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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

Liturgies:

Saturday 4:30pm (May-Oct) Sunday 8:30am

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.

Pastor

Father Daniel Prez **Faith Formation Coordinator** Joyce Tarr 814-671-1009 **Administrative Assistant** Desiree Wagner **Director of Music Ministries**

Darcie Schoenfeldt-White

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, WEEKDAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, WEEKDAY 8:30am SH Intentions of Betty Klein (Elisabeth Guest)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, WEEKDAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMER 3, SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

8:30am OLL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, WEEKDAY Mary Gertrude Homan (Julie Hovis & Lew Schaff)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
Anticipated Sunday Liturgy:
4:30pm OLL Justin Opatrny (Dave & Fran McClain)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30am OLL For the Parishioners 10:30am SH Judy DeMaison (Joyce Tarr)

Read the parish bulletin online at 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 | Transportation: 327-3803 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: |
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| Chris & Shannon Ploski (Odd Jobs) 967-4065 Dave Wolff (Odd Jobs) 573-6260 Mary Everitt (Respite Care) | Garold Molli |

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:

Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

MONDAY:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY:

1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY:

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY:

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 31: Renee Dashner, Kierstyn Mitchell,

Emma Sutton

Sept. 1: Julie Hutcheson, Ferrah Maloney

Sept. 2: Chase Miller

Sept. 3: Craig Beuchat, Carole Jones

Sept. 4: Ron Kalinowski Sept. 5: Mary Grundy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 6: David & Laura George

Brian & Elizabeth Burnette

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness — the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?

Youth – In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

Children – Jesus tells us that we are each called to follow Him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

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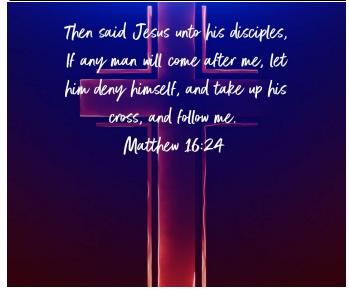
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| Offertory last week: | \$ 833 | \$1,163 |
| envelopes used: | 28 | 23 |
| Building Fund last week: | \$ 242 | \$ 130 |
| envelopes used: | 17 | 13 |

Catholic Services Appeal 2020:

Dio Assessment: \$27,618 # of Gifts/Pledges: 101

Pledged: \$37,085 Received: \$31,185

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.



HELPING HANDS PRAYER: Transform us, O God, by the renewal of our minds, that we may not be conformed to this world or seduced by human standards of success.

But as true disciples may we discern how good and pleasing it is to You for us to deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow in the footsteps of Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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:

Saint Hippolyte/ Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church



Contact the <u>parish office</u> 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE...Mass is celebrated at Saint Hippolyte on Tuesday at 8:30am and at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday at 8:30am.

A FEW MORE PAVERS (\$500) AND BRICKS (\$70) are still available for the SS. Peter and Paul Memorial. Contact Dan Hamilton at 724-3174 this week for more information. The memorial is almost completed so please respond ASAP!

ROSARY CLASSES will begin on Tuesday September 8, the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Classes will meet on Tuesday morning following the 8:30am Mass at Saint Hippolyte (approximately 9:15am) and on Tuesday evenings at Our Lady of Lourdes at 6:30pm. Each 1½ hour class will include a video, discussion questions and praying the Rosary. No snacks will be shared but you are permitted to bring your own food and drink. Social distancing will be observed; masks must be worn and we are limited to 25 people at each class. Registration is required and must be made no later than September 5th. REGISTER **TODAY** due to the limited number of participants. Register by signing the sheet on the bulletin board or by calling Fran Greathouse at 425-2549.

THE 2020 PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY **COLLECTION** will be taken on the weekend of September 12/13. Due to the pandemic it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land of Jesus. Pope Francis has given permission for this collection to be taken in September, on the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Thanks to Christians throughout the whole world who have given so generously, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land will be able to continue their eightcentury-tradition of taking care of the Holy Places of Christianity, from the Holy Sepulcher to the Basilica of the Nativity and to the lesser known sanctuaries. This organization also provides quality education and learning to the more than 10,000 students attending their schools, helps young families find a home, and assists Christian migrant workers and refugees from Syria and other various countries. Thanks for your generosity!

THE 2020 CATHOLIC **EDUCATION COLLECTION** will take place on the weekend of September 19-20. This important collection lifelong faith formation supports generations throughout our diocese. Please give generously and know that half of what you give will remain here at our parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. Thank you for your generosity!

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Pope Francis recently gave a wonderful example of what it means to have Spiritual Communion, especially during COVID-19.

Since Bishop Persico has granted to us a dispensation from attending Mass during this pandemic, we should be watching the Mass on TV or the internet as many of our priest are offering a streaming of the Mass each Sunday and even some on weekdays.

Bishop Persico has also opened the churches on a limited basis following the CDC guidelines of six feet distancing and wearing a mask with a limited amount of people in each church.

For many of us there is a deeper desire to communicate with God on a spiritual level when we are missing our weekly partaking of the Eucharist.

There are many prayers offered for a spiritual communion, but as Pope Francis states when we are sitting in Adoration, we are participating and that is spiritual communion. When we pray our Rosary, that is spiritual communion. When we are holding a Crucifix, when we do works of mercy or charity, that is spiritual communion. When we do not put others down or use name-calling, especially during political differences, that is spiritual communion.

So during our time away from the actual receiving of the Eucharist, let us pray a spiritual communion prayer every day. Here is just one of the many prayers for spiritual communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

AMEN.



September 2020—Parish Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 23rd Sunday O.T. | Parish Office Closed | 8 9:15am—SH Rosary Group 6:30pm—OLL Rosary Group | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 24th Sunday O.T. Second Collection: Holy Land | 14 | 9:15am—SH Rosary Group 6:30pm—OLL Rosary Group | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
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| 20 25th Sunday O.T. Catechetical Sunday Second Collection: Catholic Education | 21 7:00pm—SH Finance Council | 9:15am—SH Rosary Group 6:30pm—OLL Rosary Group | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 26th Sunday O.T. 8:45am—SH FF Grades PS-8 | 28 | 29 9:15am—SH Small Group | 30 | | | |
| 9:45am—OLL FF Grades PS-10 4:00pm—SH FF Grades 9-11 | | Out | | Weekend Mass des: Saturday a Hippolyte: Su | | day at 8:30am |

September 2020

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| 27 Rev. Thomas E. Brown | 20 Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Smith | 13 Rev. William J. O'Brien | 6 Rev. Msgr. Henry L. Krebs | SEPT |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 28 Rev. James G. Gutting | 21 Rev. Paul A. Schill | 14 The Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman | 7 Very Rev. Msgr. Richard R. Siefer, E.V. | SEPTEMBER |
| 29 Very Rev. Michael T. Kesicki | 22 Very Rev. Michael P. Ferrick, V. F. | 15 Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek | 8 Rev. William R. Barron | 1 Rev. Philip M. Oriole |
| 30 Rev. Scott P. Detisch | 23 Rev. Robert A. Manning | Pray For Vocations | 9 Rev. Raymond W. Hahn | 2 Rev. Msgr. H. Desmond McGee |
| | Rev. Marc J. Solomon | 17 Rev. Mark A. Hoffman | 10 Rev. Msgr. Daniel E. Magraw | 3 Rev. Msgr. David A. Rubino |
| | ev. Zab Amar | 18 Rev. D.G. (Skip) Davis | 11 Rev. John P. Malthaner, V.F. | 4 Rev. Justin P. Pino |
| | 26 Rev. Brian E. Vossler | 19 Rev. Brandon Kleckner | Rev. Alexander D. Amico | 5 Rev. Philip Bilotte |

25 Years of The Gospel of Life

This year the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document was written by Pope John Paul II to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.

The Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with

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every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with himself, the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By accepting Christ as our Savior through the ministry of the

Church, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the "Word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we bear. Even within the

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mystery which surrounds suffering and death, these experiences can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's own sacrifice. By making human life the instrument of our salvation, the Son of God shows us the priceless value of human life.

Although the roots of violence against life are not new—going all the way back to Genesis, when Cain took the life of his brother Abel—our modern world is now suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative, and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However,

To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of Life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.

the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope. Christ's gift of himself on the Cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.

Society as a whole must respect, defend and



promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Each life is a gift from God and ultimately belongs to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself.* Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of Life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

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