

**SAINT HIPPOLYTE**

Frenchtown, PA

Liturgies:

Saturday 5:00pm (Nov.—April)

Sunday 10:30am

Confessions:

Saturday 4:30pm (Nov.—April)

Sunday following the 10:30am Mass

**THE THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 15, 2019**



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Cochranton, PA

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Saturday 5:00pm (May—Oct.)

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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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Father Daniel Prez

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**Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am SH Christina Lehman (Don & Carol Graham)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30am OLL Virginia Stevens (Jack & Carole Jones)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, SAINT PETER CANISIUS

*Anticipated Sunday Liturgy:*

5:00pm SH George Popovich (George & Betty Klein)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30am OLL For the Parishioners

10:30am SH Jerry McGowan and Gerry Shank (Cindy McGowan)

Read the parish bulletin online at [www.sainthippolytechurch.com](http://www.sainthippolytechurch.com)

**HELPING HANDS**

**Coordinators:**

Fran Greathouse ..... 425-2549

Carole Jones ..... 789-2881

**Prayer Requests:**

Bob & Denise Schoenfeldt ..... 333-8464

Julia Hovis ..... 657-3265

**Visitation:**

Elisabeth Guest (cards) ..... 789-3683

Nancy Musser (cards) ..... 425-7725

Connie Molli (visits/telephone) ..... 967-3813

Judy Shonnard (visits) ..... 758-1169

Sharon Boughner (telephone) ..... 425-8284

**Emergency Home Care:**

Ruth Jackard (Meals) ..... 789-2085

Mary Beth Coyle (Meals) ..... 425-2502

Chris & Shannon Ploski (Odd Jobs) ..... 967-4065

Dave Wolff (Odd Jobs) ..... 573-6260

Mary Everitt (Respite Care) ..... 853-0599

**Transportation:**

Jennifer Mitchell ..... 827-3803

Bob Robinson (to church) ..... 282-3673

Beth Bryan (errands) ..... 671-3335

**Services to the Bereaved:**

Kay Hotchkiss (Mass) ..... 425-3933

Mary Ann Francic (Mass) ..... 724-452-4492

Kitty Jehn (Dinner) ..... 425-8282

Cathy Kalinowski (Dinner) ..... 425-2484

Rita Bogardus (Dinner) ..... 789-2679

Joyce Tarr (Follow up) ..... 671-1009

**Elizabeth Ministry:**

Joanne Froella ..... 425-3645

Carol Barickman ..... 789-3814

**Ministry of Welcome:**

Garold Molli ..... 967-3813

Rosanne Chamberlain ..... 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.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	8:00am Confessions at OLL 8:45am FF Grades PS-8 at SH 9:45am FF Grades PS-10 at OLL 11:45am Confessions at SH 4:00pm FF Grades 9-11 at OLL 5:30-7:00pm <i>Journey to Bethlehem</i> at OLL
Monday	9:00am Small Group Bible Study at SH 7:00pm Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) at SH
Tuesday	7:00pm Choir at SH
Saturday	4:30pm Confessions at SH
Sunday	8:00am Confessions at OLL 9:30am Decorating at OLL 11:30am Decorating at SH 11:45am Confessions at SH

## COMING EVENTS

Dec. 23-26 Parish Office Closed

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
MONDAY:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
TUESDAY:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
WEDNESDAY:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
THURSDAY:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
FRIDAY:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
SATURDAY:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
SUNDAY:	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 17: Iris Przybylek  
Dec. 18: Bill McCarthy, Stephen Schwartz  
Dec. 19: Regina Foriska, Gerald Kutruff, Grace Sylves  
Dec. 20: Ruth Jackard, Avery Palotas  
Dec. 21: Ron Maloney, Rhonda Weagraff  
Dec. 22: Breanna Heme, Michael Leech, Landon Pierce, Johanna Schneider

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 18: Al & Cindy Nahay  
Dec. 20: Bill & Nancy Musser

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's First Reading*

**Adults** – What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

**Youth** – God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

**Children** – Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?  
lifelongcatechesis.osv.com

## LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Visit the Diocese of Erie family website at <http://www.eriecfd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!



## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Offertory last week:	\$1,373	\$1,678
envelopes used:	48	53
Retired Religious	\$ 377	\$ 621
Building Fund last week:	\$ 348	\$ 266
envelopes used:	20	22

### Catholic Services Appeal 2019:

Dio Assessment: \$27,485

# of Gifts/Pledges: 104

Pledged: \$40,440 Received: \$35,835

*Thanks for your generosity and dedication.*

**Religious Give Thanks.** "Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

## REJOICE

**HELPING HANDS PRAYER:** Joy and gladness, O God, attend the advent of Your reign in Jesus, for wherever the Good News is proclaimed to the poor, feeble limbs are made steady, and fearful hearts grow strong. Give us strength for witnessing, that we may go and tell others what we see and hear. Give us patience for waiting, until the precious harvest of Your kingdom, when the return of Your Son will make Your saving work complete. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was, Who is and Who is to come, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

**TICKET RETURNS FOR THE PARISH RAFFLE** can be made through the collection basket, mailed to the parish office or given to Kathy Young. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office. The first monthly drawing is January 5.

**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.

## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

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Roman Catholic Church



Join the diocesan Facebook page at [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME** to Gabrielle Lynn Hutchison, daughter of Gerald and Sara Hutchison, who was baptized on Saturday, November 30 at Saint Hippolyte. The Hutchison family are members of our parish at Our Lady of Lourdes.

**THE PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)** will meet on Monday, December 16 at 7:00pm in the Saint Hippolyte Parish Activities Room. New members from Saint Hippolyte are still needed. If you are interested in becoming a member of PAC, please attend this meeting.

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS** takes place next Sunday following the morning Masses. New volunteers are always welcome and our regular volunteers will be much appreciated again! {Please note: lunch will not be provided this year at Saint Hippolyte.}

**A SPECIAL BLESSING** of the baby Jesus figurine from your home nativity scene will be offered at Masses next weekend. All are encouraged to participate.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING FRENCH DINNER.** This annual dinner, sponsored by Le Nom du Pere Society, will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Saint Hippolyte. The menu includes French Onion Soup, Salad, Chicken Cordon Blue and Crème Brule. Dinner also includes bread and a glass of wine. Dinner is served on the hour at 5:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:00pm. The prices remains at \$18 per person for this elegant 4-course dinner. Reservations and payment must be made in advance before the February 5 deadline. **Tickets to this dinner would make a great Christmas gift!** For reservations call Connie at 967-3813.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:** Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by signing up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, held on February 14-16, 2020 at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Grove City. It's the best gift you'll ever give to each other, your family and your marriage! For more info call 330-305-9963 or visit WWME.org.

**MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP**—Attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday January 24, 2020. Buses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on January 23 at 11:00pm and return about 1:30am on January 25. Reservations should be made ASAP by sending \$55 per seat to People of Life, PO Box 1126, Erie PA 16512. Pay by Dec. 21 and get a \$5 early bird discount (\$50 per seat). For more info and/or to use your credit or debit card, call 814-882-1333 or visit [www.peopleforlife.life/january2020](http://www.peopleforlife.life/january2020).

## WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

**ADVENT SERIES OFFERED BY DYNAMIC CATHOLIC...**Dynamic Catholic offers a daily reflection for each day of Advent that gives a positive message and offers hope for our prayer life. It is never too late to start this series of daily videos because you can view previous messages. You can expect a very blessed Christmas season by completing this Advent series. This is available online by visiting Dynamic Catholic's website at [dynamiccatholic.com/programs](http://dynamiccatholic.com/programs) and select *Best Advent Ever*.

There are many ways to celebrate Advent in our parish. Your participation offers a great testimony to being involved in parish life and shows what it means to be community.

The Confirmation Journey students at St. Hippolyte were challenged to read a chapter of Luke each day beginning on the first day of Advent on December 1st through December 24th which will give them the life and message of Jesus.

Journey to Bethlehem, which is presented each year at Our Lady of Lourdes by the Faith Formation students, is a way to involve many students and parishioners and is a wonderful way for the to community experience the walk to Bethlehem. Much thanks to Kevin and Regina Merritt and all the others for their hard work. You can attend our Journey to Bethlehem this evening, December 15th from 5:30-7:00pm. Stop in at the social hall afterwards for refreshments and enjoy the entertainment presented by our parish choir.

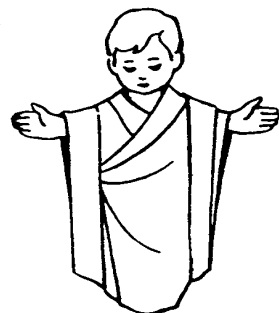
Next Sunday following Mass many parishioners will help to decorate our churches in order to be ready for the Christmas Season. Volunteers are welcome!

How about you? How have you been preparing for the Christmas season? Let's be one of those who offer our assistance to these projects and keep our parish fully alive!

## CHRIST-KINDEL CORNER...

**DID YOU KNOW...**Before the introduction of the Christmas tree, the *Christ-kindel* traditionally deposited gifts — usually only nuts, cookies, and candies — in one of three different containers: a straw basket, a plate, or in a stocking "...hung by the chimney with care..."

**HAVE YOU...**Found a small gift? Planned a Christmas surprise for your Advent prayer partner?



# **COMMUNITY PENANCE SERVICE**

**Sunday, December 22—2:30pm**

**Saint Agatha Church**

**353 Pine Street, Meadville**



## **CONFESSION:**

**Monday, December 16 at Saint Hippolyte**

**6:00-7:00pm**

**Tuesday, December 17 at Our Lady of Lourdes**

**6:00-7:00pm**

## **UPCOMING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**

### ***The Nativity of the Lord***

**Tuesday, December 24**

**5:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes**

**10:00pm at Saint Hippolyte**

**Wednesday, December 25**

**8:30am at Our Lady of Lourdes**

**10:30am at Saint Hippolyte**



***Come 30 minutes early for musical presentations by the parish choir  
before the Christmas Eve Masses and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day.***

### ***Mary, the Holy Mother of God***

**Tuesday, December 31**

**6:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Wednesday, January 1**

**10:00am at Saint Hippolyte**



# FRENCH DINNER



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

**SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH**

**SOCIAL HALL**

**\$18 PER PERSON, IN ADVANCE**

**DINNER SERVED ON THE HOUR**

**5:00PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM**

## **MENU:**

**SOUPE A L'OIGNON FRANCAISE (FRENCH ONION SOUP)**

**SALADE DE VINAIGRETTE (SALAD GREENS WITH VINAIGRETTE DRESSING)**

**CORDON BLEU AU POULET (CHICKEN CORDON BLUE)**

**RIX AUX CHAMPIGNONS (RICE WITH MUSHROOMS)**

**PETITES POIS AU MENTHE (MINT PEAS)**

**GATEAU CRÈME BRULEE (DESSERT CAKE)**

**ALSO INCLUDED: FRENCH BREAD AND BEVERAGES**



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Welcome to our parish! We hope you will become a part of our parish family!

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

Saint Hippolyte

Our Lady of Lourdes

Please drop this form in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.