

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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Please Leave a Message

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Parish Center

Renae Mihalak

St. James Cemetery

Greg Soltys

**Then came Peter to him,
and said, Lord, how oft shall
my brother sin against me,
and I forgive him? till seven times?
Jesus said to him, I say not to you,
Until seven times: but,
Until seventy times seven.**

Matthew 18:21-22



September 13, 2026

**Twenty-Fourth 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 14
The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross

8:00 AM † Michael S. Hall
(Philip & Juanita Kleckner)

Tuesday, September 15
Our Lady Of Sorrows

* No Mass *

Wednesday, September 16
Saints Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 AM † Frances Brougham
(Dale & Leslie Jennings)

Thursday, September 17
Weekday

8:00 AM † Peter & Nettie Stagl
(Dan & Karen Shreve)

Friday, September 18
Weekday

8:00 AM † Anne Casile
(Criss Rotko)

Saturday, September 19
Weekday

* At St. Lawrence *

4:00 PM † Adam & Mary Stankiewicz
(Jackie Stankiewicz)

Sunday, September 20
Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † Theresa Linz
In Memory Of Her Birthday
(Jim & Val Smith and Family)

At St. Lawrence

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

~ From Fr. Michael ~

Welcome Cristina Morais



This weekend we welcome Cristina Morais, who is with us for our annual Mission Appeal. Please be generous in supporting the work she represents, and thank you for the many ways this parish continues to answer the call to mission beyond our own walls.

Anniversary of September 11th

As we mark the anniversary of September 11th, we remember in prayer all who died that day, the first responders who gave themselves in service, and all who still carry the grief of that loss. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and give comfort to those who mourn.

Fair Week

It's Albion Fair Week! I look forward to seeing many of you there, and to the chance to support our community as we also get to greet families, friends and all those who visit. See you at the fair!

Blessings on your week,
Fr. Michael

~ Financials ~

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

Envelopes Registered - 136
Envelopes In This Week - 53
Weekly Envelopes - \$ 1,925.00
Loose Cash - \$ 274.00
Guests - \$ 95.00

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

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

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

Sunday, September 13, 2026

The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



This upcoming week has two feast days on the Church's Calendar:

- Monday - **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- Tuesday - **Our Lady of Sorrows**

This week I would like to spend some time considering the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Franciscan Media's Saint of the Day provides the perfect story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

"Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on.

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration."

Here is a prayer from Saint Francis of Assisi about the Holy Cross:

*We adore you,
Lord Jesus Christ,
here, and in all your churches
throughout the whole world,
and we bless you,
for by your holy cross you
have redeemed the world.
Amen.*

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 & Community Information ~

52-200 Club Weekly Winners

~ September 2026 ~

Week 1 - Sept 6 #46 - Steve & Carrie Sawin
 Week 2 - Sept 13 #189 - Andrea 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.**

~ Monday Night Bingo ~

**St. Lawrence Center
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30
Games Begin at 6:30
Jackpot - \$1,200
In 58 balls or less
Come Join The Fun!!**



~ *Rosary Society Meeting* ~

**St. Philip Altar Rosary Society will hold their
next meeting on Monday, September 14th, at
2 pm, at the St. Philip
Parish Center.**

**All Are Welcome
To Attend**



Second Collection Next Weekend

The Catholic Education Collection
will take place next weekend.

Half of the funds raised through this collection,
will stay within our parish, and will
help support our Faith Formation Program.
The remainder will be used for Catholic education
activities throughout the diocese.

Thank you for your continued support!

~ Ministry Schedule ~

	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.	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	Volunteer	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		Valerie S.	

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

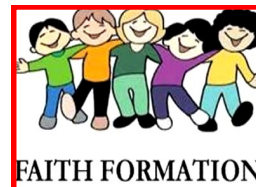
We Are Thrilled To Announce The Start Of Our Faith Formation Program!

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. Registration fee is \$30 per
student.

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
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