

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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Please Leave a Message

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Renae Mihalak

St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus



Jesus Provides Abundantly
-Matthew 13; 14-21

*August 2, 2026
Eighteenth 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

Sunday, August 2, 2026

~ Mass Intentions ~

**Monday, August 3
Weekday**

**8:00 AM † Wally Alexander
(Deborah Rae Aleander)**

**Tuesday, August 4
Saint John Vianney, Priest**

*** No Mass ***

**Wednesday, August 5
Weekday**

**8:00 AM † Carmella Kesicki
(Fr. Michael)**

**Thursday, August 6
Transfiguration Of The Lord**

**8:00 AM † Rev. John Fischer
(K of C Assembly #0983)**

**Friday, August 7 - First Friday
Weekday
Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament
4:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Mass - 5:00 PM † Paul Madden
(K of C Assembly #0983)**

**Saturday, August 8
Saint Dominic, Priest**

*** At St. Lawrence ***

**4:00 PM † Paul Madden
(Jum & Cathy Hudack and Family)**

**Sunday, August 9
Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

At St. Philip

**8:00 AM † Regis Mahoney
(Jack Mahoney)**

At St. Lawrence

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

~ From Fr. Michael ~

Parish Patronal Feasts

Next Sunday, August 9, we will celebrate our parish patron, St. Lawrence the Martyr. The actual feast day falls on August 10, but because it holds the rank of Solemnity in our parish church, we are able to move the celebration to the Sunday in Ordinary Time, allowing for greater participation from our parish family. Both the 4:00pm Saturday Mass and the 10:00am Sunday Mass will be the Mass of St. Lawrence. Patronal feasts are a gift to a parish family. They invite us to look to the witness of a particular saint, to draw inspiration from his life, and to renew our own sense of identity and mission as a community gathered in his name.



Sunday, August 23, is the patronal observance of St. Philip Benizi, patron of St. Philip Church in Crossingville. This observance takes precedence over the Sunday in Ordinary Time. We will celebrate the Mass of St. Philip Benizi at the 8:00am Sunday Mass on August 23, with coffee and donuts to follow in the Parish Center. These celebrations are a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the heritage and faith handed down to us, and to strengthen the bonds that make each of our worship sites a true spiritual home.

Anniversary Blessing & Reception

Next Sunday, as we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Lawrence, we will also have the blessing of married couples celebrating special anniversaries. A light reception will follow immediately in the Parish Center in Albion. It is with great joy and gratitude that we celebrate these couples, whose faithfulness and love over so many years bear witness to God's own faithful love for us. We look forward to honoring them and giving thanks for the gift of their example to our parish family.

Blessings on your week.

**The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
is prayed every Saturday at 3:30,
at St. Lawrence Church**

**"Mary invites all her children
to pray her Rosary"**

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

~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
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
Dave & Marilyn O'Brien
Elaine Schmidt
Diann Hinkle
Sal Kitko
Brother Matthew
Joseph Levis, O.de.M
Alexis Mundkoswky
Rachel P.

Gail
Dianne
John Proske
Lory Mundkowsky
Our Homebound
and Care Center
Parishioners
Intentions In Our
Prayer Box

~ Deacon's Corner ~

This week on Thursday, August 6th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.



Below is an article from Franciscan Media's Saint of the Day:

“All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall. According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century. On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year. One of the Transfiguration accounts is read on the second Sunday of Lent each year, proclaiming Christ's divinity to the Elect and baptized alike. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, by contrast, is the story of the temptation in the desert—affirmation of Jesus' humanity. The two distinct but inseparable natures of the Lord were a subject of much theological argument at the beginning of the Church's history; it remains hard for believers to grasp.”

Have a very blessed and prayerful week.

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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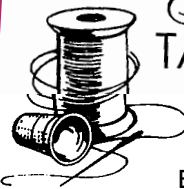


St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

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

~ Parish Information ~

We pray for,
John "Jack" Conner,
who passed away July 21st.
Jack is the Father-In-Law
of Deacon Paul and
Father of Joanie McCoy.

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



A reception will be held in honor of our
Marriage Anniversary Celebrants,
following the 10am Blessing Mass,
on Sunday, August 9th.



Join us in the St. Lawrence Parish Center,
for light refreshments, and fellowship.

All Are Welcome!

~ Community and Diocesan Information ~

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a The Four Connections: How to Flourish by Aligning Our Beliefs, Body, Brain, and Bonds with Anne Kertz Kernion from August 28 through August 30.

Anne Kertz Kernion uses current research to link spiritual practices to improved health. Through multimedia presentations based on insights from neuroscience, psychology, and ancient spiritual practices, we'll explore the physical, mental, cognitive, and spiritual dimensions of wellbeing and how they interconnect.

For more information on this program, go to:
<https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1077>

St. Joseph Bread of Life Parish, 147 W 24th St. on August 9th from 3-5 pm. This gathering is a welcoming opportunity to connect, share experiences and build community in faith. Individuals with disabilities, family members, caregivers and supporters are invited to join us as we celebrate the gifts and dignity of every person. All are welcome. Contact Stacey Badowski for more details:
stacey.badowski@gmail.com

Parents, grandparents, and parishioners of young children (ages 3-6) are warmly invited to a special "Come & See" evening to experience Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) on Tuesday, August 11 from 6:00–7:00 PM at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. This evening is designed to give adults a glimpse into the peaceful, prayerful environment of the Level I Atrium, where young children encounter Scripture, liturgy, and the love of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a deeply personal way.

Guests will experience a short Atrium presentation, explore some of the hands-on materials used by the children, and learn how CGS helps children listen for God's voice and grow in relationship with Him. The evening will also include information about CGS opportunities in Erie County this fall and ways to support the ministry. All are welcome to come and see why Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is unlike any other formation experience for young children. More information and registration can be found at www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice Registrations are not mandatory, but help us plan well.

TO OUR HOMEBOUND Parishioners



**YOU ARE STILL AN IMPORTANT
Part Of Our Parish Family**

**We want to connect with you,
and support your spiritual needs.**

If you would like
a home visit,
please contact the
Parish Office.

814-756-3623



The St. Lawrence Ladies Of The Rosary,
would like to invite all of the Ladies from
St. Lawrence-St. Philp Church
to their Annual Summer Picnic.

The picnic will take place on
Thursday, August 6th at 6:00,
at the St. Lawrence Parish Center.
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Bottled Water,
and Paper Products will be provide.

Please bring a dish to share!

All Are Welcome!!

Please Join Us!!



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

~ First Friday, August 7th ~

**Adoration of
The Most Blessed Sacrament
4:00 – 5:00 PM
First Friday Mass
5:00 PM**



~ Financials ~

~Sacrificial Giving~

July 25/26

Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,660.00

Envelopes Registered - 136
Envelopes In This Week - 62

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,516.00
Loose Cash - \$ 181.00
Guests - \$ 665.00

2026 CSA

Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 29,770.00

Amount Pledged
\$38,670.42

Amount Collected
\$33,737.42