

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent *March 14, 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, MARCH 15, LENTEN WEEKDAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30am SH Communion Service
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, SAINT PATRICK
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM
8:30am OLL Communion Service
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, SAINT JOSEPH
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, LENTEN WEEKDAY
Anticipated Sunday Liturgy:
4:30pm SH Slip Genis (Dan & Cec Richard)
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30am OLL For the Parishioners
10:30am SH Rosalie McCracken (Dennis & Sylvia Livi)

Read the parish bulletin online at www.sainthippolytechurch.com

HELPING HANDS

Coordinators:

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

Prayer Requests:

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Carol Barickman.....789-3814

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Garold Molli967-3813
Rosanne Chamberlain374-4026

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.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: Please phone the parish office immediately if a loved one is sick or hospitalized.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

MONDAY:

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY:

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY:

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a OR Lk 2:41-51a

SATURDAY:

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY:

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 15: Bill Chase
March 16: Dave Parker, Larry Rhoades
March 17: Ben Mangus
March 18: Tim Hartman
March 19: Owen Maloney
March 20: Pat Ferry, Joan Hartman,
Tammy Heme, Jill Juracko
March 21: Jessica Carless, Jim Hutcheson,
Bob Jehn, Dave McClain

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 21: Dave & Patrice Schwartz

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?

Youth – The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

Children – Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?

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

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Offertory last week:	\$1,270	\$2,596
envelopes used:	41	40
Building Fund last week:	\$ 425	\$ 411
envelopes used:	21	18

Catholic Services Appeal 2021:

Dio Assessment: \$27,069

of Gifts/Pledges: 75

Pledged: \$27,505 Received: \$16,105

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: God of mercy, Who sent Your Son into the world not to condemn it but to save it, open our eyes to behold Jesus lifted up on the cross and to see in those outstretched arms Your abundant compassion. Let the world's weary and wounded come to know that by Your gracious gift we are saved and delivered, so immeasurable is the love with which You love the world. We ask this through Christ, with Whom You have raised us up in baptism, the Lord 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, April 4. **Congratulations** to our March winner: #624—Ashley, County Line Restaurant; sold by Ron Kalinowski

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.



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Contact the parish office 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00pm at Saint Hippolyte. All are encouraged to attend.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF MEADVILLE is hosting a **Communal Penance Service** on Sunday, March 21 at 3:00pm at Saint Agatha Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

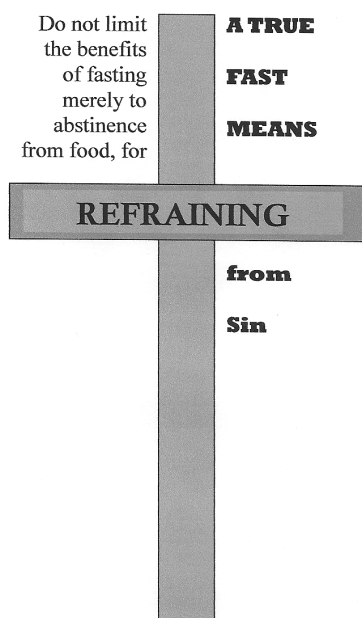
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL INDOOR GARAGE SALE AT SAINT HIPPOLTYE SOCIAL HALL — APRIL 29, APRIL 30 and MAY 1. Your donations of clean and gently used clothing, books, household goods, appliances, toys, tools, etc. are needed. Now is the perfect time for some spring cleaning and putting aside items for donation. Your donations will be accepted at the social hall between April 12 and April 26th. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, sort, price and sell! Contact Wanda Schmidt (208-899-3119 or marcussss@outlook.com) for more information or to volunteer.



TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE— Tuesday, March 16 from 1:30-6:30pm at the Randolph VFD in Guys Mills. Walk Ins Welcome!



WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

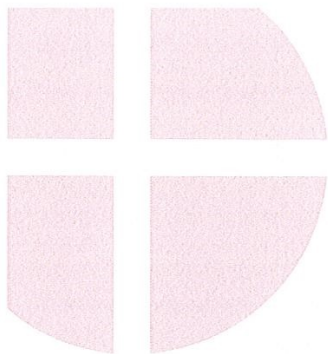
RECONCILIATION

The Catholic Church treasures the Sacrament of Penance. Many parishes offer a communal celebration of penance, especially during Advent and Lent. But private reconciliation is usually available every week of the year.

If you'd like to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, here's what to do:

- **Prepare.** Prayerfully recall your sins. Some will be specific actions. Some represent a more general pattern of behavior.
- **Go to the priest.** Visit when he's in the Reconciliation Room (Confessional) at your parish or ask for an appointment. You may either kneel anonymously behind a screen or sit in a chair where you may speak face to face.
- **Be welcome.** You and the priest may greet each other. Make the Sign of the Cross. He may urge you to have confidence in God. You may indicate the interval since your last confession or anything else that will help. Just use common sense. Either you or the priest may read from Scripture.
- **Confess your sins.** Some penitents begin with a formula like "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned," but you don't have to. This is not indicated in the rite. Let the priest know your sins. You may discuss the sins you confess so the priest can give you the best counsel.
- **Receive a penance.** The priest will recommend some action after you leave to indicate to God the sincerity in your heart. Usually he suggests prayer or self-denial. If it sounds difficult, let him know.
- **Pray for forgiveness.** The priest may invite you to say a prayer of sorrow aloud. If you remember the Act of Contrition, you may use it. But you may also speak simply from your heart.
- **Receive absolution.** This is the best part. The priest proclaims absolution, and God forgives your sins.
- **Conclude.** The priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." If so, answer "His mercy endures for ever" (*Rite of Penance*, 47). Or he may conclude informally.
- **Change!** Go forth, and with God's help, begin to live a new life of freedom from the slavery of sin!

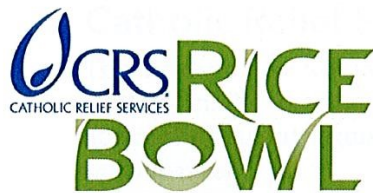
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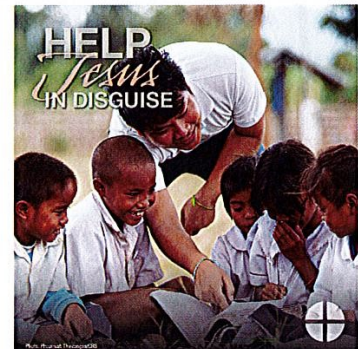
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 14, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.



Rice Bowls may be returned to the church anytime during Holy Week, on Easter Sunday, or the following weekend.



Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.

The Year of the Family

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of familial love. Pope Francis announced the Year of *Amoris Laetitia*, which will conclude on with the X World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022.

We pray for each of you and your families!



Amoris Laetitia Family
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BULLETIN



Try It, You'll Like It!

A CONFESSION ABOUT CONFESSION

We can take a look into our spiritual mirror, and if we don't like what we see, we have the chance to change it, all while accepting God's gift of forgiveness.

Confession is always an affirmation of faith and not just a proclamation of sinfulness.

Bless me, reader, for I have sinned: I am not the best role model when it comes to confession.

Of course, I know how important it is. I know that there is great peace in the forgiveness offered by God, that it strengthens our relationship with him and it reminds us of our duty to live our lives in a more Christ-like way.

Like exercise, confession – or the sacrament of reconciliation, as we now call it – always makes me feel better after I go – separated from my sinful habits and inspired to adhere more closely to my spiritual path.

But convincing my children of its myriad benefits is one of the wonderful challenges of parenting, akin to making sure they've got enough spiritual veggies on their plate of faith.

Me: "Try it, you'll like it!"

Them: "Uh, huh," as they hide their peas under the mound of mashed potatoes.

Like plenty of adults I know, my children have no problem coming up with reasons why they don't need to make a list of their less-than-stellar moments and, worse, tell someone about it.

"I haven't done anything wrong," spits out my younger daughter at my suggestion of a Saturday afternoon family trip to the

confessional. (This, of course, comes right after a morning fight with her younger brother.)

I deftly point out that while we aren't a family of murderers, it would behoove all of us to take a moment and think of the times we were less than kind to each other, when we perhaps spoke too hastily or took pleasure in another person's misfortune.

We can confess those sinful moments and receive God's forgiveness, I say. I try to explain it in different ways: It's like wiping down the dry erase board – chalkboards are so 20th century – and making a fresh start.

I say to the kids: "Try it, you'll like it!"

Kid No. 2 says: "We've got (insert random sports activity, birthday party, semiannual family ritual) coming up."

Sure, in a family of five, there is always something going on in our lives. I joke that we don't have excuses, we have exceptions – reasons why we are somehow above the rules. Except, that's not the case.

Sometimes, the day-to-day struggles are precisely why we need to make the time for a trip to the confessional. Those moments spent in the pew clicking off our list of sins – the gossip, the profanity, the desiring of what belongs to someone else – may

be the reality check we need to bring us back on course.

We can take a look into our spiritual mirror, and if we don't like what we see, we have the chance to change it, all while accepting God's gift of forgiveness.

Me: "Try it, you'll like it!"





"You've been saying we need to go, and then we don't," my older one says to me.

Zing – the shot to the heart. She's right. Oh, I talk a good game about confession, but in the end, I make all the same excuses they do. I can't tell you how many times I've walked into church on a Sunday morning and chastised myself for missing the Saturday confession window. And then I slide into the pew, the thought discarded like a wadded-up tissue.

So what am I teaching my kids? During Lent, I took the time to teach them that confession is something we do – as a family. It doesn't matter if our sins are big or small, if we are busy or lazy. I realized the one I'm convincing is myself, that it's time for me to look into the mirror and decide if this is the reflection of God I want the world to see. Only then can I hope my children will follow my example.

"Try it, you'll like it!"

Kelly Bothum, a mother of three, is a freelance writer.

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