

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

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*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*

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Renae Mihalak

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

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### ***Office Hours***

8:30 am till 1:30 pm  
Monday thru Thursday  
Phone - 814-756-3623

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180 East State Street  
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### ***St. James Cemetery***

Greg Petrus

*The Third Sunday in Advent:*

JOY



### ***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, December 14, 2025

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 15**  
Advent Weekday

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

**Tuesday, December 16**  
Advent Weekday

**\*No Mass\***

**Wednesday, December 17**  
Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † *Rev. John Fischer*  
( Mark & Darcy Paradise )

**Thursday, December 18**  
Late Advent Weekday

**\*No Mass\***

**Friday, December 19**  
Late Advent Weekday

**\*No Mass\***

**Saturday, December 20**  
Late Advent Weekday

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

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

**Sunday, December 21**  
Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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

8:00 AM † *Randy Ivan*  
( Elaine McGraw )

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

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

## Please Note...

There will be no Weekday Mass on Thursday,  
December 18th and Friday December 19th.  
Mass Intentions for these days  
have been rescheduled.

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
is prayed every Saturday at St. Lawrence Church,  
beginning at 3:30, just before the 4:00 Mass.

## From Fr. Michael

I was grateful for the attendance at the Sunday Masses and for the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. The greatest witness we give to our faith is the worship of God by attending Holy Mass. I am also grateful that the witness of serving our community is evident in the number of beautifully wrapped presents at the Blessing Tree in the St. Lawrence vestibule. The Great Commandment calls us to love God and love our neighbor. Thank you for making both happen.

Deacon Paul offers a column on the Great "O Antiphons" of Advent that begin on December 17. These are ancient titles of Christ as foretold by the prophets. If you pray the Liturgy of the Hours, you will see them beginning at Evening Prayer this Wednesday, but they also form the verses of the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." I invite you to consider praying each antiphon on the appointed day; it is a good way to prepare for Christ and the celebration of His birth.

We had a fine attendance at the Advent Bible Study these past two weeks, even with the messy snow on Wednesday night. I will plan on more opportunities for this in the new year, certainly during Lent.

Blessings on your week.

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

### \*Christmas Mass Schedule\*

Wednesday, December 24 - Vigil Mass of Christmas  
St. Lawrence Church - 4:00pm

Thursday, December 25 - Mass of Christmas Day  
St. Philip Church - 8:00am  
St. Lawrence Church - 10:00am

### \*The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God\*

Wednesday, December 31 - Vigil Mass  
St. Lawrence Church - 4:00 pm

Thursday, January 1 - Holy Day Mass  
St. Lawrence Church - 8:00 am

Christmas			
	December 24 St. Lawrence - 4:00 PM	December 25 St. Philip - 8:00 AM	December 25 St. Lawrence - 10:00 AM
Lector	Grace S.	Patti P.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Sawin Family	Dennis P.	Bill/Elsie M.

The Solemnity of Mary - At St. Lawrence		
	December 31 - 4:00 PM	January 1 - 8:00 AM
Lector	Carrie S.	Patricia T.
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer

# Third Sunday Of Advent

## ~Prayer Requests~

Jim Bernoski  
Marilyn Madden  
Jon Reibel  
Mike Sawin  
Andrew Segal  
Bill Pavolko  
Dale  
Renee  
Bob Stewart  
Philip Kleckner  
Craig  
Thomas  
Fran Harrington  
Joseph Sharpe  
Norella Consedine  
Tim Smock  
John & Sharon Shultz  
Bob Cochran

Rob Leninsky  
Donald DiFiori  
Marc Kearns  
Nancy Cherry  
Ben  
Kathy  
Stacey B.  
Brother Matthew  
Joseph Levis, O.de.M  
Mary Tad  
Alexis Mundkoswky  
BJ Leicht  
Jennifer Holland  
John Holland  
Karen  
Danielle Teed  
Irasema Rimel  
Our Homebound and  
Care Center Parishioners

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



## 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

## Deacon's Corner

### The O Antiphons

By now, you have probably heard a lot of Christmas music both secular and sacred. However, there is one song that truly belongs to Advent, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." This song is from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, based on Gregorian chant and has its verses taken from the Church's O Antiphons. The O Antiphons, also known as the Greater Antiphons, are from the daily pray of the Church, known as the Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office. They are part of evening prayer for Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The seven O Antiphons are the names given in the Book of Isaiah for the Messiah. Many families add the O Antiphons to their prayers during Advent. Here are the antiphon prayers from the Liturgy of the Hours:

- Dec. 17: "**O Wisdom**, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation." (O Sapientia)
- Dec. 18: "**O sacred Lord of ancient Israel**, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free." (O Adonai)
- Dec. 19: "**O Flower of Jesse's stem**, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid." (O Radix Jesse)
- Dec. 20: "**O Key of David**, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom." (O Clavis David)
- Dec. 21: "**O Radiant Dawn**, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death." (O Oriens)
- Dec. 22: "**O King of all the nations**, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come, and save the creature you fashioned from the dust." (O Rex Gentium)
- Dec. 23: "**O Emmanuel**, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God." (O Emmanuel)

As we approach the end of Advent, let the prayers for the O Antiphons continue to fill you with the joy and majesty of the season.

Deacon Paul

For special prayer requests from the family of Donna Brunner  
and the family of Laura Risinger.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

## Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

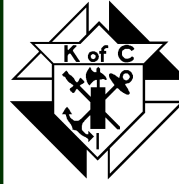
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



## Cursillo

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

Parish Coordinators:  
Needed



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~St. Augustine

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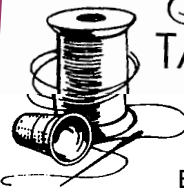


## St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

Sundays 9:00 - 10:00 Mass  
K through 11

To register contact:

Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487  
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192



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Irene Petruska  
12450 Rt. 98  
Edinboro, Pa. 16412  
(814)384-3176

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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





Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who set up our beautiful Nativity on Sunday morning. We appreciate your hard work on such a cold day!

### The Blessing Tree

Please remember to return all gifts to St. Lawrence Church and place them under the tree **no later than Tuesday, December 16th**. All gifts will be sorted and given to families near the end of the week by the Northwestern Food Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity in the past. and let's help make this another special Christmas for these area children.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, 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 Pat @ [trt51@roadrunner.com](mailto:trt51@roadrunner.com)

#### Dec. 20/21

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Carrie S.	Erinn W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Julio P.
Gift Bearers	Al & Miriam Y.	Wnek Family	Debbie & Grace S.

#### Dec. 27/28

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Marge M.	Kimberly B.	Carl P.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W./Sophia
Gift Bearers	Skip/ Lynne B.	Worley Family	Victor & Andrea

#### Jan. 3/4

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Patricia T.	Patti P.	Student
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Student
Gift Bearers	Lance Family		Student

#### Jan. 10/11

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Carrie S.	Robert W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Norma J./Marge M.		Debbie & Grace S.



**Dec 21 - Class**  
**Dec 28 - No Class**

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

### ~ Monday Night Bingo ~

**St. Lawrence Center**

Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30

Games Begin at 6:30

Jackpot:

\$1,000 in 51 balls or less

Come Join The Fun!!



## Parish Information & Important Dates

### Christmas Flower Memorials

Memorialize your loved ones with a beautiful poinsettia that will adorn the altars at St. Philip and St. Lawrence during the Christmas season.

Please use the envelope provided with your weekly offertory envelopes to make a memorial donation toward the purchase of this year's Poinsettias.

Please return your donation  
by December 15th

*Thank You!*



Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be on Sunday, December 21st, from 11 till 2  
Here are a few ways you may help out.

#### ~Make Deserts~

Cookies, Bar Cookies, Cakes, or Cup Cakes  
May be dropped off Saturday or Sunday before the dinner. Please sign up on the sheets at either church.

#### ~Donate a Turkey~ Smaller is Best


#### ~Dontate a Ham~ Boneless, No Spiral Please

#### ~Monetary Donations~

To help defray cost of food and supplies

Please drop off Turkeys and Hams by Monday  
December 15 at the Parish Office M-TH  
between 8:30am - 1:30 pm

## A Service of Lessons & Carols



**WHEN:** SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025  
4:00 PM

**WHERE:** SAINT PETER CATHEDRAL  
230 W 10TH ST  
ERIE, PA 16501

**PRESIDER:** MOST REV. LAWRENCE T. PERSICO, JCL  
BISHOP OF ERIE

## Financial Information

### ~Sacrificial Giving ~

**December 6/7**

**Weekly Budget Goal**

**\$ 3,750.00**

Envelopes Registered - 121  
Envelopes In This Week - 60

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,498.00

Loose Cash - \$ 314.00

Guests - \$ 270.00

The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Donations - \$618.00

**Thank You!**

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

Registered Families  
142

Families Pledged  
46

Amount Collected  
\$24,820.00

### I Give Catholic

We had 5 donations to our  
I Give Catholic Campaign,  
which brought in a total of  
\$550.00 for St. Lawrence,  
St. Philip Church!

Thank you for your  
continued generosity to the  
upkeep of our Parishes!

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!