

**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 SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 8, 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 9, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30am SH Jerry McGowan (Cindy McGowan)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, ADVENT WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, SAINT DAMASUS I

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, SAINT LUCY

8:30am OLL Edgar Greathouse (John & Fran Greathouse)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

*Anticipated Sunday Liturgy:*

5:00pm SH Tom Grundy Sr. (Mary and Family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30am OLL Marian Baringer (Joanne Froella and Family)

10:30am SH For the Parishioners

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
	9:30am	Coffee & Donuts at OLL
	9:45am	FF Grades PS-10 at OLL
	11:45am	Sunday Social at SH
	11:45am	Confessions at SH
	4:00pm	FF Grades 9-11 at SH
Monday		Parish Office Closed
	9:00am	Small Group Bible Study at SH
	7:00pm	Family Society meeting at OLL
Saturday	4:30pm	Confessions at SH
Sunday	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

## COMING EVENTS

Dec. 16	Pastoral Advisory Council meeting at SH	7:00pm
Dec. 22	No Faith Formation Classes	
Dec. 22	Christmas decorating after Masses	

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
MONDAY:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
TUESDAY:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
THURSDAY:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
FRIDAY:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SUNDAY:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 9:	Linda Poly
Dec. 10:	Robert Schmidt, III
Dec. 11:	John Buckley
Dec. 13:	Jane Butryn
Dec. 14:	Dan Kantz, Josh Moore, Brenda Schaeffer

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 9:	Jeff & Mary Vittorio
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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

**Adults** – Name the one thing in your life which you must “move out of the way” in order to make room for Christ—a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling?

**Youth** – What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

**Children** – Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

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## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,164	\$1,055
envelopes used:	43	38
Christmas Flowers	\$ 425	\$ 190
Building Fund last week:	\$ 316	\$ 182
envelopes used:	20	19

### Catholic Services Appeal 2019:

Dio Assessment: \$27,485

# of Gifts/Pledges: 104

Pledged: \$40,250 Received: \$35,785

*Thanks for your generosity and dedication.*

# PREPARE

**HELPING HANDS PRAYER:** Stir up within us, O God of peace and mercy, a sincere desire for repentance, that, baptized with the Holy Spirit and enkindled by the fire of Your love, we may bring to every circumstance and setting the justice, gentleness and peace that the incarnation of Your Word has caused to sprout up and blossom upon the earth. 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.

**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 next 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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**LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?** Visit the Diocese of Erie family website at <http://www.eriegcd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!



**SUPPORT AGING RELIGIOUS.** Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE FAMILY SOCIETY** will meet on Monday, December 9 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

**COME FOLLOW THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**, our live nativity, next Sunday, December 15, from 5:30pm until 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Bring a canned food item for the local food pantry. Stop by the social hall afterwards for hot cocoa, cookies and music by the parish choir. Donations of cookies are also needed. Please deliver cookies to the OLL kitchen by 4:00pm next Sunday.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS—Keeping God’s Children Protected and Safe:** To know that we are children of God is to live in complete love, with deep abiding security and the ability to dream, to sing, to create, to laugh, and to play without worry. As we grow older, we face a new reality — we cannot approach all God’s creation with the same trust and confidence. We learn, through sometimes hurtful and damaging experiences, that some people reject the ability that God gave them to love and respect others — they ignore God’s call. The diocesan program to safeguard children helps remind us of these very facts. With the help of this program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility of how to keep God’s children protected and safe. To see what the diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit

<https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### *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 at the Christmas Eve Masses and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day.*

## NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

### *Mary, Mother of God*

**Tuesday, December 31**

6:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes

**Wednesday, January 1**

10:00am at Saint Hippolyte

## WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

### Honor the Blessed Mother this week

The *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* is celebrated tomorrow, December 9<sup>th</sup> instead of today because the Second Sunday of Advent took precedence. The obligation to attend Mass has been lifted, but the holy day will still be celebrated on Monday at the 8:30am Mass. This holy day celebrates Mary’s conception in her mother’s womb. God’s grace preserved Mary from sin from the time of her conception until the end of her life because of her role in the mystery of salvation as the Mother of God. Mary was confused as to why she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, but accepted it willingly as she placed herself in God’s hands even though it was difficult and required great faith. We see in Mary’s obedience the continual grace over sin and a model for our life and how we should live a life of grace.

The *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*, patroness of the Americas, is December 12<sup>th</sup>. This feast is celebrated not only in the United States but also in Hispanic countries, like Mexico. The story and her image are well known. When the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego she instructed him to go to the local bishop and ask him to build a church where she appeared. The bishop didn’t believe Juan Diego so Mary filled his cloak with roses in December. When Juan Diego emptied out the roses at the bishop’s feet, there printed on his cloak was an image of the Virgin, dressed like an Aztec woman. This was the proof that the bishop needed and a church was constructed. The original Basilica began to sink, so a new Basilica was built next to it and the cloak is still housed in the Basilica in Mexico City. Our Lady of Guadalupe is also the patroness of the Cursillo Movement.







Take some time out of your busy schedule and honor the Blessed Mother in some special way this week.

### CHRIST-KINDEL CORNER...

- **Did you know...**The Christ-kindel would come by during the night on Christmas Eve riding on a mule and bringing gifts.
- **Don’t forget...**to pray for your Christ-kindel this week!
- **You could be a Secret Christ-kindel this Advent Season!** Send a card... do a good deed...say a prayer...be a *Secret Christ-kindel* by your random acts of kindness this week!



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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.*