

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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Please Leave a Message

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Monday thru Thursday

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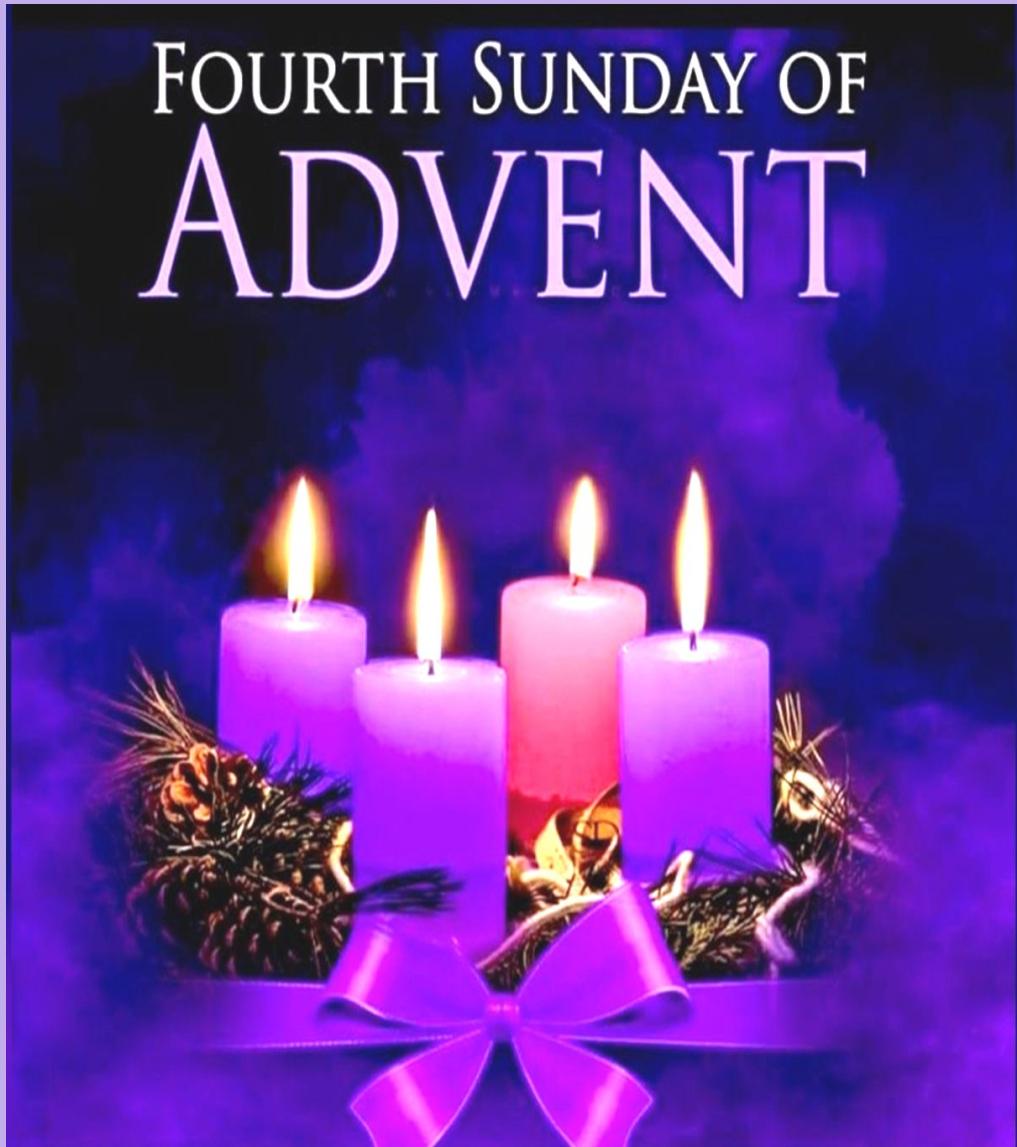
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180 East State Street
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St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus



Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 4:00 pm at St. Lawrence
Sunday @ 8:00 am at St. Philip
Sunday @ 10:00 am at St. Lawrence

First Friday

Holy Hour - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:00 pm at St. Lawrence

Weekday Masses

All at St. Lawrence
8:00am
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
No Mass on Tuesday

Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:15pm to 3:45pm
at St. Lawrence
Sunday - 7:30am at St. Philip

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 22
Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM **† Laura Risinger**
(Her Family)

Tuesday, December 23
Advent Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, December 24
Late Advent Weekday

Vigil Mass of Christmas

4:00 PM **† Rose Teed**
(Sawin Family)

Thursday, December 25
The Nativity Of The Lord

At St. Philip

8:00 AM **† The Living and Deceased**
Members Of St. Lawrence and
St. Philip Church

At St. Lawrence

10:00 AM **† Maximus Stephen**
(Ray & Terry Garries)

Friday, December 26
Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

No Mass

Saturday, December 27
Late Advent Weekday

At St. Lawrence

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

Sunday, December 28

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

At St. Philip

8:00 AM **† Russell, Nancy,**
and Debbie Worley
(Janet Worley)

At St. Lawrence

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

From Fr. Michael

As we enter one of my favorite weeks of the year, I want to thank all of you for welcoming me into our parish family. Christmas puts right before us that our God wants to be with us and wants us to be drawn to Him, not out of fear, but in gentleness and peace. May the Holy Child of Bethlehem bring heavenly peace to you and your loved ones this day and throughout the new year. Be assured of my prayers for all of you in the Masses of the Christmas season. Merry Christmas!

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

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

Please Note...

There will be no Weekday Mass on Friday December 26th. Mass Intentions for this day has been rescheduled.

Fourth 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 Lewis, O.de.M
Mary Tad
Alexis Mundkoswky
BJ Leicht
Jennifer Holland
John Holland
Karen
Danielle Teed
Irasema Rimel
Casey Lawrence
Our Homebound and

To Add A Prayer Request
To Our List, Please Contact
Norma Jafko at 814-756-3889
or Marie Lauor 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.



DioceSe of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie

Deacon's Corner

The Octave of Christmas

This week we celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, "God with Us." As Catholics, we recognize that Christmas is not only on December 25th. The Church acknowledges that the days of the Christmas Octave are repeating the solemnness of Christmas for eight days, concluding on a high note with another solemnity, Mary the Holy Mother of God.

An excerpt from an article from the Catholic Culture describes the biblical and historical significance of eight days:

"Why eight days? The number eight is supposed to represent perfection or rest. Some have traced the origins back to Jewish festival customs, such as circumcision of the Jewish boy was on the eighth day, the feast of Tabernacles lasted seven days and concluded with a solemnity, forming an octave, and the feast of the Dedication of the Temple by Solomon and purification lasted eight days. It is also said that Jesus rose from the dead on the eighth day (which is why Sundays are considered on par with solemnities). The development of the octaves within the liturgy was gradual, and it was not until the 8th century that Rome celebrated octaves for certain feasts."

We also should remember the four feast days included in the Octave of Christmas:

- December 26th – St. Steven the First Martyr
- December 27th – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- December 28th – The Holy Innocents
- December 28th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The octave gives us time to impress upon our souls the mysteries, joys, and graces of the principal feasts of the Church year.

Take advantage of the special graces the Christmas season offers this week through extra time spent in prayer and reflection.

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!

Mattera Funeral Home

Pasquale (Pat) Mattera
Funeral Director / Owner

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

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



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!



Maripat Kitchen - Choir Director

"Those who sing pray twice!"
~St. Augustine



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

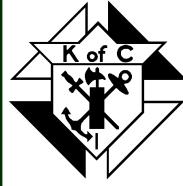
Visits to the hospitals are made per patient request. Please notify the office of any hospitalization, Communion to the sick and shut-in visits. Emergencies will be addressed at any



Cursillo

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

*Parish Coordinators:
Needed*



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St. Lawrence/St. Philip Church Membership Form

Name _____



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New
 Returning
 Address Change
 Moving out of Parish



Dec 28 - No Class
Jan 4 - Class

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

There will be No Bingo on December 22nd and December 29th. Games will resume on January 5th.



Merry Christmas
From The Bingo Crew!

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

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	Dennis & Patti P.	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.	Wnek Family	Debbie & Grace S.

Jan. 17/18

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Marge M.	Erinn W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Chris & Peg B.	Cotton Family	Bill & Elsie M.

Parish Office/Weekday Mass Christmas/New Year Schedule

Monday, December 22
Parish Office Open
Mass 8am

Tuesday, December 23
Parish Office Open
No Mass

Wednesday, December 24
Parish Office Closed
Mass 4pm - St. Lawrence

Thursday, December 25
Parish Office Closed-
Mass 8am - St. Philip
10am - St. Lawrence

Friday, December 26
Parish Office Closed
No Mass

Monday, December 29
Parish Office Open
Mass - 8am

Tuesday, December 30
Parish Office Open
No Mass

Wednesday, December 31
Parish Office Closed
Mass 4pm - St. Lawrence

Thursday, January 1
Parish Office Closed
Mass 8am - St. Lawrence

Friday, January 2
Parish Office Closed
No Mass

All are welcome to come early to our 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass to enjoy your favorite Christmas Music sung by our Choir. Music will begin at 3:30. Come early, relax and enjoy as we await the arrival of Jesus Our King!



Parish Information & Important Dates



Thank you to our students, catechists, and volunteers for making our first "Parents Day Out" a success! The children enjoyed Pizza, games, and making Christmas crafts!



Financial Information

~Sacrificial Giving ~

December 13/14

**Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,750.00**

**Envelopes Registered - 121
Envelopes In This Week - 50**

**Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,007.00
Loose Cash - \$ 182.00
Guests - \$ 395.00**

Thank You!

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

**Registered Families
142**

**Families Pledged
46**

**Amount Collected
\$ 24,820.00**

2025 Donation Statements

If you would like a donation statement for 2025, you may request one by contacting the Parish Office by email, at stlawrencealbion@gmail.com, or you may call at 814-756-3623 during office hours, Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 am till 1:30 pm.

~Thank You.



St. Lawrence Parish Christmas Flower Memorials

In Loving Memory Of Our Deceased Family & Friends



George & Nellie Kaleida - Bob & Pat Kaleida
Rudy & Marion Vanco - Bob & Pat Kaleida
Fr. John Fischer - Bob & Pat Kaleida
Harold & Ruth Jones - Bob & Pat Kaleida
David Diehl - Bob & Pat Kaleida
Brown & Matson Families - Sue Brown
Hochadel Family - John & Ilene Hosey
Lorance Family - John & Ilene Hosey
Hosey Family - John & Ilene Hosey
Monica Adams - The Sawin Family
Jenni Morley - The Sawin Family
Parents, Sister & Family - Charlene Jones
Jack Levis - Kathleen Levis
Peter M Jafko - Norma Jafko
Joseph & Ann Stagi - Normal Jafko
William Brown Sr. - Carl & Judy Pry
Gerald Pry - Carl & Judy Pry
Ellen Pry - Carl & Judy Pry
Mike Mihalak - Sue Mihalak
Robert Kitchen - Michael & Maripat Kitchen
Kathi Grant - Michael & Maripat Kitchen
Salvatore Papale Sr. - Vic & Andrea Morini
Fr. John Fischer - Marge Mayer
Family & Friends - Marge Mayer
Brooks Families - Jim & Cathy Hudacky
Hudacky Families - Jim & Cathy Hudacky
Padgett Families - Jim & Cathy Hudacky
Bednarowicz Families - Jim & Cathy Hudacky

Donations Given By:

Mary Fliegel
Podluzne Family
Juanita Kleckner
Chris & Peg Balogh
Dan & Karen Shreve

Our Family Members - Al & Miriam Youschak
Dave Diehl - Greg & Lori Adamson
Diehl & Lahnan Families - Greg & Lori Adamson
Adamson & Patton Families - Greg & Lori Adamson
Jeanne & Ed Connors - Skip & Lynne Buttaccio
Agnes & Raymond Buttaccio - Skip & Lynne Buttaccio
Robert & Carmella Kesicki - Father Michael Kesicki
August Knierman - Sandy Pavolko
Anna Mae Shimmel - Sandy Pavolko
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Mr. & Mrs. John Renosky - Sandy Pavolko
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Segal Sr. - Sandy Pavolko
John G. Renosky - Sandy Pavolko
Richard Pavolko - Sandy Pavolko
Paul Madden - Kevin & Renae Mihalak
Mr. & Mrs. George Tobin - Kevin & Renae Mihalak
Jane Tobin - Kevin & Renae Mihalak
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Madden Family -
Kevin & Renae Mihalak
John & Anna Rotko - John & Criss Rotko
Bernard & Josephine Bristol - John & Criss Rotko
Stankiewicz, Pastorek, Hunt, and Marcy Families -
Jackie Stankiewicz
Richard Pavolko - Bill & Jackie De Michele
Members of the Pavolko & Beam Families -
Bill & Jackie De Michele

In Honor Of Our Family & Friends

Judy Diehl - Greg & Lori Adamson
Marilyn Madden - Kevin & Renae Mihalak
Our Parents, Jim & Cathy Hudacky and
Dave & Ann Sawin - The Sawin Family
Women & Men Serving in the
United States Navy - Debi & Grace Seneta



St. Philip Parish Christmas Flower Memorials

In Loving Memory Of Our Deceased Family & Friends

Helen Rich Family - Carl & Marky K. DeWoody
Mary Rich - Carl & Marky K. DeWoody
Mary Mahoney - Jack Mahoney
Helen Mahoney - Jack Mahoney
Joseph Mahoney Sr. - Jack Mahoney
Joseph Mahoney Jr. - Jack Mahoney
George & Louise Petrus - Greg and Jan Petrus
George Petrus Jr. - Greg and Jan Petrus
Ed & Ethel Swaney - Greg and Jan Petrus
Larry Swaney - Greg and Jan Petrus
Corrina Waxman - Greg and Jan Petrus
Bob Grinarmi - Sandi Grinarmi
Bill Leone - Palma Leone
Bill Skadhauge - Palma Leone
Cathie Wojtecki - Palma Leone
The Holup Family - Ralph E. Payne
Randy Payne - Ralph E. Payne
Thomas Payne - Ralph E. Payne
Paul Frndak - Ralph E. Payne
Michael H. Milligan - Barbara Milligan
Michael R. Milligan - Barbara Milligan
Anthony & Mary Bostaph - Barbara Milligan
John & Palla Tautin - John Tautin & Joan Galli
Robert & Eda Galli - John Tautin & Joan Galli
George Pavolko - Dennis & Patti Pavolko
Mary Pavolko - Dennis & Patti Pavolko
Robert Osterberg - Dennis & Patti Pavolko
Catherine Ruland - Charlotte Lowery
Katie Heffren - Charlotte Lowery
George Linz - Jim & Val Smith and Family
Theresa Linz - Jim & Val Smith and Family
Jackie Smith - Jim & Val Smith and Family
Leslie Smith - Jim & Val Smith and Family
Ray & Ann Varner - Jim & Val Smith and Family

In Honor Of Our Family & Friends

Living Members of the Milligan Family

Barbara Milligan

Living Members of the Bostaph Family

Barbara Milligan