

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 Third Sunday
of Advent*
December 12, 2021



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

251 S. Franklin St., Cochranton, PA 16314
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IT IS THE MISSION OF SAINT HIPPOLYTE AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES TO FULLY, CONSCIOUSLY, AND ACTIVELY GROW AS A FAMILY CENTERED IN CHRIST MINISTERING TO THE ENTIRE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, SAINT LUCY

8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, ADVENT WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, ADVENT WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am OLL Lena Love, Rita Gray and Mary Murray
(John & Fran Greathouse)

11:00am SH For the Parishioners of Saint Hippolyte
and Epiphany of the Lord Parishes

Read the parish bulletin online at www.sainthippolytechurch.com

HELPING HANDS

Coordinators:

Fran Greathouse 814-425-2549
Carole Jones 814-789-2881

Prayer Requests:

Bob & Denise Schoenfeldt 814-333-8464
Julia Hovis 814-657-3265

Visitation:

Carole Jones (cards) 814-789-2881
Joanne Froella (cards) 814-425-3645
Pam Garofola (cards) 814-720-8190
Connie Molli (visits/telephone) 814-967-3813
Judy Shonnard (visits) 814-758-1169
Sharon Boughner (telephone) 814-425-8284

Emergency Home Care:

Mary Beth Coyle (Meals) 814-425-2502
Chris/Shannon Ploski (Odd Jobs) 814-967-4065
Dave Wolff (Odd Jobs) 814-573-6260
Mary Everitt (Respite Care) 814-853-0599

Transportation:

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Bob Robinson (to church) 814-282-3673
Beth Bryan (errands) 814-671-3335

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Kay Hotchkiss (Mass) 814-425-3933
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Cathy Kalinowski (Dinner) 814-425-2484
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Joyce Tarr (Follow up) 814-671-1009

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Joanne Froella 814-425-3645
Carol Barickman 814-789-3814

Ministry of Welcome:

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

(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 9:00am Faith Formation Grades PS-11 at OLL
 9:15am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH
 12:00pm Sunday Social at SH
 12:00pm Faith Formation Grades 9-11 at SH
 Monday Parish Office Closed Today
 9:15am Small Group Bible Study at SH
 7:00pm Family Society meeting at OLL
 Tuesday 10:00am Hebrews Bible Study at SH
 7:00pm Choir at OLL
 Wednesday 6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study at OLL
 Sunday 9:00am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at OLL
 9:15am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH
 12:00pm Holiday Bake Sale at SH until 2:00pm
 5:30pm Journey to Bethlehem at OLL until 7pm

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 20 Parish Office Closed; PAC meeting at OLL at 6:00pm
 Dec. 21 Parish Office Closed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 MONDAY: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
 TUESDAY: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
 WEDNESDAY: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
 THURSDAY: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
 FRIDAY: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 SATURDAY: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 SUNDAY: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 13: Jane Butryn
 Dec. 14: Dan Kantz, Josh Moore
 Dec. 18: Bill McCarthy, Stephen Schwartz
 Dec. 19: Regina Foriska, Gerald Kutruff, Grace Sylves

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 18: Al & Cindy Nahay

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

Youth – What do you remember from stories about your Baptism?

What does your Baptism mean to you now?

Children – Why is it so important to keep promises you have made?
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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,649	\$1,467
envelopes used:	47	40
Building Fund last week:	\$ 594	\$ 215
envelopes used:	21	14

Catholic Services Appeal 2021:

Dio Assessment: \$27,069

of Gifts/Pledges: 104

Pledged: \$40,365 Received: \$38,590

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: O God, the fountain of life and rejoicing, renew us in your love and baptize us with the fire of your Holy Spirit, that we may proclaim to all people the good news of your presence in our midst. May we delight to share with them your peace, which surpasses all understanding. 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 first monthly drawing will be held on Sunday, Jan. 2

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.eriecd.org/fam.htm>

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church



Join the diocesan Facebook page at www.ErieRCD.org

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The deadline for publication in the December 19 bulletin is Noon on December 13. The deadline for the December 26 bulletin is Noon on December 17. To avoid confusion, information should be submitted in writing at the parish office, by postal mail or email (office@sainthippolytechurch.com).

It's time to update the Parish Prayer Chain.

For your name or the name of a loved one to be added to OR remain on the next prayer chain, please contact Bob & Denise Schoenfeldt at 814-333-8464 or Julia Hovis at 814-657-3265. Please submit your requests by Wednesday, December 22.

Please lend a hand next Sunday and help with the decorating for Christmas. Decorating takes place after the 8:00am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and light breakfast refreshments will be provided to our helpers. Decorating will also take place following the 11:00am Mass next Sunday at Saint Hippolyte. Many hands make light work and all are welcome to join in the fun!

Cookies are needed for our annual Journey To Bethlehem Live Nativity on Sunday, December 19. If you are able to donate cookies, please contact Johanna at 814-425-2463. Thank you for your support.

The Family Society of Our Lady of Lourdes has some 5 pound bags of frozen french fries for sale. They are \$5.00 each and will be on sale after Mass next weekend.

Do you have a friend or family member who is a non-practicing Catholic and you would like to invite them back? *CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME* might be just what they are looking for! *Catholics Returning Home* is a six-week series structured in a support-group format. Participants are free to attend as many or as few sessions as they wish. Sessions are held at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, St. Brigid Church on January 6, 13, 20 and 27, and February 3 and 10. Brochures are available in the vestibule/gathering space for you to pass along to anyone who might be interested. Everyone is welcome, no matter where they are from.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments—The Digital World: The digital world is constantly evolving with new social media platforms, apps, and devices, and children and teens are often the first to use them. Sometimes with negative impacts such as cyberbullying, sexting, or the posting of hateful messages or content. Parents need to become aware and stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms and digital slang used by children and teens. Parents should monitor their child's social media sites, apps and browsing history regularly. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth, visit

<https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection>

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday or Rose Sunday (the reason for rose-colored vestments) and so today we light the rose-colored candle in our Advent Wreath. Gaudete means **Rejoice**. Philippians 4:4-6 states *Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice, let your gentleness be known to everyone.* The liturgy for Advent is one of **Joy**, expectation and preparedness for Christmas and the second coming of Christ. Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the Sunday of **Joy** and we should be thankful for all God has given us, especially in our parish family. Let us celebrate with **Joy** all the good that has been given to each of us and each other and in every person we meet at our parish functions, especially when we feel the need to be critical. Let us greet each other with **Joy**, most especially this Sunday, but all Sundays! What a **Joy** we would experience in Mass, Faith Formation, Confession, and all other aspects of parish life.

LE NOM DU PERE SOCIETY NEWS...

LNDP will be having a bake sale on Sunday, December 19 from 12noon until 2:00pm. Parishioners are asked to bring any baked goods that they care to make to the social hall early that morning, starting at 8:30. If you like to bake, please donate. If you like to eat, please buy! There will be a Social Snack luncheon after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 12. All are invited to attend whether you bring food or not, but bring something yummy if you can. The LNDP will once again be purchasing a small Christmas gift for our parish shut-ins. The annual LNDP Christmas party will be on Jan. 5. It will start at 6:00. Please bring a dish to share. If you want to participate in a fun gift exchange, please bring a gift worth around \$10.00.



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!



*Our parish elderly or shut-ins
might enjoy a card or letter from you.*



JOYCE BERNIER — 25758 Highway 27, Guys Mills, PA 16327

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BETTY DALE—9108 PA 198, Fig Street, Rolling Fields, Coneautville, PA 16406

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HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE

SYNOD?

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-on-synodality>

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 Synodality. 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.



Beginning late this Fall find Synod resources at
www.eriecd.org/synod

Synod: Key Term #2

What is synodality?

The Church has been holding synods since ancient times. While the concept of synodality is old, the word “synodality” is very new. It means the entire People of God assembling together, journeying together, and actively participating in the evangelizing mission of the Church. Pope Francis is calling us to recognize synodality as the way the entire Church operates. Everyone is involved, everyone contributes. In particular, it means listening to each other and not remaining oblivious in our own bubbles. Synodality is not only for internal affairs, but also manifests the Church's universal and missionary nature to the world. Hopefully this Synod on Synodality will help us to better understand and live out this emerging concept.

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.

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Synod: Key Term #3

The infallible belief of the faithful: What is the *sensus fidei fidelium*?

One of the reasons that Pope Francis has been emphasizing synodality is that he wishes to better recognize and utilize all the gifts of all the people in the Church. Most of us know that the Magisterium of the Church (the teaching office of the Church exercised by the Pope and the bishops), under certain conditions, can teach infallibly. But the faithful members of Christ's Church also have a corresponding gift. We can believe infallibly. Ideally these two gifts should inform and reinforce each other.

This gift of the Holy Spirit is called the *sensus fidei fidelium*: The understanding of the Faith by the Faithful. Everyone who is baptized is anointed with the Holy Spirit, and this anointing is strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation. By the grace of the Spirit, the People of God as a whole does not err in faith, even when it cannot adequately explain the faith. The more faithful a Christian is – participating in the Sacraments, building their relationship with God, feeling with the heart of the Church – the better of an instinct they will have for the True Faith. When we are open to Him, God gives us an intuition about divine realities. And when the entire People of God manifests a belief of faith or morals, that belief cannot be wrong, because the Holy Spirit would not allow the entire Church to go into error.

The *sensus fidei* cannot be determined by majority vote. History shows that individuals and groups in the Church, whether members of the faithful or bishops, can very easily fall into error and sin. The more separated a person is from God and His Church, the less likely they will be to instinctively recognize the truths of the Faith — and we have all sinned and fallen short (Romans 3:23). However, if the faithful stubbornly cling to some belief or obstinately refuse to accept another, for a long time and in many places, even in the face of opposition and persecution, that should be a sign to the Magisterium of the *sensus fidei* at work.

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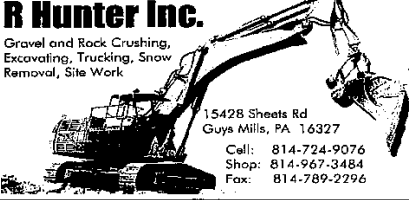

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