

*Saint Lawrence the Martyr  
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

*Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor*

*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*

*1st  
Sunday  
in*

*Lent*

*Prepare  
the Way  
of the Lord*



*February 22, 2026*

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 4:00 pm at St. Lawrence  
Sunday @ 8:00 am at St. Philip  
Sunday @ 10:00 am at St. Lawrence

Weekday Masses

All at St. Lawrence  
8:00am  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
No Mass on Tuesday

First Friday

Holy Hour - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:00 pm at St. Lawrence

Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:15pm to 3:45pm  
at St. Lawrence  
Sunday - 7:30am at St. Philip

# Sunday, February 22, 2026

## ~ Mass Intentions ~

**Monday, February 23**  
Weekday

8:00 AM † *Teo Gomez Serrano*  
( Bob & Pat Kaleida )

**Tuesday, February 24**  
Lenten Weekday

\*No Mass\*

**Wednesday, February 25**  
Lenten Weekday

\*No Mass\*

**Thursday, February 26**  
Lenten Weekday

\*No Mass\*

**Friday, February 27**  
Lenten Weekday

\*No Mass\*

**Saturday, February 28**  
Lenten Weekday

\*At St. Lawrence\*

4:00 PM † *Barb Bardoff*  
( Patricia Thompson )

**Sunday, March 1**  
Second Sunday Of Lent

\*At St. Philip\*

8:00 AM † *Helen Mahoney*  
( Jack Mahoney )

\*At St. Lawrence\*

10:00 AM † *The Living and Deceased*  
*Members Of St. Lawrence and*  
*St. Philip Church*

### Please Note....

There will be no Daily Mass  
on Wednesday February 25th,  
Thursday February 26th,  
and Friday, February 27th.

Mass Intentions for these days  
have been rescheduled.

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
is prayed every Saturday at 3:30,  
at St. Lawrence Church

"Mary invites all her children  
to pray her Rosary"

## ~ From Fr. Michael ~

We have entered the season of Lent, the time of the Church's renewal to grow in trust, patience and humility through the time-honored commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Watch for announcements in next week's bulletin about Stations of the Cross and Bible study which I will offer on the Wednesdays of Lent.



Saturday, March 7 is the annual "2232 Men's Conference" at St. Jude Church in Erie (8:30am-1:00p). I will be attending. It would be GREAT if men from our parish would consider participating. We are blessed with the witness of courageous, Catholic men in our parish. What a great way to encourage each other as brothers in the Lord.

I will be away this week from Monday evening until Friday evening for some days of spiritual renewal. I'll be grateful for your prayers.

## Ministry Schedule

	Feb 28 - 4pm	March 1 - 8am	March 1 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Kimberly B	Student
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Student
Gift Bearers	Al/Miriam Y.	Volunteer	Student
	March 7 - 4pm	March 8 - 8am	March 8 - 10am
Lector	Carrie S.	Robert W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Julio P.
Gift Bearers		Elaine M.	
	March 14 - 4pm	March 15 - 8am	March 15 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Erinn W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W./Sophia P.
Gift Bearers		Wnek Family	
	March 21 - 4pm	March 22 - 8am	March 22 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Patti P.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nelli S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers		Cotton Family	

# First Sunday Of Lent

## ~ Parish Staff ~

### Clergy

Rev. Michael Kesicki  
Email - mkesicki@eriercd.org  
Phone - 814-756-3623

Deacon Paul McCoy  
Email - pwmccoy@aol.com

### Faith Formation

Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487  
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192

### Custodian/Maintenance

Renae Mihalak

### Parish Center

Renae Mihalak - 814-756-3623  
Please Leave a Message

### Parish Office

Lori Adamson

### Office Hours

8:30 am till 1:30 pm  
Monday thru Thursday  
Phone - 814-756-3623

### Mailing Address

St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church  
180 East State Street  
Albion, Pa 16401

Email  
stlawrencealbion@gmail.com

### St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus

## ~ Deacon's Corner ~

### First Week of Lent - Prayer

As Lent begins, it is good to remember the three primary focuses of this period of preparation – **prayer**, **fasting**, and **almsgiving**.

This week we will focus on **prayer**. There are probably more books, articles, websites, and smartphone applications about prayer than any subject. In addition, there are many forms and styles of prayer. Some questions you may ask:

- Why is prayer so important?
- What are the reasons to pray?
- Which type or style of prayer is best?
- How often do I pray?
- What if I don't feel like praying?

Prayer is our conversation with God, where we talk and also listen. It is getting to know and spend time with our friend Jesus. There are four types of prayer:

- Adoration – Praising God
- Contrition – Asking for God's forgiveness
- Petition – Asking God for a favor
- Thanksgiving – Showing God gratitude.

Pray can be quiet and personal or in a group. Pick a style you enjoy regarding prayer, but don't be afraid to try another one. Ideally, try to establish a routine where you pray at the same time everyday. If that does not work, pray when you can. Pray can also be done throughout the day as simple as, "Thank you, Jesus" or "Christ, I need your help." I find it can be as simple as remembering part of a song or hymn during the day that I heard at Mass. A simple phrase or routine prayer like the Our Father can help when you don't feel like praying or don't know what to say.

This Lent is an excellent time to challenge yourself to stop and remember to pray. Pray is a brief pause in the day that will continue to develop into our life-long relationship with God. Lent is also the perfect opportunity to spend some time in quiet prayer listening to God's still, small voice.

All God's blessing as we begin our Lenten journey.

Deacon Paul

**Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for information, changes, and cancelations**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/964057282152717>

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## Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

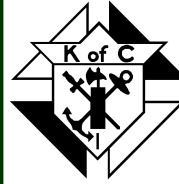
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



## Cursillo

"Making a friend, being a friend,  
and  
introducing that friend to Christ."

Parish Coordinators:  
Needed



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- \* to embellish the music of the liturgy
- \* to become a future cantor

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"Those who sing pray twice!"  
~St. Augustine

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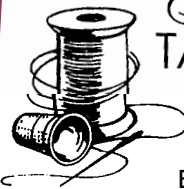


## St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

Sundays 9:00 - 10:00 Mass  
K through 11

To register contact:

Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487  
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192



**Irene's  
TAILORING**  
Alterations

Irene Petruska  
12450 Rt. 98  
Edinboro, Pa. 16412  
(814)384-3176

This Space Available

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Parishioners are requested  
to contact the pastor  
at least six months in advance  
to begin preparation.  
Participation is required in  
Pre-Cana or Engagement  
Encounter.

## Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment.  
Please call the Parish Office  
for more information.  
Pre-Baptismal instruction  
is required.

## Sponsor Certificates

Letters of recommendation  
issued only to confirmed  
parishioners (age 16+)  
in good standing,  
who attend Mass regularly and  
support the parish with time,  
treasure or talent.

## Sick Calls

Visits to the hospitals are  
made per patient request.  
Please notify the office of  
any hospitalization,  
Communion to the sick and  
shut-in visits. Emergencies  
will be addressed at any

## St. Lawrence/St. Philip Church Membership Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Check One

- ☐ New
- ☐ Returning
- ☐ Address Change
- ☐ Moving out of Parish



### Prayer For A New Bishop

*O Almighty God,  
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father  
and those who assist him  
in the discernment of our new bishop.  
May the one chosen have the strength  
to be a compassionate leader,  
who models humility and joy.  
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,  
the courage of the apostles,  
and the tenderness of your son, the Good Shepherd.*

*We also pray for the Diocese of Erie  
that he is called to serve.  
May we welcome him with open hearts  
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,  
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.*

*Through the intercession of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,  
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,  
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,  
may we journey the path of life  
with an unwavering focus  
on the hope we have in Christ.*

*For he lives and reigns forever and ever.  
Amen.*

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Erie



Diocese of Erie  
ROMAN CATHOLIC

### ~ Bingo ~

#### ~ Monday Night Bingo ~

St. Lawrence Center  
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30  
Games Begin at 6:30  
Jackpot:  
\$1,000 in 50 balls or less  
Come Join The Fun!!



### \*Mass Intentions\*

**Our Mass Intention Book is filling up  
very quickly. Our first available weekday  
for St. Lawrence is in July,  
and weekends are almost all full.  
Sundays at St. Philip are now full.**

~Thank You.

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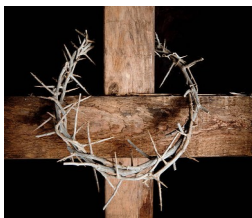
**A key was found at St. Lawrence  
Church. Please call the Parish  
Office during office hours to claim  
it.**

~Thank You

## ~ Faith Formation ~

On Sunday, March 22nd, following the 10am Mass, our Faith Formation Students will be presenting Living Stations of the Cross. Under the direction of Grace Seneta, the students will reenact the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday.

Please plan to include this in your Lenten journey, and join us for this special event.



Feb 22 - Class  
March 1 - Class

If you have any questions  
or concerns, please contact  
Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487  
or Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192

### Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will take place on Sunday, March 1st, during the 10:00 Service. Once again, our Faith Formation students will have the opportunity to take part in the different ministries during the Mass, allowing them to see the importance of being active participants in our Church.

### ~Prayer Requests ~



To Add A Prayer Request  
To Our List, Please Contact  
Norma Jafko at 814-756-3889  
or Marie Lavor at 814-587-6094

Judy Diehl  
Jim Bernoski  
Marilyn Madden  
Jon Reibel  
Mike Sawin  
Andrew Segal  
Bob Stewart  
Philip Kleckner  
Marc Kearns  
Joseph Sharpe  
Norella Consedine  
Tim Smock  
John & Sharon Shultz

Bob Cochran  
Rob Leninsky  
Donald DiFiori  
Nancy Cherry  
Ben  
Kathy  
Stacey B.  
Brother Matthew  
Joseph Lewis, O.de.M  
Mary Tad  
Karen  
Alexis Mundkoswky  
BJ Leicht

Danielle Teed  
Irasema Rimel  
Casey Lawrence  
Carl Pry  
Justin Corwin  
Conrad Woods  
Kristin Bucci  
Dave  
Sue Wadsworth  
Our Homebound &  
Care Center Parishioners  
Intentions In Our  
Prayer Box

# 22:32 MEN

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**2026 CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7th**

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Your  
Brothers!*

Info/Register: [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com)

### ~ Financial Information ~

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. We are inspired and grateful for your support. **Together, In Christ, We Are One.**

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will stay here to go towards our parish projects.

~Sacrificial Giving ~  
February 14/15  
Weekly Budget Goal  
\$ 3,750.00

Envelopes Registered - 134  
Envelopes In This Week - 71  
Weekly Envelopes - \$ 3,674.00  
Loose Cash - \$ 159.00.00  
Guests - \$ 175.00



**2026 CSA**  
**Our Diocesan Assessment**  
**\$ 29,770.00**  
**Registered Families**  
147  
**Families Pledged**  
29  
**Amount Pledged**  
**\$17,570.00**  
**Amount Collected**  
**\$9,040.00**