

*Saint Lawrence-Saint Philip  
Catholic Church*

*Rev. Thomas Trocchio - Pastor  
Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*



**“These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.  
They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely human rules.”  
~Mark 7: 6-7**

*Sunday, September 1, 2024  
Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*

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Office Hours

8:00 am till 1:00 pm  
Monday thru Thursday

Faith Formation Leader

Faith Formation Leader - NEEDED  
814-756-4840 - Office

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Parish Maintenance

Jim Mitchell

Parish Center/Rental Information

Renaë Mihalak  
814-756-4840 -- Please Leave a Message.

St. James Cemetery

Manager - Greg Petrus

**\*Mass Schedule\***

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5:00 pm at St. Lawrence  
Sunday @ 8:00 am at St. Philip  
Sunday @ 10:00 am at St. Lawrence

Weekday Masses

All at St. Lawrence  
Tuesday & Wednesday - 8:00am  
Thursday & Friday - 12:00pm  
No Mass on Monday

Holy Hour

Tuesday - 6:00pm  
St. Lawrence Church

First Friday

Adoration 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:15 pm at St. Lawrence

Reconciliation

Tuesdays During Holy Hour at St. Lawrence  
6:15 pm to 6:45 pm  
Saturday - 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence  
Sunday - 7:30am at St. Philip



**Mass Intentions  
for The Week**

**Monday, September 2, 2024**

Weekday

**\*No Mass\***

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

**Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor Of The Church**

**8:00 AM - *John Hosey***

**In Honor Of His Birthday**

**( Pat Thompson )**

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

Weekday

**8:00 AM - *Max Stephen***

**For Health & Well-Being**

**( Ray & Terry Garries )**

**Thursday, September 5, 2024**

Weekday

**12:00 PM - *Tom & Pat Thompson***

**In Memory & Honor Of Their Wedding Anniversary**

**( Pat Thompson )**

**Friday, September 6, 2024 - First Friday**

Weekday

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Adoration**

**5:15 PM † *Ron Golden***

**( Jim & Norella Consedine )**

**Saturday, September 7, 2024**

Weekday

Sunday Vigil Mass

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

**5:00 PM † *For The Living & Deceased Members***

***Of St. Lawrence And St. Philip Church***

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**8:00 AM † *Robert Erdman***

**( Steve Erdman )**

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

**10:00 AM - *John & Nancy Borland***

**In Honor Of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary**

**( John & Nancy )**

## Deacon's Corner

September 1, 2024



### **Back to School**

It seems that Memorial Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July were just a few weeks ago, and summer offered weeks of vacation for most students. However, all things come to a close, and the last weeks of August are most likely back-to-school for most K-12 students, teachers, and administrators. Most college students are already back in class. The St. Mark Seminary of the Erie Diocese also started classes last week at Gannon.

No matter what grade level a student is starting, whether the first year of pre-school or the last year of college, there are new beginnings, adventures, excitement, anticipations, and challenges. Then, hopefully, there is the realization that learning is a lifelong endeavor. We are never too young or old to learn. Lifelong learning should also be how we approach our Catholic faith. There are so many wonderful mysteries that we need a lifetime to discover and contemplate.

Here is a prayer from the book *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

### **Prayer to Begin the School Year**

*Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge  
to guide your people in all their ways.*

*At the beginning of this new school year we implore your mercy:  
bless the students, teachers, and staff,  
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love  
as we learn from you and each other  
how to follow your Son Jesus.*

*Expand the horizons of our minds,  
that we may grow in wisdom,  
understanding, and knowledge;  
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord God,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.*

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

 **JOIN THE  
 KNIGHTS OF  
 COLUMBUS  
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**St. Lawrence/St. Philp  
 Faith Formation**  
**Sundays 11:00am-12:30pm**  
**K through 11**  
**To register contact:**  
**the Parish Office at**  
**814-756-3623**



**Ministries**  
*Serve the Lord and serve the  
 Parish as an:*  
Altar Server  
 students grade 4 and up  
Lector  
 post confirmation Adults  
Greeter  
 high school students and up  
 Contact Parish Office for  
 more information  
 756-3623

**Your CHOIR Needs YOUR Voice**  
 \* to lead the singing of the Assembly  
 \* to embellish the music of the liturgy  
 \* to become a future cantor  
 Consider becoming a member TODAY!



*"Those who sing pray twice!"*

**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 are made per  
 parishioner request. Please  
 notify the office  
 of any hospitalizations,  
 injuries, or illnesses.  
 Homebound visits and  
 communion are at



**St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church**  
**Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check One**

New  
 Address Change  
 Moving out of Parish

# Parish Information



**Friday, September 6th**

**Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament**

**4:00 – 5:00 PM**

**First Friday Mass**

**5:15 PM**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

~Thank You.

## LECTORS

The Word of God

Saturday, Aug 31 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson  
Sunday, Sept 1 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, Sept 7 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, Sept 8- 10:00 am - Carl Pry

Saturday, Sept 14- 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson  
Sunday, Sept 15- 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, Sept 21 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, Sept 22 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry

~\*Thank You\*~

**Please Keep The Following People In Your Prayers**



- Judy Diehl-
- Jim Bernoski-
- Marilyn Madden-
- Tom Lascek-
- Jon Reibel-
- Mike Sawin-
- Andrew Segal-
- Bill Pavolko-
- Judy Graham-
- Max Stephen-
- Phyllis Tobin-
- Bob Pacansky-
- Anthony-
- Darlene Skadhaug-
- Kathy (Hudacky) Oswald-
- Chelsey Belden-
- Lorrie Kalicky-
- Bishop Persico-
- Eddie LaCastro-
- The Family of Ron Golden-
- Sharon Griffies-
- Teofilo Gomez (Mr. Serrano)-
- Intentions In Our Prayer Box-
- Our Homebound Parishioners-

**To Add A Prayer Request To Our List, Please Contact Norma Jafko at 756-3889.**

**There Will Be No Bingo On Monday, September 2nd**

**Games Will Resume Monday, September 9th**

**Have A Fun & Safe Labor Day**



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.

~Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary~

# Parish Information

## This Week At St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church

Monday, September 2	*AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Tuesday, September 3	*Holy Hour - 6 pm - 7pm Confessions 6:15 - 6:45 St. Lawrence Church
Wednesday, September 4	*AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Thursday, September 5	*Ladies of the Rosary - 6:30 St. Lawrence Church

## ~ Meeting ~

St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary, will hold their next meeting on Thursday, September 5th at St. Lawrence Church. The Rosary will begin at 6:30 and a meeting will follow.

All Are Welcome  
To Attend.



Please be aware of a scam which has been reported. A parishioner received a text saying it was Fr. Tom, requesting she help him out by purchasing gift cards for him in the amount of \$200.00 each.

Please know that this is a scam, and Fr. Tom or any staff member, will never send this type of request, from a text, email or phone call. If in doubt, please call the parish office to verify.

Thank You & Stay Cyber Safe!



# Financial Information

## Sacrificial Giving For The Weekend Of August 24 & 25

Envelopes - \$ 1,896.00  
Loose - \$ 252.00

Weekly Budget Goal  
\$ 3,750.00



## ~The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal~

Our Diocesan Assessment - \$28,881.00  
Amount Paid To Date - \$16,638.41

Current Registered Households - 148  
Household Pledges To Date - 45  
Amount Pledged - \$18,068.41

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Catholics we are called to continually learn and grow in our knowledge of the faith and the Church. This growth allows us to deepen our relationship with God and allows us to become a “new creation” that gives hope to others. As Pope Benedict XVI so wonderfully stated, “The aim of all Christian education, moreover, is to train the believer in an adult faith that can make him a “new creation”, capable of bearing witness in his surroundings to the Christian hope that inspires him.”

Over the next several weeks I will be including in the bulletin, articles written by the Coordinator of the Office for Divine Worship in our diocese about the structure and aspects of the Mass. My hope is that this will help all of us not just have a better understanding of the beauty and history of the Mass but also to enter into the Mass more fully.

In the last article, we talked about the Introductory Rites. This week, we move to:

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

Often, we think of the Liturgy of the Word as merely the readings, but it encompasses so much more. Drawing from my theatrical background, I liken the Liturgy of the Word to the ‘first act’ of a play or musical, despite some clergy’s reservations. What happens during the first act? It sets the stage for the exciting and glorious events of the second act. It introduces the characters and their backgrounds, helping us understand their journeys and motivations. Similarly, the Liturgy of the Word provides us with the rich history and Tradition of our faith, preparing us to fully appreciate the revelations in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. To truly grasp the depth of what is revealed, we must pay close attention and understand our heritage.

Because there are 8 parts to the Liturgy of the Word, we will divide it between this and the next two week’s articles. The primary parts are the readings from scripture and the Responsorial Psalm.

The First Reading – This is usually taken from the Old Testament or the Acts of the Apostles (during the Easter season). The Old Testament readings relate to the Gospel. They show how the Old Testament’s teachings come to be fulfilled by Christ. “The Old Testament’s collection of over a thousand years of theological traditions is centered around Exodus and God’s covenant with Israel. Everything leads to, recounts, or looks back on the wandering in the desert and entering the Promised Land. Each subsequent

generation remembers and celebrates God's involvement in human history." (Buzaitis, 2018)

The Responsorial Psalm – While the Lector or Cantor proclaims the Word, the faithful respond to the Word. "The use of psalms in liturgy continues the practice of the Jewish Synagogue, where a psalm or biblical canticle was sung after the first reading. In the current Mass, the choice of the psalm usually echoes a textual or spiritual theme in the First Reading. It is taken from the Book of Psalms or, rarely, a canticle from Exodus, Daniel, or Revelation." (Buzaitis, 2018)

The Second Reading – "Outside of the Easter season, the Second Reading is taken from the Letters of St. Paul or St. James or the Letter to the Hebrews. During the Easter season, we hear from the First Letter of St. Peter (Year A), First Letter of St. John (Year B), or the Book of Revelation (Year C). The choice of the text was made quite independently of the first reading or Gospel, but during certain seasons, passages correspond with the mystery being celebrated at that particular time." (Buzaitis, 2018) "These letters (epistles) or readings from the Acts of the Apostles, reflect on the mystery of Jesus Christ, his saving work, and its practical application and meaning for our lives. Through these Apostles' writings, 'we encounter the risen Lord through their witness.'" (Driscoll)

According to the Lectionary for Mass (LFM), "When in celebrating the Liturgy, the Church proclaims both the Old and New Testament. It is proclaiming one and the same mystery of Christ. The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New. Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture, just as he is of all liturgical celebration... The more profound our understanding of the celebration of the liturgy, the higher our appreciation of the importance of God's word."

The lector, cantor, and homilist all proclaim God's Word from the ambo, which the General Instruction of the Lectionary refers to as the 'Altar of the Word'—distinct from the Altar of the Eucharist. Shouldn't we revere it just as much? Consider the call and response at the end of the readings: "The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God." Similarly, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we respond with "The Body of Christ/Amen." In both instances, we are receiving what we need to understand, accept, and truly know God's love for us.

Maripat Grant, C.Th.

In the next installment, we will look at the Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, and Homily.