

*Saint Lawrence the Martyr  
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

*Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor*

*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*



**IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU  
WILL KEEP MY  
COMMANDMENTS.**

**JOHN 14: 15**

*May 10, 2026*

*Sixth Sunday  
Of Easter*

**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

**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, May 10, 2026

## ~ Parish Staff ~

### Clergy

Rev. Michael Kesicki  
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 Phone - 814-756-3623

Deacon Paul McCoy  
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### Faith Formation

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

### 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

### Mailing Address

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 180 East State Street  
 Albion, Pa 16401

### Email

stlawrencealbion@gmail.com

### St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus  
 Looking for a New Manager

## ~ From Fr. Michael ~



**Solemnity of the Ascension:** This Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. For the faithful of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Nebraska (Diocese of Lincoln), and New England, it remains a Holy Day of Obligation. In the remainder of the United States, the celebration is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Ascension crowns the Paschal Mystery — the triumphant moment when the risen Christ enters into the glory of heaven, opening its gates to all humanity. Seated at the right hand of the Father, He ever intercedes for us and fulfills His promise by sending the Holy Spirit. Join us for Holy Mass on **Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM** and **Thursday morning at 8:00 AM**.

**Mother's Day:** This weekend we joyfully celebrate Mother's Day. We honor all mothers — today and every day — and give thanks for the immeasurable gift of their love and sacrifice. May God richly bless all those called to the sacred vocation of motherhood, and may we hold our own mothers close in prayer.

**Graduation Season:** May also marks the beginning of graduation season for our high school and college students. As they close one chapter and step boldly into the next, let us surround them with our prayers — that they may be guided by God's wisdom, sustained by His grace, and filled with His peace in all that lies ahead.

Blessings on your week.

## ~ Ministry Schedule ~

	May 16 - 4pm	May 17 - 8am	May 17 - 10am
<b>Lector</b>	Carrie S.	Robert W.	Grace S.
<b>Altar Server</b>	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Vivian B.
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Sawin Family	Elaine M.	Melquist Family
	May 23 - 4pm	May 24 - 8am	May 24 - 10am
<b>Lector</b>	Marge M.	Patti P.	Criss R.
<b>Altar Server</b>	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Julio P.
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Marge M./Norma J.	Cotton Family	Victor/Andrea M.
	May 30 - 4pm	May 31 - 8am	May 31 - 10am
<b>Lector</b>	Patricia T.	Kimberly B.	Grace S.
<b>Altar Server</b>	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W./Sophia P.
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Al/Miriam Y.	Dennis/Patti P.	Bill/Elsie M.
	June 6 - 4pm	June 7 - 8am	June 7 - 10am
<b>Lector</b>	Carrie S.	Erinn W.	Criss Rotko
<b>Altar Server</b>	Nelli S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
<b>Gift Bearers</b>		Elaine M.	

**Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord  
 Holy Day of Obligation  
 Thursday, May 14th**

**Masses are at St. Lawrence Church**

**Wednesday, May 13th - (Vigil)  
 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, May 14th  
 8:00 am**

**If you are available to Lector  
 for either Mass,  
 Please call the Parish Office.**

# Sixth Sunday Of Easter

## ~ Mass Intentions ~

**Monday, May 11**  
**Easter Weekday**

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

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**Tuesday, May 12**  
**Easter Weekday**

**\*No Mass\***

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**Wednesday, May 13**  
**Easter Weekday**

**Vigil Mass at St. Lawrence Church**

**7:00 PM † Jim Consedine**  
**( Sue Barton-Cottage Neighbor )**

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**Thursday, May 14**  
**The Ascension Of The Lord**  
**At St. Lawrence Church**

**8:00 AM † Mary Teed**  
**( Ray & Terry Garries )**

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**Friday, May 15**  
**Easter Weekday**

**\*No Mass\***

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**Saturday, May 16**  
**Easter Weekend**  
**\*At St. Lawrence\***

**4:00 PM † Jeanne Matson**  
**( Sue Brown )**

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**Sunday, May 17**  
**Seventh Sunday Of Easter**

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

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

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

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

## ~ Deacon's Corner ~

### Ascension



Deacon's Corner

On Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Christ into Heaven as described in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:6-11. St. Augustine describes the universal observance in the Church, which goes back to the fifth century. The feast of the Ascension is also frequently mentioned in the writings of St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory of Nyssa.

There are 40 days between Easter Sunday and Ascension Thursday. The number 40 signifies a time of preparation for the disciples, just as Jesus underwent 40 days of preparation before he began his ministry. Additionally, In the Old Testament, the number 40 is symbolic of probation and testing – the Great Flood lasted 40 days, Moses fasted on Mt. Sinai for 40 days, and the Israelites journeyed in the desert for 40 years.

The Ascension is an official public holiday in several countries, including Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, and Indonesia. It has always been a day on which the first fruits of the season are blessed and eaten. The Italians bring beans and grapes to Church and hear the blessing, *“Bless, O Lord these new fruits of the vine which Thou hast brought to maturity by the dew of heaven, by plentiful rains and by tranquil and favorable weather. Thou hast given us this fruit for our use that we may receive it with thanks in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.”* This prayer is also a reminder that Christ is the first fruit of all men. The Armenians celebrate the arrival of spring and the Ascension by making dolmas – new tender grape leaves stuffed with a delicious filling. Germans celebrate the Ascension with a picnic, including “Ascension Beer.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 665) says, *“Christ’s Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus’ humanity into God’s heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).”*

This holy day is meant to celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ, and His entry into Heaven with our human nature glorified.

Have a very blessed week.

Deacon Paul

### Please Note

**There will be no Daily Mass**  
**on Friday, May 15th.**  
**The Mass Intention on that day**  
**has been rescheduled.**

**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”**

Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

All Ladies of the parish are welcome!

**DeColores!**

**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

~ Offertory ~

~Sacrificial Giving ~  
May 2/3  
Weekly Budget Goal  
\$ 3,660.00

Envelopes Registered - 134  
Envelopes In This Week - 65  
Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,448.00  
Loose Cash - \$ 189.00  
Guests - \$ 415.00

**\*2026 CSA\***  
**Our Diocesan Assessment**  
**\$ 29,770.00**  
  
Amount Pledged  
\$36,170.42  
Amount Collected  
\$26,312.42

~ 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!!



~Good Shepherd Collection~

Thank you for your generous response  
to The Good Shepherd Collection.  
Envelopes - \$753.00  
Loose Cash - \$271.00

Last Sunday, our Faith Formation students participated in May Crowning. Chosen as May Queen, was one of our recently Confirmed students, Mackenzie Pazmino, who was escorted by her bother and First Communion student, Eli Pazmino.

Each student honored our Blessed Mother, by placing flowers in a vase in front of her, and then watched while Mackenzie placed a crown of flowers on her head.



~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  
Bob Stewart  
Philip Kleckner  
Marc Kearns  
Joseph Sharpe  
Norella Consedine  
Tim Smock  
John & Sharon Shultz  
Bob Cochran

Rob Leninsky  
Donald DiFiori  
Ben  
Kathy  
Stacey B.  
Brother Matthew  
Joseph Levis, O.de.M  
Mary Tad  
Karen  
Alexis Mundkoswky  
BJ Leicht  
Irasema Rimel  
Casey Lawrence  
Carl Pry

Justin Corwin  
Conrad Woods  
Kristin Bucci  
Sue Wadsworth  
Phyllis Giewont  
Everett  
The Families of  
John Rotko, Norbert Reibel,  
and Nancy Cherry  
Our Homebound &  
Care Center Parishioners  
All Intentions In Our  
Prayer Box

~ Meeting ~

St. Philip Altar Rosary Society  
will hold their next meeting  
on Monday, May 11th at 2 pm,  
at the St. Philip Parish Center.

All Are Welcome  
To Attend!



Please remember in your prayers,  
Norbert Reibel,  
who passed away Wednesday, April 29th.



Please also remember in your prayers,  
Nancy Cherry,  
who passed away Tuesday, May 5th.

We ask that God give the families  
of Nancy and Norbert,  
comfort and peace,  
and may their souls, and the souls  
of all the faithful departed  
rest in eternal peace.



Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting our 5th annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Your charitable donations thus far have enabled the Knights to purchase state of the art Ultrasound Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic for the Women's Care Center of Erie. Since 2018, close to 800 babies have been born to women after viewing their ultrasounds. They chose life for their babies even though they were originally abortion bound. The Women's Care Center always promotes childbirth as an option, rather than abortion. They've had great success by providing pregnancy, parenting, and adoption support services. Sadly, the use of the abortion pill has increased substantially which has presented even greater challenges to them and Pro-Life supporters such as the Knights. In order to keep providing these vital services, the Women's Care Center continues to depend on your much needed financial support.

Baby bottles will be distributed at the Church entrances on Mother's Day weekend (May 9-10th). Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles. **The bottles and envelopes should be returned by Father's Day weekend of June 20-21nd .**

We thank you in advance for your kind generosity, and pray you will once again join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of unborn children. God Bless!

Trash and Treasure Sale - Help Needed  
Saint Philip Church

Sale Dates

Thursday, May 21 9:00 - 5:00  
Friday, May 22 9:00 - 5:00  
Saturday, May 2 9:00 - Noon

( Buy 1 Bag Get 2 Free on Saturday )

Help is needed to set up, sort and price items.

Sunday May 17 9:00 - Noon  
Monday May 18 9:00 - 3:00  
Tuesday May 19 9:00 - 3:00  
Wednesday May 20 9:00 - 3:00

Volunteers Are Also Needed To Work The Sale

Thursday May 21 9:00 - 5:00  
Friday May 22 9:00 - 5:00  
Saturday May 23 9:00 - Noon

Help is also needed on Saturday  
to help pack items not sold.

Please see the insert in last weeks bulletin  
or call the Parish Office at 814-765-3623  
if you would like to volunteer and  
for information on how you can donate your items.