

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

*Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor*

*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*

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### Custodian/Maintenance

Renae Mihalak

### Parish Center

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

### Parish Office

Lori Adamson

### Office Hours

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

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180 East State Street  
Albion, Pa 16401

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### St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus

*The Second Sunday in Advent:*

PEACE



### 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

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 8**  
**The Immaculate Conception**  
**Of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00 AM † *Rose Teed***  
**( Betty Jo Leicht )**

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**Tuesday, December 9**  
**Advent Weekday**

**\*No Mass\***

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**Wednesday, December 10**  
**Advent Weekday**

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

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**Thursday, December 11**  
**Advent Weekday**

**8:00 AM † *Doug Fuller***  
**( Sue Mihalak )**

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**Friday, December 12**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**8:00 AM † *Pope Francis***  
**( Sawin Family )**

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**Saturday, December 13**  
**Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

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

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

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**Sunday, December 14**  
**Third Sunday Of Advent**

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

**8:00 AM † *Richard Pavolko***  
**( Worley Family )**

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

**10:00 AM † *Jeanne Matson***  
**( Sue Brown )**

## From Fr. Michael

Today (Sunday) is the Winter Graduation for Gannon University, so I am grateful to Fr. Michael Ferrick for celebrating the 10am Parish Mass so I can be with the Bishop at the University Mass at the same time. Fr. Ferrick enjoys his visits to the parish and I'm sure he has received a warm welcome.

Monday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of the United States. This is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass for the Holyday will be offered this evening (Sunday) at 4pm and tomorrow (Monday) at 8am, both at St. Lawrence.

I am inspired by the generous response to the Blessing Tree in the vestibule of St. Lawrence. There are still a few tags left. Please consider if you feel called to support this effort to provide for families in the community. May we continue to be a community of hope in this Advent season. God bless you.

## 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

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### \*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

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
is prayed every Saturday at St. Lawrence Church,  
beginning at 4:30, just before the 5:00 Mass.

# Second Sunday Of Advent

## ~Prayer Requests~

Jim Bernoski	Rob Leninsky
Marilyn Madden	Donald DiFiori
Jon Reibel	Marc Kearns
Mike Sawin	Nancy Cherry
Andrew Segal	Ben
Bill Pavolko	Kathy
Dale	Stacey B.
Renee	Brother Matthew
Bob Stewart	Joseph Levis, O.de.M
Philip Kleckner	Mary Tad
Craig	Alexis Mundkoswky
Thomas	BJ Leicht
Fran Harrington	Jennifer Holland
Joseph Sharpe	John Holland
Norella Consedine	Karen
Tim Smock	Our Homebound and
John & Sharon Shultz	Care Center Parishioners
Bob Cochran	Intentions In Our Prayer Box

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

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

This week on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

An article from Franciscan Media Saint of the Day describes the story.

"The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself."

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of The Americas, Mexico, and the unborn.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us during this Advent season.

Deacon Paul

## Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

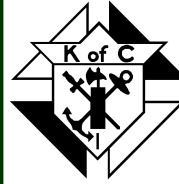
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



## Cursillo

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

Parish Coordinators:  
Needed



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A CATHOLIC  
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SERVICE ORGANIZATION

CALL: JOHN SHADE - 756-4512

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814-756-4151  
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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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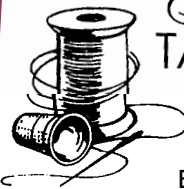


## St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

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



The Immaculate Conception At St. Lawrence		
	December 7 - 4:00 PM	December 8 - 8:00 AM
Lector	Carrie Sawin	Patricia Thompson
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer

Christmas			
	December 24 St. Lawrence - 4:00 PM	December 25 St. Philip - 8:00 AM	December 25 St. Lawrence - 10:00 AM
Lector	Grace Seneta	Patti Pavolko	Criss Rotko
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Dennie Pavolko	Volunteer

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

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)

December 13/14			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Student	Patti Pavolko	Criss Rotko
Altar Server	Student	Branden Lowery	Needed
Gift Bearers	Student	Pavolko Family	Bill & Elsie Mundkowsky

December			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Carrie Sawin	Erinn Wnek	Grace Seneta
Altar Server	Nellie Sawin	Branden Lowery	Julio Pazmino
Gift Bearers	Al & Miriam Youschak	Wnek Family	Debbie & Grace Seneta

December 27/28			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Marge Mayer	Kimberly Boal	Carl Pry
Altar Server	Nellie Sawin	Branden Lowery	Brooke White/Sophia Pazmino
Gift Bearers		Worley Family	

January 3/4			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Patricia Thompson	Robert Wnek	Chris Rotko
Altar Server	Nellie Sawin	Branden Lowery	Ethan Pacansky
Gift Bearers			

### ~Christmas Party~

The St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary,  
would like to invite all women of  
St. Lawrence-St. Philip Parish to  
attend our annual Christmas Party.

We will meet at Valenza Restaurant  
on Sunday, December 14th at 11:30.

If you would like to participate in an  
ornament exchange. please bring a  
wrapped ornament (limit \$10)  
to exchange.

We will also be collecting  
"personal care items"  
for the Albion Food Panty.

Please text your RSVP to Judy asap  
at 814-392-9128 .

### Advent with the Prophet Isaiah

Please join us for our next Bible Study  
on Wednesday, December 10 in the  
St. Lawrence Parish Center. The Bible  
Study will begin at 6pm and run until  
7pm, with Fr. Michael being available  
for questions afterward. All parishion-  
ers, friends and neighbors are invited to  
come. It is helpful to bring your own  
Bible but not necessary.

We hope to see you there!

### ~ Monday Night Bingo ~

St. Lawrence Center

Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30

Games Begin at 6:30

Jackpot:

\$1,000 in 50 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!*



## Oplatki Christmas Wafers

Before sitting down to Christmas Eve dinner, many families with roots in Poland and other Eastern European countries will take part in a tradition, which has roots dating back hundreds of years. Christmas Eve marks the end of Advent. Traditionally, that meant the last day of fasting, so in mostly Catholic Poland, the dinner was typically meatless. At the start of dinner, just after grace, the sharing of Oplatki, (unleavened bread) with another person is sharing all that is good with life. Many families still celebrate this tradition.

Oplatki will be available for you to purchase at St. Philip and St. Lawrence for \$3 each.

## The Blessing Tree

Pick a tag from the Blessing Tree which is located in the front vestibule of St. Lawrence church. Sign your name on the sign up sheet, and purchase a gift for a child. The tags contain information regarding the child's sizes and likes. It is suggested for fairness among siblings, that the price range be between \$20 and \$40 per child. If you would like to buy for a full family, simply take all tags with the same family number. Please attach the tag securely to your gift so the sorters are able to match it with the correct child and family. Please return gifts to St. Lawrence Church and place them under the tree no later than December 14th. All gifts will be sorted on December 17th and given to families that weekend 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.

**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

### **~Donate 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 14 at the Parish Office M-TH  
between 8:30am - 1:30 pm

OR you may drop off Monday at the  
Parish Center during Bingo beginning at 5:00

## Faith Formation



Dec 14 - Class  
Dec 21 - Class

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

## Family Mass

December's Family Mass will be  
at the 4pm Mass on Saturday,  
December 13th.



Join Our Faith Formation Students  
On Saturday, December 13,  
following the 4 pm Mass  
As We Spread Christmas Cheer!