

*Saint Lawrence-Saint Philip
Catholic Church*

*Rev. Thomas Trocchio - Pastor
Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*



*Sunday, November 3, 2024
31st Sunday In Ordinary Time*



November 3, 2024 - 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time



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Office Hours

8:00 am till 1:00 pm
Monday thru Thursday

Faith Formation

Co-Leaders
Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
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Parish Maintenance

Jim Mitchell

Parish Center/Rental Information

Renae Mihalak
814-756-4840 -- Please Leave a Message.

St. James Cemetery

Manager - Greg Petrus

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## \*Mass Schedule\*

### Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5:00 pm at St. Lawrence  
Sunday @ 8:00 am at St. Philip  
Sunday @ 10:00 am at St. Lawrence

### Weekday Masses

All at St. Lawrence  
Tuesday & Wednesday - 8:00am  
Thursday & Friday - 12:00pm  
No Mass on Monday

### Holy Hour

Tuesday - 6:00pm  
Except Tuesdays Before a First Friday  
St. Lawrence Church

### First Friday

Adoration 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:15 pm at St. Lawrence

### Reconciliation

Tuesdays During Holy Hour at St. Lawrence  
6:15 pm to 6:45 pm  
Saturday - 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence  
Sunday - 7:30am at St. Philip



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 4, 2024  
Saints Charles Borromeo, Bishop

**\*No Mass\***

Tuesday, November 5, 2024  
Weekday

8:00 AM † *Jeff Kidd*  
( Lana & Dan Mesley )

Wednesday, November 6, 2024  
Weekday

8:00 AM † *Mildred Remek*  
( Kathleen Levis )

Thursday, November 7, 2024  
Weekday

12:00 PM - *Max Stephen*  
For Health & Well-Being  
( Ray & Terry Garries )

Friday, November 8, 2024  
Weekday

12:00 PM † *Tom Lascek*  
( Bob & Pat Kaleida )

Saturday, November 9, 2024  
The Dedication Of The Lateran Basilica  
Sunday Vigil Mass

**\*At St. Lawrence\***

5:00 PM † *Jim Deck*  
( Rose Teed )

Sunday, November 10, 2024  
32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

**\*At St. Philip\***

8:00 AM † *Helen Wnek*  
( Wnek Family )

**\*At St. Lawrence\***

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

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The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
is prayed every Saturday at St. Lawrence Church,
beginning at 4:30, just before the 5:00 Mass.

~Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary~

Deacon's Corner

November 3, 2024



Beautiful Eucharist – Matt Warner

Let's continue to look at the book *Beautiful Eucharist*. The 12th chapter is: *Why Didn't Anyone Tell Me This?* by Matt Warner.

Matt Warner is the author of *Messy & Foolish: How to Make a Mess, Be a Fool, and Evangelize the World*. He is also the founder of Flocknote, the premier communication management tool helping Catholic parishes engage, inform, and inspire their parishioners.

Matt Warner was on a beach in the Bahamas reading his first ever Catholic apologetics book. He read in absolute astonishment. God shows up when we least expect it at a place and time of his choosing. He turned to his friend who was with him and asked, "Did you know about all this?!" Matt writes, "I grew up Catholic, never questioning our beliefs. Catholics believed it. I was Catholic. So I believed it. That was enough. But this... this was too much. I was now faced with the realization that my religion was not just personal preference, or a beautiful way of life passed on by my family, but that it also all happened to be true."

Matt continues, "Believing everything the Church taught all of a sudden felt so straightforward and logical (thought certainly not always easy), even for something as outlandish as the Eucharist." Sharing the message of the Catholic faith and the Church is influenced and interdependent with many other factors. It takes a well-formed imagination to account for all the real things that can't be seen like values, angels, love, the importance of prayer, grace, and the miracles hidden beneath the ordinary like the Eucharist.

Matt concludes with, "One must first understand the incredible story we are already in – God's story, the story of salvation history. That's where one discovers that the secret to happiness and the purpose of this life is not to enjoy the beaches and the trivialities of the shallows, but to leave them behind and set sail for what lies beyond."

It is fitting to conclude with this prayer, "Jesus, give me the courage to follow your call, the insight to foresee the regrets I will have if I don't, and the boldness to invite others to do the same. Amen."

Deacon Paul

Please remember to make all checks out to
"St. Lawrence Church".

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sacrificial Giving For The Weekend Of

October 26th & 27th

Envelopes - \$ 2,661.00

Loose - \$ 740.00

Weekly Budget Goal

\$ 3,750.00



~The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal~

Our Diocesan Assessment - \$28,881.00

Amount Paid To Date - \$18,668.41

Current Registered Households - 148

Household Pledges To Date - 51

Amount Pledged - \$18,768.41

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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**St. Lawrence/St. Philip
Faith Formation**

Sundays 11:00am-12:30pm
K through 11

To register contact:
Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192



Ministries

Serve The Lord And
Serve The Parish As An:

Altar Server
Students grade 4 and up

Lector
Post confirmation Adults

Greeter
High school students and up

Contact Parish Office
If You Are Interested
756-3623

Your CHOIR Needs YOUR Voice

- * to lead the singing of the Assembly
- * to embellish the music of the liturgy
- * to become a future cantor

Consider becoming a member TODAY!



Maripat Kitchen - Choir Director

“Those who sing pray twice!”
~St. Augustine

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 time.

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



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please Check One

New

Returning

Address Change

Moving out of Parish

Please Keep The Following People In Your Prayers



- Judy Diehl-
- Jim Bernoski-
- Marilyn Madden-
- Jon Reibel-
- Mike Sawin-
- Andrew Segal-
- Bill Pavolko-
- Judy Graham-
- Max Stephen-
- Bob Pacansky-
- Anthony-
- Bill Skadhauge-
- Kathy (Hudacky) Oswald-
- Eddie LaCastro-
- Teofilo Gomez (Mr. Serrano)-
- Steve Smith-
- Bob Stewart-
- Philip Kleckner-
- Joseph Sharpe-
- Intentions In Our Prayer Box-
- Our Homebound Parishioners-

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



~Faith Formation~

- * November 3 - Family Mass - 10am
Class - All Saints Day Celebration
- * November 10 - Class

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

Faith Formation



Let us keep in our prayers, John Salisbury and Johnny Baumgardner, who will be attending their Retreat for Confirmation on November 9th at Pitt Bradford. May they, and all of the Confirmation Candidates, feel Gods love, and take in all they learn and experience that day.

~ Meeting ~

St. Philip Altar Rosary Society
will hold their next meeting on Monday,
November 11th at 2 pm, at the
St. Philip Center.

All Are Welcome
To Attend!

Altar Rosary
Society
St. Philip
Church



Lector Schedule - St. Lawrence Church

Saturday, Nov 2- 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer
Sunday, Nov 3 - 10:00 am - Faith Formation

Saturday, Nov 9 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson
Sunday, Nov 10 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, Nov 16 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer
Sunday, Nov 17 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry

Saturday, Nov 23 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson
Sunday, Nov 24 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Lector Schedule - St. Philip Church

Sunday, Nov 3 - 8:00 am - Kimberly Boal

Sunday, Nov 10 - 8:00 am - Erinn Wnek

Sunday, Nov 17 - 8:00 am - Robert Wnek

Sunday, Nov 24 - 8:00 am - Patty Pavolko



Activities This Week At St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church

Monday, Nov 4	*Bingo - 6:30 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center Doors Open at 5:30 pm
	*AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Tuesday, Nov 5	*Holy Hour - 6 pm Confessions - 6:15-6:45 St. Lawrence Church
Wednesday, Nov 6	*Avent Bible Study - 6 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
	*AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Thursday, Nov 7	*Ladies of the Rosary 6:30 pm St. Lawrence Church
Saturday, Nov 9	*All Star Wrestling Event St. Lawrence Parish Center Doors Open - 6:30

~ Meeting ~

St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary,
will hold their next meeting
on Thursday, November 7th
at St. Lawrence Church.
The Rosary will begin at 6:30
and a meeting will follow.

All Are Welcome
To Attend.



Cemetery Clean Up

If you have potted flowers or any other type of adornment at the St. James Cemetery, you are asked to please remove it as soon as possible. The cemetery is being prepared for the winter and everything must be removed before the end of October, or it will be disposed of.

Thank You

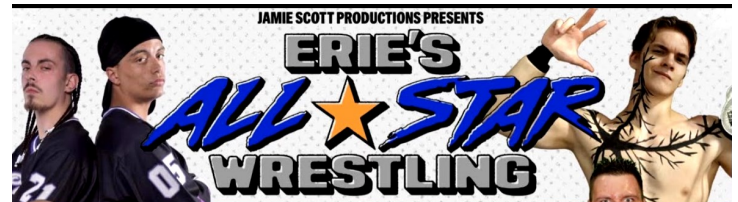
~ Monday Night Bingo ~

St. Lawrence Center

Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30
Games Begin at 6:30

Jackpot... \$1,200
in 58 balls or less

Come Join The Fun!!



For the first time ever, Erie's All Star Wrestling
will hold their event here at the
St. Lawrence Parish Center!

Saturday, November 9th.

Doors open at 6:30

Bell Time is 7:30

Reserved Front Row Seating - \$12

Reserved Second Row Seating - \$11

General Admission - \$10

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COME JOIN THE FUN!!



November is the month we as Catholics devote to remembering and praying for the dead. We start on Nov. 1 by celebrating All Saints' Day, a holy day for all the saints (known and unknown) who have died and are in heaven.

On All Souls' Day, Nov. 2, we gather in cemeteries to light candles and pray not only for our beloved deceased, but for all who have died. Throughout the rest of the month, we are encouraged to continue praying for souls in purgatory so that they can obtain heaven more quickly.

We do this because, "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032) When loved ones die, we grieve at being separated, but our faith gives us hope and assurance for them and we pray for their souls.



Some ways in which we can remember our loved ones who have gone before us is to write their names in the Book of Remembrance. Another way is to have a Mass offered in memory of that deceased loved one. Also to light a candle for them at any of the devotional areas in either church.

Since I am on the subject of lighting candles I would like to explain a little bit on why we as Catholics light votive candles. We light them to symbolize our prayers or devotion. The candle continues to burn for some days and signals the prayer and love of the person who lit it, long after they must go.

Biblically, the root of this practice is the notion of a "burnt offering." In the Old Testament, things of value (usually sacrificed animals) would be burned and thereby offered to God. The smoke was a symbol of the sacrifice of praise ascending to God.

We are making an offering to God of prayer and praise. The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love.

The consuming of the candle symbolizes the offering of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say "Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray."

So during this month of November let us make a conscience effort to remember all those who have gone on before us. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

The Concluding Rite

In comparison to the other major parts of the Mass (Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, and Liturgy of the Eucharist), the Concluding Rites are very short. However, they are important. It starts with any brief, necessary announcements. Then, we repeat a dialogue between the priest and the people: "The Lord be with you. And with your spirit." We had this dialogue at the beginning of Mass, before the Gospel, and at the start of the Eucharist Prayer.

The priest then delivers a final blessing. Blessing is an ancient element of leaving. At Mass, priests bless *"their congregations when they departed, asking God's care and guidance for them as they went forth to live their faith."* (Mick) There are three options for the blessing: (1) a simple blessing, (2) a solemn blessing, or (3) a "prayer over the people." The simple blessing is probably the most familiar: "May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

There are 20 solemn blessings which can be used on Sundays and other Solemnities. They are meant to *"enrich the Eucharistic celebration and can deepen the understanding of the liturgical year."* (LTP) Almost all have three petitions to which we respond "Amen" to each petition, followed by a slightly modified simple blessing. The Roman Missal also provides "Prayers Over the People" to be used whenever the priest deems appropriate. There are 28 general texts as well as specific ones for each day of the Lenten season. These are a single petition with an "Amen" response followed by the modified simple blessing.

Jesus tells his apostles, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." (John 20:21) After the blessing, the priest or deacon sends us forth, saying one of the following: "Go forth, the Mass is ended." "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." "Go in peace." And we respond, "Thanks be to God." Pope Francis states as "the Mass comes to an end the task of Christian witness begins...[T]he fruits of the Mass are intended to mature in everyday life."

Therefore, the dismissal sends us on a mission. How do we do this? It is a way of looking at our entire lives in relation to God. We can see this throughout the Liturgy:

- Treat others as brothers and sisters in Christ as we recalled our baptism in the Sign of the Cross.
- Acknowledge our sins as they occur as we did during the Penitential Act.
- Realize all time belongs to God and no single moment is ordinary as we heard in Scripture.
- Bring all our needs, concerns, and desires to God as we do during the Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful).
- Offer the fruits of our work to the Lord as we did at the Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts.
- Give praise and thanks for everything we have as we do in the Eucharistic Prayer.
- Grow in love for God, and thus our love for others, through our union with Jesus when we receive Communion.

Pope Francis notes that *"[e]very time I leave Mass, I must exit better than how I entered, with more life, with more strength, with more willingness to bear Christian witness."* We should use that life, strength, and willingness to glorify the Lord in our daily activities, homes, and workplaces.

In Christian tradition, the word 'liturgy' means "the participation of the people of God in the work of God." As Catholics, we are called to "full, conscious, and active participation" in the Liturgy. We don't just sit and watch. From the dialogues to proclaiming our faith to singing the prayers, we need to be actively celebrating the Sacred Liturgy.

The Liturgy shouldn't end just because we left the building. Be good to one another. Be helpful. Be Christ to others. The *building* is the church. *We* are the Church.

Thank you for reading about The Sacred Liturgy in these articles. I hope they were helpful!
Maripat Grant, C.Th.