

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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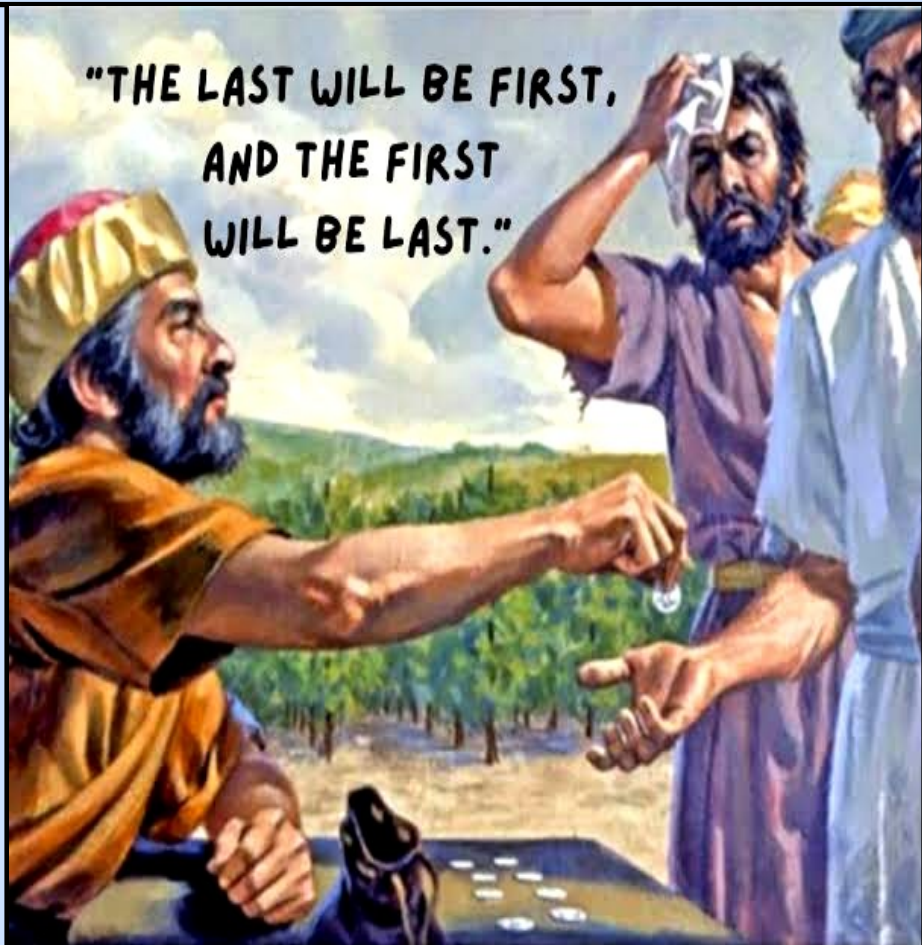
Custodian/Maintenance

Parish Center

Renae Mihalak

St. James Cemetery

Greg Soltys



September 20, 2026

*Twenty-Fifth 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 21
Saint Matthew, Apostle And Evangelist

8:00 AM † Michael C. Kearns
(Norella Consedine)

Tuesday, September 22
Weekday

* No Mass *

Wednesday, September 23
Saint Pius Of Pietreicina, Priest

8:00 AM † Paul Madden
In Honor Of This Birthday
(Kevin & Renae Mihalak)

Thursday, September 24
Weekday

8:00 AM † Nancy Cherry
(William & Mary Drabina)

Friday, September 25
Weekday

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

Saturday, September 26
Weekday

* At St. Lawrence *

4:00 PM † The Living And Deceased Members
Of St. Lawrence And St. Philip Church

Sunday, September 27
Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † Merrill Sheakley
(Jack Mahoney)

At St. Lawrence

10:00 AM † David G. Diehl
In Memory Of His Birthday
(His Family)

~ From Fr. Michael ~

This Sunday, September 20, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Let us give thanks for our catechists and let us keep our children in prayer as they learn the life of faith through a relationship with Christ and service to God and neighbor.



Thank you for the warm welcome you extended to Cristina, our visiting lay missionary, and for your support of the Vincentian Mission in Rwanda. She was truly grateful for the hospitality and welcome she found in our community.

It was wonderful to see so many of our parishioners at the Albion Fair. I got there early on Tuesday myself and thoroughly enjoyed the barbecue chicken dinner!

Blessings on your week as we approach the autumn equinox and the turn into Fall.

Fr. Michael

~ Financials ~

~Sacrificial Giving~
September 5/6
Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,660.00

Envelopes Registered - 136
Envelopes In This Week - 52
Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,425.00
Loose Cash - \$ 134.00
Guests - \$ 50.00

2026 CSA
Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 29,770.00

Amount Pledged
\$38,670.42
Amount Collected
\$35,407.42

~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

Jim Bernoski
Marilyn Madden
Jon Reibel
Mike Sawin
Marc Kearns
Joseph Sharpe
Tim Smock
Rob Leninsky
Conrad Woods
Donald DiFiori

Stacey B.
BJ Leicht
Norella Consedine
John & Sharon Shultz
Casey Lawrence
Sue Mihalak
Stacey
Marilyn O'Brien
Elaine Schmidt
Dianne

Diann Hinkle
Sal Kitko
Brother Matthew
Joseph Levis, O.de.M
Alexis Mundkoswky
Rachel P.
Lory Mundkowsky
Gail
Sarah Disalvo
Jay Mackey

C.A.
The Family of
Judy Diehl
Our Homebound
and Care Center
Parishioners
Intentions In Our
Prayer Box

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

St. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

On Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina widely known as Padre Pio, who was a 20th - century Italian Capuchin priest and mystic famous for bearing the stigmata



Saint Pio of Pietrelcina's Story (from Franciscan Media Saint of the Day)

"In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Pio of Pietrecina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. *"This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."*

Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

Born Francesco Forgione, Saint Pio of Pietrecina grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income.

At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as Saint Pio of Pietrecina was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side.

Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Saint Pio of Pietrecina rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Saint Pio of Pietrecina saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. The idea arose in 1940; a committee began to collect money. Ground was broken in 1946. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This *"House for the Alleviation of Suffering"* has 350 beds.

A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. Like Saint Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by souvenir hunters.

One of Padre Pio's sufferings was that unscrupulous people several times circulated prophecies that they claimed originated from him. He never made prophecies about world events and never gave an opinion on matters that he felt belonged to Church authorities to decide. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

Reflection

Referring to that day's Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30) at Padre Pio's canonization Mass in 2002, Saint John Paul II said: *"The Gospel image of 'yoke' evokes the many trials that the humble Capuchin of San Giovanni Rotondo endured. Today we contemplate in him how sweet is the 'yoke' of Christ and indeed how light the burdens are whenever someone carries these with faithful love."*

The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good, known only to the Lord."

St. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for us.

Deacon Paul

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
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192



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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

**52-200 Club Weekly Winners
~ September 2026 ~**

Week 1 - Sept 6 #46 - Steve & Carrie Sawin
Week 2 - Sept 13 #189 - Andrew Zentis
Week 3 - Sept 20 #137 - Kathy Duda
Week 4 - Sept 27 #198 - Lori Adamson

**Congratulations
To Our Winners!**

**Don't forget to send your ticket
stub & payment back asap.
If you do not wish to participate
this year, please return the
whole ticket. - Thank you.**

**We remember, in our prayers,
Judy Diehl,
who passed away Wednesday Morning.
May God give her family and friends,
comfort and peace, and
may her soul, and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.**



Missionary Appeal

We thank Cristina Morais for visiting last weekend and sharing her experiences and her mission, the Divine Retreat Center in Rwanda. We were able to raise \$2,277.00 from all three masses, for this mission.

Donations are still being accepted until September 30th. Please make all checks out to St. Lawrence Church.

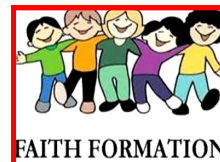
Thank you for your generous response to this collection

Faith Formation

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. Registration fee is \$30 per family

Following this first parent meeting, classes will begin at 9am until 9:50am.



~ Ministry Schedule ~

	Saturday, September 26 - 4pm	Sunday, September 27 - 8am	Sunday, September 27 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Erinn W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden 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	Chris & Peg B.	Steve E.	Student
	Saturday, October 10 - 4pm	Sunday, October 11 - 8am	Sunday, October 11 - 10am
Lector	Carrie S.	Robert W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W.
Gift Bearers	Lance Family	Valerie S.	Melquist Family
	Saturday, October 17 - 4pm	Sunday, October 18 - 8am	Sunday, October 18 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Patti P.	Carl P.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Norma J./Rose M.	Elaine M.	Bill & Elsie M.

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both the Covid and Flu Vaccine,
are located at the entrance
of both parishes.

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.



Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Lawrence/St. Philip Fall Dinner

Our Annual Roast Beef Dinner
Will Be On Sunday, October 11th.
We will be serving from 11:30 - 2:00

Help Is Needed In The Following Areas

*Servers In The Dining Area *

We need **at least** 24 to serve our customers.

* Beverage Servers *



To Serve Coffee, Punch & Water

Take Out Area

Volunteers Are Needed To Take Filled
Take Out Containers to Front Office For Purchase.

We Are In Need Of Donations

Homemade Pies (No Cakes, Cookies, etc.)

Auction Items

Bake Sale Goodies

Or

A Monetary Donation to Help Off Set Costs

All donations may be dropped off at the
Parish Office M-Th 9-2,
At The Parish Center on Saturday October 10th
From 3:45 till 5:00 (Please Place in Kitchen)
Or The Morning Of The Dinner
At The Parish Center by 9:30



Please Contact The Parish Office
at 814-756-3623 If You Have Any Questions
Thank You!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Diocese of Erie Child Protection Policies:

Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This includes rules like staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines found in the Policy for the Protection of Children. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and must follow the Policy that includes a Code of Conduct. To read the policy go to:

<https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>

For additional information, contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.