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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

Liturgies:

Sunday 8:00am

Confessions:

By appointment

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, FEBRUARY 14, SAINTS CYRIL and METHODIUS 8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17,
THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, WEEKDAY 8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00am OLL For the Parishioners of Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes and Epiphany of the Lord Parishes 11:00am SH Elsie Blankfield (Dutch & Carol Barickman)

Read the parish bulletin online at www.sainthippolytechurch.com

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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.

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 9:00am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at OLL

9:15am Faith Formation Grades PS-8 at SH

12:00pm Social Sunday at SH

Monday 9:15am Small Group Bible Study at SH

7:00pm Family Society meeting at OLL

Tuesday 7:00pm Choir at OLL

Wednesday 6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study at OLL Sunday No Faith Formation Classes

9:00am Donut Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 26 Mardi Gras Party at SH 5:00pm Mass; 6:00pm Party

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

MONDAY: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 TUESDAY: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 WEDNESDAY: Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26 THURSDAY: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33 FRIDAY: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34—9:1

SATURDAY: Jas 3:1-10/Mk 9:2-13

SUNDAY: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 15: Madison Mitchell

Feb. 16: Marcene Karns, Richelle Robinson

Feb. 19: Donna Hutson, Larry Mirage

Feb. 20: Grace Carless

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Feb. 14: Casey & Carrie Miller

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we will be either blessed or have woe done unto us. It's a challenging teaching!

Which half of this Gospel reading applies to you?

Youth – How does trusting in God make a difference in your life? Children – How do you experience God's blessing in difficult times, when you are sad, hungry, or when friends reject you?

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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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

Offertory last week: \$947 \$1,605 envelopes used: 26 26 26 Suilding Fund last week: \$278 \$255 envelopes used: 12 14

Catholic Services Appeal 2022: Diocesan Assessment: \$27,598

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

ASH WEDNESDAY is Wednesday, March 2nd. Two Masses with distribution of ashes will take place in our parish on that day:

• 5:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes

• 7:00pm at Saint Hippolyte



HELPING HANDS PRAYER: Not from on high do you summon us, O God, to tasks beyond our power. But through Jesus, you come into our midst with promises of blessing and warnings of woe. Shield us from the false security of possessions and privilege. Fix our hearts instead on the blessings promised those who trust in you alone. 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, March 6. **Congratulations** to our February winner: #1112 Saint Hippolyte Church Building Fund—sold by Karen Martin



LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Discover why families always matter at:

http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm

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The Family Society will meet on Monday, February 14 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome to attend. **Donut Sunday**, sponsored by the Family Society, will be held next Sunday, February 20 following the 8:00am Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Don't forget to sign up for our MARDI GRAS PARTY which will be held on Saturday, February 26 at Saint Hippolyte Church following the 5:00pm Mass on that day. Join us for a pizza party followed by games and music. Sign ups are needed so that we know how much food, etc. to prepare. Please plan to attend!

Catholics for Life and Liberty Holy Hour with exposition and benediction will be held on Friday, February 18 at 6:00pm at Saint Agatha Church in Meadville. This Holy Hour is held each third Friday of the month. All are welcome to attend.

Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 9:00am-12:30pm on March 12. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year's conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit www.138women.com for more info and to register. Registration would make a great St. Valentine's Day gift.

Protection and Creating Child Safe Environments—Digital Dating Abuse can be defined as "a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet." One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they'd been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really *listen* to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at www.cvberwise.org.

To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit

www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

Faith Builders Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 26 from 8:00am until 10:30am at 28527 Guys Mills Road, Guys Mills. Donations benefit the Faith Builders Christian School.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

GRATITUDE

What are you most thankful for?

We are grateful for eyes that can see and ponder, for taste buds that know the sensuous pleasures of eating and drinking, for hands that hold and touch and feel, for ears that can delight in music and the voice of a friend, for a nose that can smell the aroma of newly mown grass or delicious food and can also breathe the air that gives us life.

We are grateful for the treasure of loved ones whose hearts of openness and acceptance have encouraged us to be who we are. We are grateful for their faithfulness, for standing by us when our weaknesses stood out glaringly, for being there when we were most in need and for delighting with us in our good days and our joyful seasons.

- 1. We are grateful for the eyes of faith, for believing in the presence of God, giving us hope in our darkest days, encouraging us to listen to our spirits hunger, and reminding us to trust in the blessings of God's presence in our most empty days.
- 2. We are grateful for the ongoing process of becoming who we are, for the seasons within, for the great adventure of life that challenges and comforts us at one and the same time.
- 3. We are grateful for the messengers of God—people, events, written or spoken words—that come to us at just the right time and help us to grow.
- 4. We are grateful for God calling us to work with our gifts, grateful that we can be of service and use our talents in a responsible and just way.
- 5. We are grateful that we have the basic necessities of life, that we have the means and the ability to hear the cries of the poor and to respond with our abundance.
- 6. We are grateful for the miracle of life, for the green of our earth, for the amazing grace of our history; we are grateful that we still have time to decide the fate of the world by our choices and our actions, grateful that we have it within our power to bring a divided world to PEACE.

Faithful God, you have lavished us with love. Keep us ever mindful that you keep your promises. On our difficult days help us to remember that you are a refuge for those who need shelter, a comfort for those who feel empty and poor in spirit. On our joyful days fill us with a deep sense of thanksgiving as we experience your everlasting love. Help us to share your graciousness with all those who need a touch of generous love. AMEN

May I Have This Dance?: An Invitation to Faithful Prayer Throughout The Year. Written by Joyce Rupp.

Synod: Key Term #1

What is the Synod on Synodality?

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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.



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.

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