

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

*Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor*

*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*

## ***\*Parish Staff & Contacts\****

### ***Clergy***

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Email - pwmccoy@aol.com

### ***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

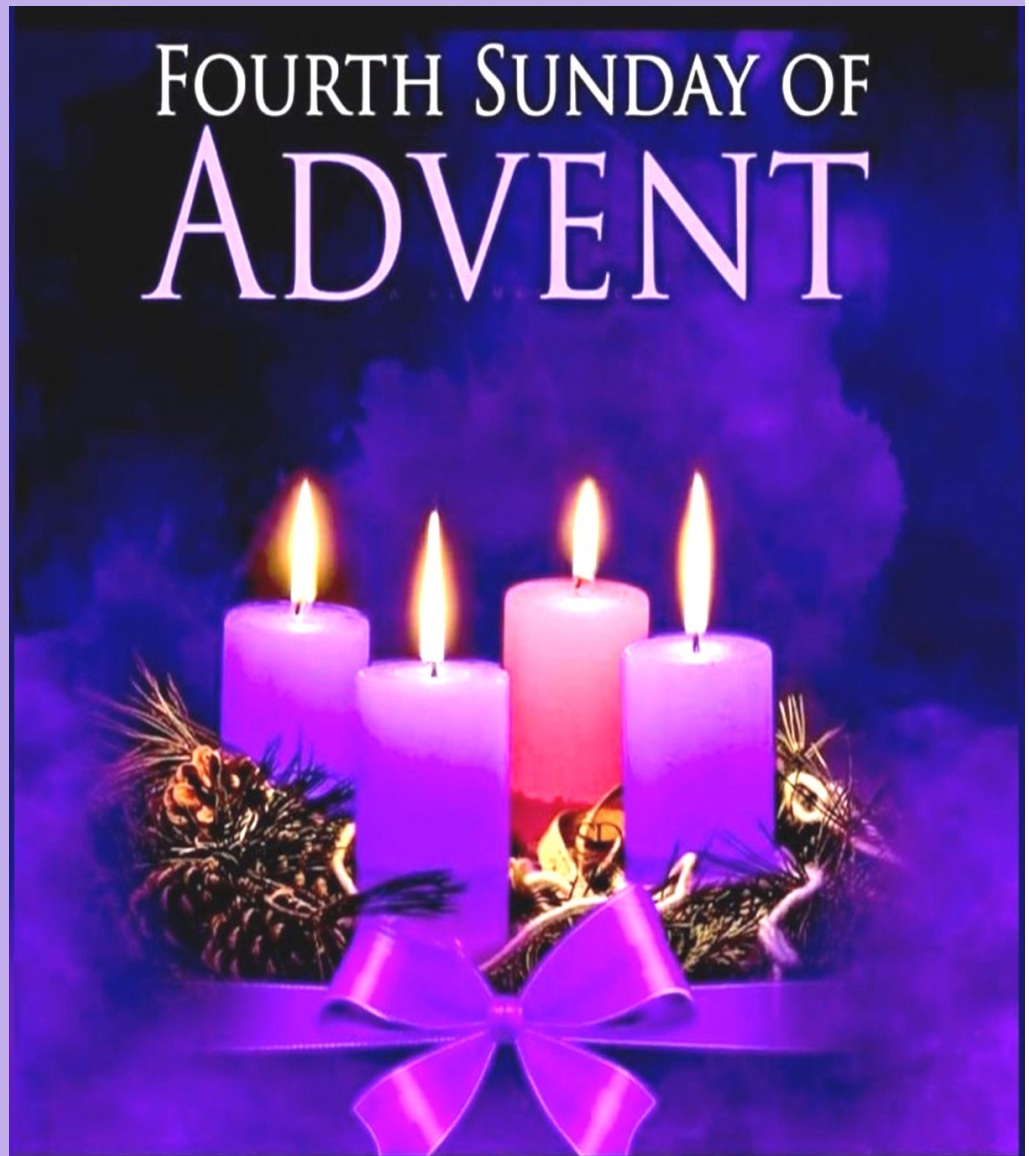
### ***Mailing Address***

St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church  
180 East State Street  
Albion, Pa 16401

Email - stlawrencealbion@gmail.com

### ***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

### ***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 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	Donald DiFiori
Marilyn Madden	Marc Kearns
Jon Reibel	Nancy Cherry
Mike Sawin	Ben
Andrew Segal	Kathy
Bill Pavolko	Stacey B.
Dale	Brother Matthew
Renee	Joseph Levis, O.de.M
Bob Stewart	Mary Tad
Philip Kleckner	Alexis Mundkosuky
Craig	BJ Leicht
Thomas	Jennifer Holland
Fran Harrington	John Holland
Joseph Sharpe	Karen
Norella Consedine	Danielle Teed
Tim Smock	Irasema Rimel
John & Sharon Shultz	Casey Lawrence
Bob Cochran	Our Homebound and
Rob Leninsky	

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 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Steven the First Martyr
- December 27<sup>th</sup> – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- December 28<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Innocents
- December 28<sup>th</sup> – 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

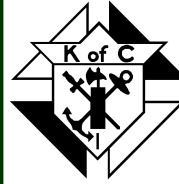
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



## Cursillo

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

Parish Coordinators:  
Needed



## JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3979

A CATHOLIC  
FAMILY FRATERNAL  
SERVICE ORGANIZATION

CALL: JOHN SHADE - 756-4512

## Mattera Funeral Home

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**Funeral Director / Owner**

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

## 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

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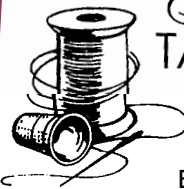


## St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

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





**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\*\*](mailto: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](mailto: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 Stagl** - 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 & Lahnman 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  
**John O'Keefe** - Sandy Pavolko  
**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 Grinarm** - Sandi Grinarm  
**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

**Art Mook** - Grace Mook & Family  
**Dale & Margaret Dunn** - Grace Mook & Family  
**Kate Heffren** - Grace Mook & Family  
**Andy Durasa** - Grace Mook & Family  
**Alfred, Sylvia, & Donnie Reibel** - Al & Brenda Reibel  
**Ted & Mary Bernosky** - Stu & MaryAnn Revak  
**Wm & Vivian Revak** - Stu & MaryAnn Revak  
**Linda Fetterolf** - Stu & MaryAnn Revak  
**Paula Fetterolf** - Stu & MaryAnn Revak  
**Laura Revak** - Stu & MaryAnn Revak  
**The Haraburda Family** - Allen & Theresa Lawrence  
**The Lawrence Family** - Allen & Theresa Lawrence  
**Margaret & Dale Dunn** - Mr. & Mrs. Carl Durasa  
**Louise & Orville Huber Sr.** - Mr. & Mrs. Carl Durasa  
**George Walters** - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Walters  
**Laura Revak** - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Walters  
**Linda & Paula Fetterolf** - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Walters  
**Mr. & Mrs. Wm/Vivian Revak** -  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Walters  
**Mr. & Mrs. Ross/Betty Walters** -  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Walters  
**The Revak Family** - John Haschalk & Lorraine Revak  
**The Haschalk Family** -  
John Haschalk & Lorraine Revak  
**Linda and Paula Fetterolf** -  
John Haschalk & Lorraine Revak  
**Slomski & Chamberlain Families** -  
Pat & Audrey Chamberlain

## *In Honor Of Our Family & Friends*

**Living Members of the Milligan Family**  
Barbara Milligan  
**Living Members of the Bostaph Family**  
Barbara Milligan