

*Saint Lawrence the Martyr  
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

*Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor  
Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*

**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



*July 5, 2026  
Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

~ Parish Staff ~

Clergy

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Parish Center

Renae Mihalak - 814-756-3623  
Please Leave a Message

Custodian/Maintenance

Parish Center

Renae Mihalak

Parish Office

Lori Adamson

Office Hours

8:30 am till 1:30 pm  
Monday thru Thursday

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St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus

~ From Fr. Michael ~

**Independence Day**

This weekend marks the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the beginning of what would become the United States of America. It is a good opportunity to reflect on the principles on which our nation is founded: the God-given rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As we treasure these fundamental rights, may we also respect them both in ourselves and in one another. Enjoy the time with family and friends as we celebrate our nation and its heritage.



**Divine Mercy Retreat**

Next weekend, I am in Erie to help lead the Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat at St. Joseph Church. This retreat program has been in our Diocese for 30 years and has helped renew and transform the lives of many of our young people (of every age!) toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Some of our parishioners have made this retreat in the past. I encouraged others to join this round, though the timing didn't work out for them. I am grateful to Fr. Ferrick, who will cover the Masses for me next weekend. Please pray for the team and the retreatants.

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

In previous years, the Diocese of Erie hosted a Mass to honor couples celebrating marriage anniversaries of 25, 40 and 50+ years. The Diocese is not hosting the event this summer, but parishes are encouraged to keep this tradition. We will be taking reservations from couples celebrating a banner anniversary this year to join and receive a special blessing at our Sunday Mass on August 9 at 10:00am at St. Lawrence Church. I will be making announcements about this on the next few weekends. Any married couple in the parish — including any family living out of town who wants to join and receive a special blessing — is invited to register to be recognized. Please call the rectory **by July 23rd**, to register or if you have any other questions.

Blessings on your week.

# Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## ~ Mass Intentions ~

**Monday, July 6  
Weekday**

**8:00 AM † David L. Diehl  
In Memory Of His Birthday  
( Greg & Lori Adamson )**

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**Tuesday, July 7  
Weekday**

**\* No Mass \***

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**Wednesday, July 8  
Weekday**

**8:00 AM † Ed Kearns  
( Norella Consedine )**

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**Thursday, July 9  
Weekday**

**8:00 AM † Bill Pavolko  
In Memory Of His Birthday  
( Sandy Pavolko )**

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**Friday, July 10  
Weekday**

**\* No Mass \***

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**Saturday, July 11  
Saint Benedict, Abbot**

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

**4:00 PM † Adam & Mary Stankiewicz  
( Jacki Stankiewicz )**

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**Sunday, July 12  
Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**8:00 AM † Living & Deceased Members  
Of The St. Philip Altar Rosary Society  
( The St. Philip Altar Rosary Society )**

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

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

## ~ Deacon's Corner ~



I genuinely enjoy the stories about the lives of various saints, especially those from recent history. For example, this week on July 6<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Maria Goretti, a young martyr, and virgin whose life is an example of purity and mercy for all Christians.

Maria was born to a poor family in Corinaldo, Italy, in 1890. Her father was a farmer who died of malaria when Maria was very young. Her mother had to work in the fields to support their six children, so Maria was left to take care of the younger children. Maria prayed the Rosary every night for the repose of her father's soul. She grew in grace and maturity. Thus, those around her noticed her cheerful obedience and piety.

On July 5, 1902 when Maria was only 11 years old, 18-year-old Alessandro Serenelli, a neighboring farmhand, made impure advances toward Maria. She refused his advances and said, "No, God does not wish it. It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." When Maria declared that she would rather die than submit to this sin, Alessandro stabbed her with a knife. Maria was found bleeding to death and was rushed to the hospital. There she forgave Alessandro saying, "Yes, for the love of Jesus, I forgive him, and I want him to be with me in Paradise." But unfortunately, the doctors could do nothing to save her, and after two agonizing days, she died.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison and remained unrepentant until 8 years into his prison term. Then Maria appeared to him dressed in white and offered him lilies. As he took them, each lily he took transformed into a white flame. Alessandro converted, found peace, and repented of his crime. When he was released from prison after 27 years, he asked Maria's mother for forgiveness. He moved to a Capuchin monastery, working in the garden as a tertiary for the remainder of his life. He was one of the witnesses who testified to Maria's holiness during her cause for beatification, citing his vision in prison.

Pope Pius XII canonized Maria Goretti in 1950, becoming the youngest Roman Catholic saint officially recognized by name.

At the Sunday Angelus on her feast day in 2003, Pope John Paul II said, "Marietta, as she was lovingly called, reminds the youth of the third millennium that true happiness demands courage and a spirit of sacrifice, refusing every compromise with evil and having the disposition to pay personally, even with death, faithful to God and his commandments."

St. Maria Goretti, 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

 **JOIN THE  
KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #3979**  
 A CATHOLIC  
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 CALL: JOHN SHADE - 756-4512

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

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 \* to lead the singing of the Assembly  
 \* to embellish the music of the liturgy  
 \* to become a future cantor  
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 "Those who sing pray twice!"  
 ~St. Augustine

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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  


 **Irene's  
TAILORING**  
 Alterations  
 Irene Petruska  
 12450 Rt. 98  
 Edinboro, Pa. 16412  
 (814)384-3176

**This Space Available**

**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**

**~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  
Philip Kleckner  
Marc Kearns  
Joseph Sharpe  
Norella Consedine  
Tim Smock  
John & Sharon

Bob Cochran  
Rob Leninsky  
Conrad Woods  
Donald DiFiori  
Stacey B.  
BJ Leicht  
Karen  
Brother Matthew  
Joseph Lewis, O.de.M  
Alexis Mundkoswky  
Irasema Rimel  
Casey Lawrence

Kristin Bucci  
Sue Wadsworth  
Phyllis Giewont  
Wanda Manculich  
Sue Mihalak  
Dave & Marilyn O'Brien  
Elaine Schmidt  
Keith Johnson  
Kevin Hall  
Diann Hinkle  
Sal Kitko  
Dorothy

Rachel P.  
Stacey  
Gail  
Our Homebound  
and Care Center  
  
Parishioners  
Intentions In Our  
Prayer Box

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”

**~ Meeting ~**

**St. Philip Altar Rosary Society  
will hold their next meeting  
on Monday, July 13 at 2 pm,  
at the St. Philip Parish Center.**

**All Are Welcome  
To Attend**



**Please Note...  
There will be no Daily Mass  
on Friday, July 10th**

**Parish Picnic**



**St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church  
Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, July 19th  
11:30 am**

**St. Philip Church Grounds**

**Ham, Hotdogs, Tableware,  
and Drinks Will Be Provided  
Please Bring A Dish To Share**

**Mass Intentions.**

**All dates for Mass Intentions  
for 2026 have been filled.  
We are now scheduling Masses in 2027.  
  
Thank you.**

**~ Offertory~**

**~Sacrificial Giving ~  
June 27/28  
Weekly Budget Goal  
\$ 3,660.00**

**Envelopes Registered - 136  
Envelopes In This Week - 65  
Weekly Envelopes - \$ 3,001.00  
Loose Cash - \$ 186.00  
Guests - \$ 440.00**

**\*2026 CSA\*  
Our Diocesan Assessment  
\$ 29,770.00**

**Amount Pledged  
\$36,170.42  
Amount Collected  
\$29,732.42**

Please remember that all Contributions,  
Donations, CSA Payments, Mass Stipends,  
and Gifts, are deposited into bank  
accounts under “St. Lawrence the Martyr  
Church”.

Thank you for remembering to make  
all checks out only to  
“St. Lawrence Church”.

Thank You for your  
continued support.

~ Ministry Schedule ~

	July 11 - 4pm	July 12 - 8am	July 12 - 8am
Lector	Patricia T.	Robert W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W.
Gift Bearers	Al/Miriam Y.	Dennis/Patti P.	Bill/Elsie M.
	July 18 - 4pm	July 19 - 8am	July 19 - 10am
Lector	Carrie S.	Kimberly B.	Carl P.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Chris/Peg B.	Wnek Family	Debi/Grace S.
	July 25 - 4pm	July 26 - 8am	July 26 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Patti P.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Skip/Lynne B.	Cotton Family	Melquist Family
	August 1 - 4pm	August 2 - 8am	August 2 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Erinn W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W.
Gift Bearers	Lance Family	Val Smith	Bill/Elsie M.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please find someone to fill in for you.

If you would like to be added to our Offertory Gift Bearers List at St. Lawrence, please email Patricia @[trt51@roadrunner.com](mailto:trt51@roadrunner.com)

Thank you for your continued dedication.

**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.*

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Erie



Diocese of Erie  
ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

- Week 1 - July 5 #84 - Dave O'Brien
- Week 2 - July 12 #82 - Kevin & Renae Mihalak
- Week 3 - July 19 #156 - Heather (Pry) Gacek
- Week 4 - July 26 #69 - Tom Duda

**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.**

In Observance of the Holiday Weekend,  
there will be No Bingo on Monday, July 6th  
Games will resume on Monday, July 13th

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!**

