

## 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

## *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 14, 2021*



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

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

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By appointment

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## **Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, WEEKDAY

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, WEEKDAY

8:30am SH Rosalie McCracken (Joyce Tarr)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, ASH WEDNESDAY

5:00pm OLL Justin Opatrny (Bob & Kitty Jehn)

7:00pm SH Intentions of Shirley Porter (Carl & Kay Hotchkiss)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30am OLL Jack & Elsie Blankfield (Nancy Musser)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

*Anticipated Sunday Liturgy:*

4:30pm SH Living and Deceased of Wentworth/Laibe Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am OLL For the Parishioners

10:30am SH Donald Mailliard (Kids)

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## **HELPING HANDS**

### **Coordinators:**

Fran Greathouse.....425-2549

Carole Jones.....789-2881

### **Prayer Requests:**

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

Julia Hovis .....657-3265

### **Visitation:**

Carole Jones (cards).....789-2881

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.

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### TODAY:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

### MONDAY:

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

### TUESDAY:

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

### WEDNESDAY:

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### THURSDAY:

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

### FRIDAY:

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

### SATURDAY:

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

### SUNDAY:

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 15: Madison Mitchell  
Feb. 16: Marcene Karns, Richelle Robinson  
Feb. 19: Donna Hutson, Larry Mirage  
Feb. 20: Grace Carless  
Feb. 21: Daniel Dunlevy

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel*

**Adults** – Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

**Youth** – How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

**Children** – What do you want to ask Jesus to do for 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 425-3933.

**LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?** Discover why families always matter at: <http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm>



## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Offertory last week:	\$1,995	\$1,612
envelopes used:	43	27
Building Fund last week:	\$ 872	\$ 165
envelopes used:	30	15

### Catholic Services Appeal 2021:

Dio Assessment: \$27,069

*Thanks for your generosity and dedication.*

*Ash Wednesday*



*Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

**HELPING HANDS PRAYER:** Cleanse and restore us, O God, and heal us continually from the sinfulness that divides us and from the prejudice and discrimination by which we degrade ourselves and dishonor Your image in others. Help us to stretch out our hands in love especially to those our society scorns and to recognize in their faces the very image of Christ, blood-stained on the cross. Thus may we take our part in Your work of redemption and proclaim to all the wonders of Your tender mercy and steadfast love. 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 7.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our February winner: #2877 St. Hippolyte Building Fund; sold by Karen Martin

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Join the diocesan  
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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.

**TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY** for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Only by working together can we make it possible for parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, clergy and the Catholic faithful to live and share Christ's teaching. You may wonder why you should support the CSA. The truth is, as members of the Diocese of Erie, we play an important role in the diocesan activities of Catholic education, evangelization, promoting justice and serving people in need throughout our diocese. Our diocese has work to do on behalf of the Lord and we are all asked to share our gifts to help advance the mission of the church.

Our bishop assures us that CSA donations are strictly designated to fund the projects, ministries, and departments of the Diocese of Erie. No funds donated to the CSA have been or will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse crisis. Your gift is so important. Thank you for giving.

**THE PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, February 15 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEEK!** Masses with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 17 at 5:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes and at 7:00pm at Saint Hippolyte.

**REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**—Because of the impossibility of sanitizing one's thumb between each person, Bishop Persico directs that those who wish to receive the sacramental of blessed ashes receive them using the practice common in many parts of the world of sprinkling ash on the crown of the head. This avoids any physical contact.

**WE ARE CALLED...**Join our faith community — and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl (and *Little Black Book for Lent*) from church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more, including meat-less recipes, etc.

**22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE OFFERS IN-PERSON AND ZOOM FORMAT**—The eighth annual 22:32 Men's Conference will be held Feb. 27 at separate parishes in the Diocese of Erie. Men will gather at local parishes in small groups to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The half-day event still features acclaimed Catholic speakers and witness stories that may be heard via Zoom beginning at 9:00a.m. and ending at noon. For information about hosting the conference at your parish or for your men's group, contact Dave Wayman at

[taichiguy@icloud.com](mailto:taichiguy@icloud.com) or 814-397-2809

## WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS



Keeping  
a Holy Lent

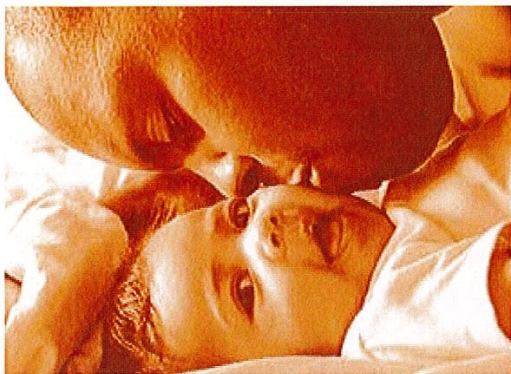
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and prepares us to celebrate the Triduum and the Easter Season. Triduum (meaning "three days" and pronounced TRIH-doo-uhm) begins on the evening of Holy Thursday (April 1) and continues with Good Friday (April 2), The Easter Vigil (April 3), and Easter Sunday (April 4). The Easter Season is from the evening of Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday (May 23).

On Ash Wednesday we receive ashes to show our faith and do penance. As we observe these 40 days we copy Jesus Christ's sacrifice. His journey into the desert and can be found in the Gospels of Matthew 4:2, Mark 1:13, and Luke 4:2. Lent is a time for us to fast, pray and do works of mercy for those in need or sick.

Below are just a few suggestions to make your own journey through Lent more meaningful.

1. Choose your Lenten sacrifice: doing a good work, fasting from something that you like (smoking, candy, alcohol, criticizing others, swearing); too many things to mention here but you know what you need to abstain from.
2. Do something positive: spend more time with your family, pray more, call or send a note to the shut-ins, stop holding grudges, forgive.
3. Pray more often: attend Mass more frequently, attend the Stations of the Cross at church or pray the stations at your home.
4. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Call Fr. Dan for an appointment if you need a special time for confession.
5. Fast from meat on Fridays, if over 14 years of age. Eat only 1 meal a day on Ash Wednesday and Good Fridays (or even every Friday during Lent). Follow the fasting regulations during Lent within your own family. (see last week's bulletin insert)
6. Participate in Operation Rice Bowl and perform other acts of charity.
7. Say the Rosary every day with your family. Join us every Sunday before the Masses.
8. Due to the current pandemic guides, we will not be having our normal Soup and Bread meals, nor will we have our parish retreat. Instead choose these other options that are mentioned above to keep your Lenten season holy.
9. Pray that everyone can receive the vaccine in a timely manner and put an end to this pandemic.
10. Visit the parish website and click on the link for **Grace and Mercy: a faith-filled walk through Lent** for some resources provided by the diocesan Office of Faith Formation.





# How to Build a Culture of Life

## THE PROBLEM .....

*Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?*

## OUR CHRISTIAN IDENTITY .....

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."<sup>1</sup>

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

## OUR MISSION AS CHRISTIANS .....

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others.

Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP .....

This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: "Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization."<sup>2</sup>

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we're more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

## IDENTITY CRISIS .....

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.



But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

#### OUR RESPONSE . . . . .

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows

how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

#### A CULTURE OF LIFE . . . . .

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person.

Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

1 John Paul II, Homily, 17<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002.

2 USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, *Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization*. Copyright © 2012, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.





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