

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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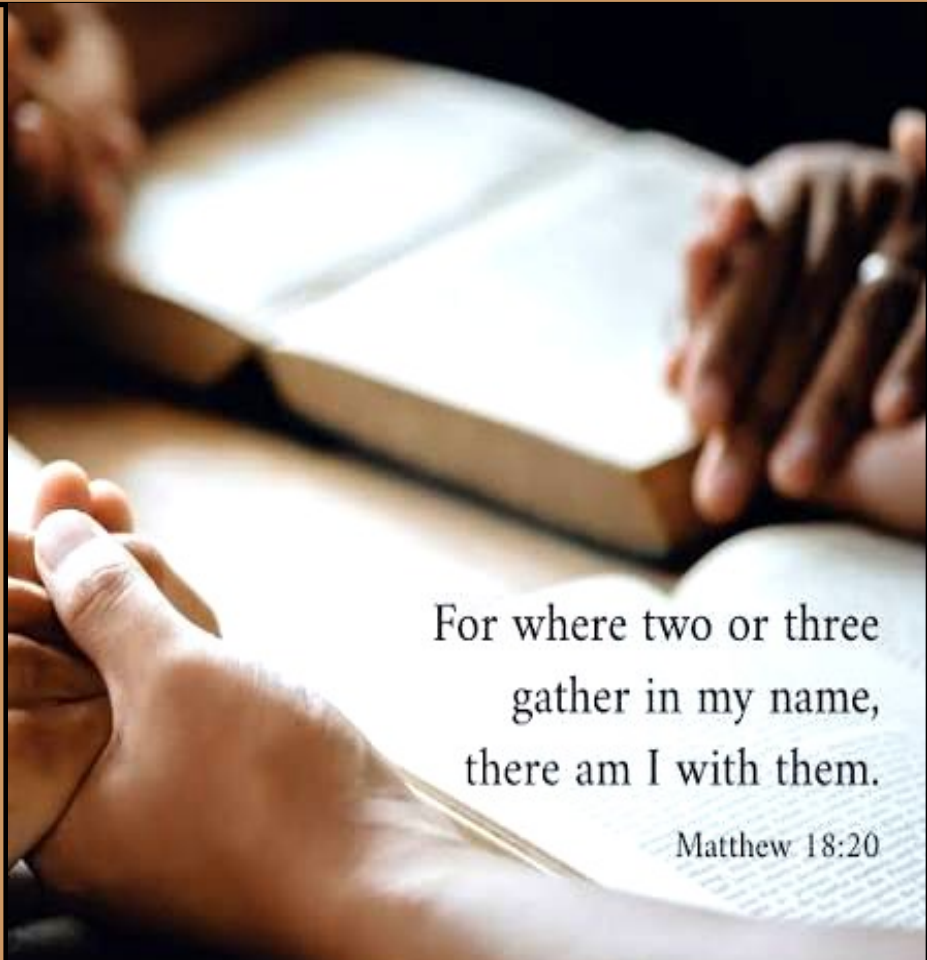
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Parish Center

Renae Mihalak

St. James Cemetery

Greg Soltys



For where two or three
gather in my name,
there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

September 6, 2026

*Twenty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time*

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
No Mass on Tuesday

First Friday

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

Reconciliation

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

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday, September 7
Weekday

* No Mass *

Tuesday, September 8
The Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

* No Mass *

Wednesday, September 9
Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 AM † John Lucky
(Paul & Judith King)

Thursday, September 10
Weekday

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

Friday, September 11
Weekday

8:00 AM † Rick Brooks
(Sawin Family)

Saturday, September 12
Weekday

* At St. Lawrence *

4:00 PM † Rev. John Fischer
(Jim & Cathy Hudack and Family)

Sunday, September 13
Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † Simon Kobielski
(Elaine McGraw)

At St. Lawrence

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

~ From Fr. Michael ~

Away This Weekend

I am away this weekend in Cleveland, OH directing the retreat for the seminarians of St. Mark Seminary. Please keep them in your prayers, and I would ask for your prayers for me as well.



Thank You

My thanks to Fr. Joseph Petrone and Fr. Michael Ferrick for covering our Masses this weekend. I am grateful for their generosity in my absence.

Welcome to Cristina Morais Next Weekend

Next weekend, September 12-13, we look forward to welcoming Cristina Morais to our parish for our annual Mission Appeal. Cristina is a lay missionary serving in East Africa with the Vincentian Congregation, and she will share reflections at each of our Masses about the work of the Divine Retreat Center in Rwanda.

The Center serves almost 2,500 individuals every month. It administers a local Catholic school, provides food and clothing distribution, and offers a variety of programs and retreats for families and children. It is a remarkable work of mercy, and I am grateful that Cristina is able to bring it to life for us in person.

Please plan to give her a warm welcome. There will be a second collection during her visit, and I would be grateful for your consideration of an offering to support her good work.

Blessings on your weekend. Happy Labor Day,
Fr. Michael

~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
Marc Kearns
Joseph Sharpe
Tim Smock
Rob Leninsky
Conrad Woods

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John & Sharon Shultz
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Stacey
Marilyn O'Brien
Elaine Schmidt

Dianne
John Proske
Diann Hinkle
Sal Kitko
Brother Matthew
Joseph Levis, O.de.M
Alexis Mundkoswky
Rachel P.
Gail
Lory Mundkowsky

Sarah Disalvo
Jay Mackey
The Family of
Dave O'Brien
Our Homebound
and Care Center
Parishioners
Intentions In Our
Prayer Box

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Dignity of Work



This weekend, we celebrate the Labor Day Holiday. It is the last three-day weekend and official holiday of the summer. It is appropriate to celebrate our labors, and there are several writings and documents from the Church on the subject.

From the very first pages of the Bible, it is clear that work is an essential part of human dignity. Here are a few scripture passages about work:

- Genesis 2:15 – “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it.”
- Deuteronomy 14:28-29 – The Lord blessed our work so that we may share its fruit with others.
- Jeremiah 22:13 – Woe to him who treats his workers unjustly.
- Matthew 20:1-16 – All workers should be paid a just and living wage.
- Luke 3:10-14 – Practice integrity in your work.

At the end of the 19th century, the Church began writing on the dignity of work and workers' rights. These documents considered the right to a just wage, decent work, safe working conditions, association, disability protection, security in retirement, and economic initiative.

Among the first documents was the encyclical *On the Condition of Labor (Rerum Novarum)* Pope Leo XIII wrote in 1891. It discusses the distinctiveness of the human being, the duties of workers and employers, the protection of rights by the State, and the payment of just wages.

Pope St. John Paul II also wrote another encyclical titled *On Human Work (Laborem Exercens)* in 1981. It discusses that work is a fundamental part of the individual's existence on earth. As described in the book of Genesis, every individual participates in the giant process of building the earth through labor. Work is for the person and not the person for the work. The worker should never be seen solely as an instrument of production. There should be respect for every kind of work and worker: manual or intellectual, industrial or agricultural, and at home or the workplace.

This weekend, enjoy your rest just as God rested from his labor after the creation of the World.

Have a very fruitful and faith-filled week,

Deacon Paul

Monday, September 7th Labor Day Changes

- ~The Parish Office will be closed.
- ~There is no Daily Mass.
- ~There will be no Bingo.

Thank You.

Missionary Appeal Weekend

Reminder..... Next weekend we welcome Cristina Morais, this years Missionary, to both St. Lawrence and St. Philip Parishes. Cristina will be speaking at all three masses, about her work in Rwanda at The Divine Retreat Centre. There will be a special collection during Mass, for this important ministry. Please be as generous as possible, to help support this mission.

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 9:00 - 10:00 Mass
K through 11

To register contact:

Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
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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

~ Parish & Community Information ~

We remember, in our prayers,
David O'Brien,
who passed away August 30.
May God give his family and
friends, comfort and peace.
May his soul, and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in eternal peace.



Save The Dates

Fall Roast Beef Dinner
Sunday, October 11th

Christmas Craft Fair
Saturday, November 28th

Christmas Dinner
Sunday, December 6th

Your Parish Needs You!

Would you like something fun to do on a Monday evening?

Our Bingo Crew is looking for a few volunteers
to help out with our Bingo Games.

On an as need basis, once a month,
twice a month, or even more if you'd like.

Mostly all of those who work the bingo games,
have been doing so since games began

in November 2018, and need a Monday off here and there.

That's where you come in!

Help is needed in different areas and training will be provided.
The Crew has a lot of fun together, and it's a nice way to get to know
your neighbors from the community, and possibly see old friends.

This fundraiser helps provide our parish with funds needed
to keep our church financially sound, and we need to keep this
very important fundraiser running smoothly.

Please consider helping your parish continue to stay thriving,
by joining this team of amazing volunteers
for just a few hours on a Monday Night!

Please email or call the Parish Office, if you are interested.



~ Ministry Schedule ~

	Saturday, September 12 - 4pm	Sunday, September 13 - 8am	Sunday, September 13 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Kimberly B.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W.
Gift Bearers	Skip/Lynne B.	Elaine M.	Bill/Elsie M.
	Saturday, September 19 - 4pm	Sunday, September 20 - 8am	Sunday, September 20 - 10am
Lector	Carrie S.	Patti P.	Carl P.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Lance Family	Valerie S.	Debi/Grace S.
	Saturday, September 26 - 4pm	Sunday, September 27 - 8am	Sunday, September 27 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Erinn W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branen L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Marge M/Rose M.	Cotton Family	Melquist Family
	Saturday, October 3 - 4pm	Sunday, October 4 - 8am	Sunday, October 4 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Kimberly B.	Student
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Student
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Steve E.	Student

LECOM HEALTH

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SEPTEMBER 22ND  9:30-11:00 AM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Different registration forms for
both the Covid and Flu Vaccine,
are located at the entrance
of both parishes.

**We Are Thrilled To Announce The Start Of Our
Faith Formation Program!**

Our Faith Formation season begins with our Catechetical
Mass at 10am, on Sunday, September 20th.

Our first "Class" will be on Sunday, September 27th,
following the 10:00 Mass. All family members are
encouraged to attend this important first "Class", which
will include lunch and a parent meeting.

Registration forms are available on the tables at the
entrances of both Parishes.

We are so excited to begin a new year with our amazing
students!



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

Please remember to support
The Albion Food Pantry.

Our donation box is located in the
side vestibule of St. Lawrence Church.

In addition to Food Items,
right now, the Food Pantry is in need of
Toiletries, and Personal Care Items.
In these difficult times, even one item
can help someone in need.

Thank You.

~ Financials ~

~Sacrificial Giving~

August 29/30
Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,660.00

Envelopes Registered - 136
Envelopes In This Week - 65

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,450.00
Loose Cash - \$ 184.00
Guests - \$ 395.00

2026 CSA

Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 29,770.00

Amount Pledged
\$38,670.42

Amount Collected
\$35,407.42