mass

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 23-Jan. 2 Parish Office Closed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
MONDAY: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
TUESDAY: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
WEDNESDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
THURSDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
FRIDAY: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
SATURDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
SUNDAY: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 19: Regina Foriska, Gerald Kutruff, Grace Sylves
Dec. 20: Ruth Jackard, Avery Palotas
Dec. 21: Ron Maloney, Rhonda Weagraff
Dec. 22: Breanna Heme, Landon Pierce, Johanna Schneider
Dec. 23: Christine Bornemann, Kristen Ferguson, Kitty Jehn
Dec. 25: Cecile Richard, Chad Robinson

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – What experiences do you have of God “speaking to you” and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer?

Youth – God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in this dream. What is your experience of hearing God speak in this way? What is God asking of you?

Children – When you pray, how do you hear God’s voice in response?

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Offertory last week:	\$1,551	\$1,560
envelopes used:	41	32
Immac. Conception:	\$ 180	\$ 317
envelopes used:	13	24
Retired Religious:	\$ 323	\$ 408
Building Fund last week:	\$ 312	\$ 245
envelopes used:	21	14

Catholic Services Appeal 2022:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,598

of Gifts/Pledges: 102

Pledged: \$35,483 Received: \$32,323

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: God of mystery whom no eye can see, you yourself have given us a sign we can behold: The virgin is with child and bears a son whose name is Emmanuel, for God is with us. Plant within our hearts your living Word of promise, that, into a world grown weary of empty dreams and broken promises, we may bring forth the living presence of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. 1.

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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www.ErieRCD.org

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM Live Nativity

- **Sunday, December 18**
- **5:30-7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes**

The Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) will meet on Monday, December 19 at 6:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. New members are welcome!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered this week at Saint Agatha Church on Friday, December 23 from 6:00-8:00pm.

Join us for Christmas Mass—Christmas Eve: 5:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes and 10:00pm at Saint Hippolyte; Christmas Day: 11:00am at Saint Hippolyte. Arrive 20 minutes early and enjoy the music! All are welcome.

Are you still looking for that perfect Christmas Gift for your loved one? Reservations for the French Dinner are now being taken. This 4 course, elegant dining experience takes place on **Saturday, February 11, 2023** and the price remains at only \$18 per person. Contact Connie at 814-967-3813 to make your reservations and a gift certificate will be provided by Le Nom du Pere Society just in time for Christmas.

Magnificat subscribers: It's time to renew our bulk subscription for another year. If you are currently subscribing to Magnificat through the parish and would like to continue your subscription for another year, please contact the parish office and let us know. If you have not been subscribing and would like to take advantage of the reduced subscription rate of \$39 per year, please call the parish office to sign up.

K of C Council 6037 is once again sponsoring the Christmas Mass live broadcast on COOL 101.7 FM from Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church on December 24 at 5:00pm for the enjoyment of those that are homebound or in nursing homes.

The Epiphany of the Lord Parish has a special program to help in-active Catholics return to the Church called *Catholics Returning Home*. The next series begins January 12 at 7:00pm in St. Brigid's library (383 Arch Street, Meadville). Please pass this information along to anyone who might be interested. For more information call Amy at 814-336-1112.

Our parish is in the process of upgrading the computer software that helps us communicate with and serve our parishioners. In the midst of this transition, if you notice any errors in correspondence, church envelopes, and Catholic Services Appeal reminders, please notify the church office. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding as we work to improve our technology.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

Advent is the season that begins our church year and is the time of waiting and preparation for the Nativity of Christ. This year Advent began on November 27th and will end on December 24th.



Advent prepares us for the real meaning of Christmas and helps us to prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. Many of us use the Advent wreath in our homes and celebrate each week. The candles represent: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. This is the order for lighting them in your home. The Advent Wreath is one of our ways of celebrating the Advent Season; another way we follow the Advent season is with the *Little Blue Books* provided by Le Nom du Pere Society. These books are available for you at both churches in our parish.

There are many resources on-line for you to use for Advent as well. One source is from EWTN and you may access it by visiting www.ewtn.com/advent. Another on-line resource from Dynamic Catholic is *Best Advent Ever, Life is Messy*. This program features daily Gospel readings for Advent and is available at www.dynamiccatholic.com.

One of our Advent traditions for our parish is the Christ-kindel name exchange which began on Sunday, November 27th. If you do not participate in the Christ-kindel activity then we would like to suggest that you choose someone who you feel is in need of your prayers during this Advent season. Pray for them daily and send them a "thinking of you" card throughout the Advent season without disclosing your name until Christmas, just as we do for our Christ-kindel activity. This activity can be as creative as your ideas are.

Today we have come to the 4th Sunday of Advent as we meditate on the theme of "Peace." God has given us the gift of Peace so that we can live joy-filled lives. Advent gives us a chance to remember that Jesus came to bring Peace to our hearts and to our world.

CHRIST-KINDEL CORNER... Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the final week of our Christ-kindel activity. Don't forget to reveal yourself to the person you have been praying for during Advent. Giving them a SMALL gift would be a nice gesture. Since you have been praying all this time, why not continue throughout the new year?





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