

# *Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

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*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*

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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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### Mailing Address

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180 East State Street  
Albion, Pa 16401

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### St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus



### 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, January 11, 2026

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, January 12**  
Weekday

**8:00 AM** *† Nancy Mitchell*  
( Families of Karen Mitchell,  
and Richard & Erin Mitchell )

**Tuesday, January 13**  
Christmas Weekday

**\*No Mass\***

**Wednesday, January 14**  
Weekday

**8:00 AM** *† Ann Casile*  
( John & Criss Rotko )

**Thursday, January 15**  
Weekday

**8:00 AM** *† Rose Teed*  
( Ray & Terry Garries )

**Friday, January 16**  
Weekday

**8:00 AM** *† Nancy Mitchell*  
( Families of Karen Mitchell,  
and Richard & Erin Mitchell )

**Saturday, January 17**  
Saint Anthony, Abbot

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

**4:00 PM** *† Jeanne Matson*  
( Sue Brown )

**Sunday, January 18**  
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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

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

**10:00 AM** *† Rev. John Fischer*  
( Mark & Darcy Paradise )

## 2025 Donation Statements

If you would like a donation statement for 2025, you may request one by contacting the Parish Office by email, at [stlawrencealbion@gmail.com](mailto:stlawrencealbion@gmail.com), or you may call at 814-756-3623 during office hours, Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 am till 1:30 pm.

~Thank You.

## From Fr. Michael

Today marks the conclusion of the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is identified as the Beloved Son and goes forth to accomplish his mission. We, too, are now in the company of God's beloved children and are sent forth to bring the Good News of God's mercy and peace to our own portion of the Lord's vineyard. It has been a beautiful Christmas season. The liturgies have been meaningful and prayerful. I have enjoyed sharing greetings with so many of you. This is a wonderful parish and it is a wonderful family to be a part of.

As we pack up the decorations and restore our homes to "normal living," may we continue to be faithful to the Gospel and joyful in the confidence of God's love for us all. As Charles Dickens placed on the lips of Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol": God bless us everyone!

The Rotary Club of Erie is hosting its annual Bingo fundraiser on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Polish Falcons, 431 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Erie. In addition to guests playing bingo, an auction, 50/50 and special raffles will be held.

The Rotary Club has served Erie for over 100 years raising money to support students and education. This project has included coats and supplies for elementary schools, scholarships for underprivileged high school students to go on to college, and hosting an ethics symposium for high school juniors.

Tickets are \$20. Doors open at noon. Bingo begins at 1pm.

## ~Sacrificial Giving ~

**January 3/4**

**Weekly Budget Goal**

**\$ 3,750.00**

**Envelopes Registered - 121**

**Envelopes In This Week - 53**

**Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,373.00**

**Loose Cash - \$ 195.00**

**Guests - \$ 445.00**

**Thank You!**

**2025 CSA**  
Our Diocesan Assessment  
**\$ 28,618.00**

Registered Families  
**142**

Families Pledged  
**46**

Amount Collected  
**\$24,955.00**

# The Baptism Of The Lord

## ~Prayer Requests ~

Jim Bernoski	Nancy Cherry
Marilyn Madden	Ben
Jon Reibel	Kathy
Mike Sawin	Stacey B.
Andrew Segal	Brother Matthew
Dale	Joseph Lewis, O.de.M
Renee	Mary Tad
Bob Stewart	Alexis Mundkoswky
Philip Kleckner	BJ Leicht
Craig	Karen
Thomas	Danielle Teed
Joseph Sharpe	Irasema Rimel
Norella Considine	Casey Lawrence
Tim Smock	Carl Pry
John & Sharon Shultz	Justin Corwin
Bob Cochran	The Family of Bill Pauolko
Rob Leninsky	Our Homebound and
Donald DiFiori	Care Center Parishioners
Marc Kearns	Intentions In Our Prayer Box

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



## Deacon's Corner

### The Baptism of the Lord

First, I would like to say thank you very much for the gracious cards, gifts, prayers, and support for Christmas from the St. Lawrence and St. Philip Church parish family. Your kindness and generosity mean a lot.

You may ask why would Jesus need to be baptized?

Here is a wonderful and complete response from Catholic Answers:

"Jesus did not need to be baptized. The baptism by John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance, and the sacrament of Baptism removes original sin. Since Jesus had neither original sin nor actual sin, he did not need to undergo Baptism. However, Jesus also had no need to be born, to suffer, or to die as a man. He did so out of love for humanity.

John the Baptist appears to recognize the strangeness of Jesus asking to be baptized (Matt. 3:14) yet obeys Jesus' request.

The Baptism of Jesus began his public ministry and gave the first example that we are to follow. For if Jesus, who had no need of repentance or cleansing, humbled himself, then we all the more need to humble ourselves.

Jesus not only gave the example for us to follow, but many Fathers of the Church commented that in the Baptism of Jesus the sacrament of Baptism was born. It was a symbolic action that, thought the grace of Christ, was changed into an ontological action. When we receive a sacrament, the grace flows to us from the sacrament, but in the Baptism of Jesus the grace of Christ flowed into the sacrament.

In salvation history, the Jordan River was very important. It was through the Jordan River that Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Jesus chose this spot to be baptized so that through his immersion and emergence from the Jordan River all humanity could be led to heaven. Ultimately, the reason Jesus chose to be baptized in the Jordan by John was not for him but for us."

Finally, may you continue to feel the peace, joy, and love of the Christmas season throughout the year.

Deacon Paul

### Jan. 17/18

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Marge M.	Erinn W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Chris & Peg B.	Cotton Family	Bill & Elsie M.

### Jan. 24/25

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Patricia T.	Kimberly B.	Carl P.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Julio Pazmino
Gift Bearers	Al & Miriam Y.	Larry & DuAnn P.	Melquist Family

### Jan. 31/Feb 1

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Marge M.	Patti P.	Student
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Student
Gift Bearers		Dennis & Patti P.	Student

### Feb 7/8

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Carrie S.	Robert W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W. & Sophia P.
Gift Bearers		Larry & DuAnn P.	Debbie & Grace S.

## Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey  
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!

## Mattera Funeral Home

**Pasquale (Pat) Mattera**  
**Funeral Director / Owner**

188 East State Street  
Albion, PA 16401  
814-756-4151  
fax 814-756-4648

## 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



## 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

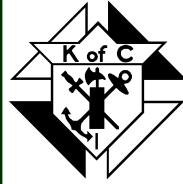
Visits to the hospitals are made per patient request. Please notify the office of any hospitalization, Communion to the sick and shut-in visits. Emergencies will be addressed at any



## Cursillo

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

*Parish Coordinators:  
Needed*



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### Please Check One

New  
 Returning  
 Address Change  
 Moving out of Parish



**Our Faith Formation Students did a wonderful job on Christmas Eve, processing with Baby Jesus to the Manger. Father Michael blessed the Manger, and then lead the students in the refrain from "O Come, All Ye Faithful".**



**A heartfelt Thank You, to everyone who helped in any way during our Advent and Christmas season at St. Lawrence and St. Philip Churches. Thank you to everyone who purchased a gift for our Blessing Tree, and to all who helped decorate the churches. Thank you to Larry, Maripat, and our Choir, to the Faith Formation Students, who sang along with them, to our Cantors and Lectors, and to everyone who made a donation for the beautiful poinsettias that adorned the sanctuaries at St. Lawrence and St. Philip. Your dedication to St. Lawrence and St. Philip are inspiring and you are all very much appreciated!**

**Last but certainly not least, Thank You to Father Michael and Deacon Paul for beautiful Christmas Masses, and for helping to guide us on our journey through Advent.**

**~ Monday Night Bingo ~**  
**St. Lawrence Center**  
**Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30**  
**Games Begin at 6:30**  
**Jackpot:**  
**\$1,050 in 53 balls or less**  
**Come Join The Fun!!**



  
**January 6, 2026**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Communicating the Gospel has always been at the heart of the Catholic Church's mission. Today, that mission takes on renewed urgency as we work to reach the faithful across our 13 counties through meaningful stories, clear teaching, and accessible outreach.

That is why I am inviting you to support the **Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection**, taken up on the weekend of January 24-25, 2026, which sustains two vital ministries in our diocese:

- **Faith magazine**
- **Catholic Communications (digital, video and news outreach)**

Your generosity makes it possible for us to:

- **Deliver *Faith* magazine** to tens of thousands of households – sharing stories of hope, service and discipleship.
- **Reach those on the margins** who no longer attend Mass regularly but stay connected through our publications and digital presence.
- **Strengthen our digital evangelization**, including video messages, online storytelling and social outreach.
- **Provide clear, trustworthy communication** during moments of celebration, challenge or transition in the life of the church.

Many parishioners have shared how a single article, homily quote or online reflection brought comfort in grief, encouraged a return to the sacraments or reignited a desire for deeper faith. These moments are grace at work – and your support makes them possible.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to this year's collection. Your contribution directly helps us:

- Preserve *Faith* magazine as a free resource for every Catholic household.
- Expand our ability to proclaim the Gospel in innovative and compelling ways.
- Ensure that the Good News reaches every corner of northwest Pennsylvania.

**You have my heartfelt gratitude for the many ways you support the mission of the Catholic Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.**

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Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**+Lawrence T. Persico**  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie



Thank BIG you to everyone who helped make our Annual Christmas Dinner a success! A special thanks to our cooks, Steve and Pam Bahny, who began prepping on Thursday and continued cooking into Sunday. Thank you also to those who helped in the kitchen on Sunday, those who served food, poured beverages, cleared tables, and cleaned up after it as all done. Those who donated turkeys, hams, baked desserts, purchased a meal or helped out financially. We appreciate you all, and we could not have done it without you!

Thank you to Larry Hudacky and Ryan Pacansky who brought beautiful Christmas music to our Center throughout the day. Thank you Dave Maskrey aka Santa, for bringing joy to everyone there!

We collected \$1,589.00 from donations at the Dinner, which was given to the Northwestern Food Pantry!

Wonderful job everyone!!  
We have the best Parishioners!!

Please remember in your prayers,  
Bill Pavolko,  
who passed away January 5

We ask that God give his family and friends comfort in the days ahead, and may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.



Jan 11 - Class  
Jan 18 - No Class

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