

*Saint Lawrence the Martyr
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor

Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant



“ I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father, except through me.”
~John 14:1-12

May 3, 2026

*Fifth Sunday
Of Easter*

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, and Friday

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, May 3, 2026

~ Parish Staff ~

Clergy

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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

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St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus
Looking for a New Manager

~ From Fr. Michael ~

May is traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother. We begin the month with a May Crowning at the Sunday Mass at St. Lawrence with our faith formation students. We are warmly encouraged by the Church to honor Mary in a special way.



Suggestions:

- Daily Rosary
- Reading about Mary (e.g., her appearances at Fatima or Lourdes)
- Setting up a small Marian shrine in the home

This month I am involved with graduation events at Gannon University. Next Saturday, we have the graduation exercises in Erie; the following Saturday, I will be with our graduates at our Ruskin, Florida campus. I am grateful to **Frs. David Renne and Joseph Petrone** who will cover the next two Saturday Masses for me.

Last Sunday, I greatly enjoyed the Northwestern Drama Club's production of "Annie Jr." with our own **Nellie Sawin** in the lead role. Kudos also to **Julio Pazmino and Ryan Pacansky** who worked on stage crew. I was proud of them and all those involved in the production.

Blessings on your week.

~ Ministry Schedule ~

	May 9 - 4pm	May 10 - 8am	May 10 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Erinn W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Dennis L./Rose M.	Wnek Family	Debbie /Grace S.
	May 16 - 4pm	May 17 - 8am	May 17 - 10am
Lector	Carrie S.	Robert W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Sawin Family	Elaine M.	Melquist Family
	May 23 - 4pm	May 24 - 8am	May 24 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Patti P.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Julio P.
Gift Bearers	Marge M./Norma J.	Cotton Family	Victor/Andrea M.
	May 30 - 4pm	May 31 - 8am	May 31 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Kimberly B.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W./Sophia P.
Gift Bearers	Al/Miriam Y.	Dennis/Patti P.	Bill/Elsie M.

~Faith Formation~



Summer Break!

May you always keep God
in your heart and mind,
keeping you safe and
close to Him all summer long.

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

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday, May 4
Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † *Bill Pavolko*
(Bob & Pat Kaleida)

Tuesday, May 5
Easter Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, May 6
Easter Weekend

8:00 AM † *Jim Consedine*
(Ray & Terry Garries)

Thursday, May 7
Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † *Michael DeFede*
(Ray & Terry Garries)

Friday, May 8
Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † *Mary Teed*
(Norella Consedine)

Saturday, May 9
Easter Weekend

At St. Lawrence

4:00 PM † *Mary Teed*
(Patricia Thompson)

Sunday, May 10
Sixth Sunday Of Easter

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † *The Living and Deceased*
Members Of St. Lawrence and
St. Philip Church

At St. Lawrence

10:00 AM † *Mary Miller*
(Pacansky Family)

~ Deacon's Corner ~



May is the Month Of Mary

May is the month when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. Mary, thought God's blessing gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our savior Jesus Christ.

In the late 13th century people started to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother and the Mother of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order, and by 1700, it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College. A short time later, the Blessed Mother's month was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome, and from there, it spread to the rest of the Church. The popes have especially promoted the practice of honoring Mary during May. Pope Pius XII made frequent references to it in his encyclical, *Mediator Dei On the Sacred Liturgy*. He characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops."

Furthermore, the ways Mary is honored this month are as varied as the people who honor her. It's common for parishes to have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May. Many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

In the Philippines, the month of May is celebrated as Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May). On the last Sunday of May, there is a big celebration with a procession called Santa Cruzan (Holy Cross). Bystanders and devotees carry lighted candles as they recite the Holy Rosary and sing songs of praise.

*Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death
Amen.*

Deacon Paul

~ 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!!



Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings
First Thursday of the
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

All Ladies of the parish are welcome!

DeColores!

Cursillo
"Making a friend, being a friend,
and
introducing that friend to Christ."
Parish Coordinators:
Needed

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To register contact:
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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

Saint Philip's Annual Trash and Treasure Sale

Thursday, May 21 st	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday, May 22 nd	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, May 23 rd (BUY 1 BAG GET 2 FREE)	9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM (Noon)

Help is needed to set up, sort and price items

Sunday, May 17 th	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)
Monday, May 18 th	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Tuesday, May 19 th	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Wednesday, May 20 th	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Volunteers also needed to work the sale

Thursday, May 21 st	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday, May 22 nd	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday, May 23 rd	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)

Help will also be needed on Saturday following the sale to pack the items not sold

Saturday from Noon until everything is packed up.

Spread the word – Talk to your neighbors and friends who might be interested in donating items and/or coming to the sale

Donation Suggestions

***Clothing** – Men's, Ladies', and Children's and Baby items (coats, hats, pants, shirts, dresses, shoes, boots, socks, under garments, pajamas, bags)

***Home Items** – Dishes, pots, pans, silverware/utensils, curtains, sheets, blankets, lighting fixtures and any accessories, furniture. Small appliances and any electronics (must be in working order). **NO computers/accessories and NO televisions.**

***Miscellaneous** – Books (all ages), jewelry, perfume, houseplants and accessories, knick-knacks, decorations (all seasons/holidays), baskets, glassware, picture frames, all craft items and baby items, (Please No car seats) toys, sports equipment.

***Please Do Not Bring Junk** or anything that is broken or stained. We no longer have a dumpster and all the trash has to be trucked out. All leftover items will be boxed up and picked up by The Salvation Army.

ALL donations must be received by Tuesday, May 19th.

~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

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Nancy Cherry
Ben
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Stacey B.
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Joseph Levis, O.de.M
Mary Tad
Karen
Alexis Mundkoswky
BJ Leicht

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

The Ladies of the Rosary will be selling tickets for their Purse Bingo after both Masses at St. Lawrence Church.

Tickets are also available through any Ladies of the Rosary Member, or by calling the Parish Office.

LET'S
HAVE
SOME
FUN

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

Just a few handfuls
of change can help
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Women's 
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The Knights of Columbus is proud to partner with them again and help raise funds so services can be provided to more families than ever before. We pray that you will join us in this life-saving ministry as your generous donation will help support this dire need in our community!

Take an empty Baby Bottle home with you. Fill it with spare change, cash, or checks, and return it by the announced due date(s).



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~ Finances ~

~Sacrificial Giving ~
April 25/26
Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,660.00

Envelopes Registered - 134
Envelopes In This Week - 78
Weekly Envelopes - \$ 3,141.00
Loose Cash - \$ 253.00
Guests - \$ 425.00

2026 CSA
Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 29,770.00
Amount Pledged
\$33,720.42
Amount Collected
\$22,855.42