

*Saint Lawrence the Martyr Parish
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission Church*

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

LENT



THE JOURNEY BEGINS

*First Sunday Of Lent
Sunday, March 9, 2025*

March 9, 2025 - First Sunday Of Lent

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Office Hours

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

Faith Formation

Co-Faith Formation Facilitators
Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192

Parish Custodian/Maintenance

Jim Mitchell

Parish Center/Rental Information

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

St. James Cemetery

Manager - Greg Petrus

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## \*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

Thursday After the Noon Mass  
Except Thursdays Before a First Friday  
St. Lawrence Church

### First Friday

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

### Reconciliation

Thursday During Holy Hour at St. Lawrence  
12:45-1:15  
Saturday - 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence  
Sunday - 7:30am at St. Philip



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 10  
Lenten Weekday

\*No Mass\*

Tuesday, March 11  
Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † *Nancy Mitchell*  
( Philip & Juanita Kleckner )

Wednesday, March 12  
Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † *Max Stephen*  
( Bob & Pat Kaleida )

Thursday, March 13  
Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM - *Laura & Mike Cicci & Family,*  
*Maddalena and Raymond*  
( Mesley Family )

Friday, March 14  
Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM † *Paula Young*  
( Sawin Family )

Saturday, March 15  
Lenten Weekday

\*At St. Lawrence\*

5:00 PM † *The Living & Deceased Members*  
*Of St. Lawrence & St. Philip Church*

Sunday, March 16  
Second Sunday Of Lent

\*At St. Philip\*

8:00 AM † *Donald Sr. & Pat Ivan*  
( Elaine McGraw )

\*At St. Lawrence\*

10:00 AM † *Stanley Weidner*  
( John & Angie Shade )

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~

## First Week of Lent - Prayer



As Lent begins, it is good to remember the three primary focuses of this period of preparation – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

This week we will focus on prayer. There are probably more books, articles, websites, and smartphone applications about prayer than any subject. In addition, there are many forms and styles of prayer. Some questions you may ask:

- Why is prayer so important?
- What are the reasons to pray?
- Which type or style of prayer is best?
- How often do I pray?
- What if I don't feel like praying?

Prayer is our conversation with God, where we talk and also listen. It is getting to know and spend time with our friend Jesus. There are four types of prayer:

- Adoration – Praising God
- Contrition – Asking for God's forgiveness
- Petition – Asking God for a favor
- Thanksgiving – Showing God gratitude.

Pray can be quiet and personal or in a group. Pick a style you enjoy regarding prayer, but don't be afraid to try another one. Ideally, try to establish a routine where you pray at the same time everyday. If that does not work, pray when you can. Pray can also be done throughout the day as simple as, "Thank you, Jesus" or "Christ, I need your help." I find it can be as simple as remembering part of a song or hymn during the day that I heard at Mass. A simple phrase or routine prayer like the Our Father can help when you don't feel like praying or don't know what to say.

This Lent is an excellent time to challenge yourself to stop and remember to pray. Pray is a brief pause in the day that will continue to develop into our life-long relationship with God. Lent is also the perfect opportunity to spend some time in quiet prayer listening to God's still, small voice.

All God's blessing as we begin our Lenten journey.

Deacon Paul



### ~Prayer Requests~

Please Keep The Following  
People In Your Prayers



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  
Paul Madden  
Jon Reibel  
Mike Sawin  
Andrew Segal  
Bill Pavolko  
Judy Graham  
Bob Pacansky  
Kathy (Hudacky) Oswald  
Eddie LaCastro  
Teofilo Gomez (Mr. Serrano)  
Steve Smith

Bob Stewart  
Philip Kleckner  
Joseph Sharpe  
Craig  
Fran Harrington  
Jim & Norella Consedine  
Sandy Pavolko  
Tim Smock  
Dee  
Rachel  
Intentions In Our Prayer Box  
Our Homebound Parishioners

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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**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



**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  
If You Are Interested  
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!



**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 time.

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



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check One**

New

Returning

Address Change

Moving out of Parish

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

- Monday, March 10**
- \*St. Philip Altar Rosary Society Meeting - 2pm  
St. Philip Parish Center
  - \*Bingo - 6:30  
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30  
St. Lawrence Parish Center
- Wednesday, Mar 12**
- \*AA Meeting - 8 pm  
St. Lawrence Parish Center
  - \*Lenten Luncheon - Noon  
St. Lawrence Parish Center
  - \*AA Meeting - 8 pm  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

If you are interested in becoming **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**, or if you have administered Communion in the past, we will be holding a training class, that we are asking you to attend. This training will be offered at St. Lawrence Church. After your training, your names will be submitted to Bishop Persico for approval. You will then be able to bring Communion to our homebound and also will be able to help Fr. Tom at Mass when needed. If you are interested, please use the sign up sheet available at both churches.

### ~Help Wanted~

We are still in need of a Custodian/Maintenance Technician. Again if you know of anyone who may be interested in this position, which may include both St. Lawrence and St. Philip Church, please have them contact the Parish Office during office hours for a job description. ~Thank You

### -Little Black Books For Lent-

There are Little Black Books available at the Church entrances, to help you reflect on the upcoming 40 day Lenten Journey. Please take one.

#### St. Lawrence March Offertory Gift Bearers

- Saturday, Mar 1 - 5pm - Al & Miriam Youschak  
Sunday, Mar 2 - 10am - Faith Formation
- Saturday, Mar 8 - 5pm - Vic & Andrea Morini  
Sunday, Mar 9 - 10am - Bill & Elsie Mundkosky
- Saturday, Mar 15 - 5pm - Marge Mayer & Norma Jafko  
Sunday, Mar 16 - 10am - Glen & Grace Black
- Saturday, Mar 22 - 5pm - Skip & Lynn Buttaccio  
Sunday, Mar 23 - 10am - The Melquist Family
- Saturday, Mar 29 - 5pm - Chris & Peg Balogh  
Sunday, Mar 30 - 10am - Debbie & Grace Seneta

#### St. Philip March Offertory Gift Bearers

- Sunday, Mar 9 - 8am - Robert & Erinn Wnek
- Sunday, Mar 16 - 8am - Dennis & Patti Pavolko
- Sunday, Mar 23 - 8am - Kyle & Nicki Panko
- Sunday, Mar 30 - 8am - Barb M & Steve Erdman

If you are interested in volunteering, please see Patricia Thompson at St. Lawrence, or see the sign up sheet at St. Philip.

#### Lector Schedule - St. Lawrence Church

- Saturday, Mar 8 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, Mar 9 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry
- Saturday, Mar 15 - 5:00 pm - Carrie Sawin  
Sunday, Mar 16 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko
- Saturday, Mar 22 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson  
Sunday, Mar 23 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry
- Saturday, Mar 29 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, Mar 30 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

#### Lector Schedule - St. Philip Church

- Sunday, Mar 9 - 8:00 am - Robert Wnek
- Sunday, Mar 16 - 8:00 am - Erinn Wnek
- Sunday, Mar 23 - 8:00 am - Kimberly Boal
- Sunday, Mar 30 - 8:00 am - Patty Pavolko



### \*Donations Needed\*

The Ashtabula County Animal Protective League is in desperate need of dog food. They will accept any type, brand or size.

Donations can be dropped off at...  
Ashtabula County Animal Protective League  
5970 Green Rd, Ashtabula, OH 44004

### ~ Meeting ~

St. Philip Altar Rosary Society will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 10th at 2 pm, at the St. Philip Parish Center.

All Are Welcome  
To Attend!

Altar Rosary Society  
St. Philip  
Church



\* March 9 - Class

\* March 16 - No Class

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

### 2025 CSA

#### One Faith One Family

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can. This year our Assessment from the Diocese for our 2025 CSA is \$28,618.00. We will be expected to pay this amount in full no matter how much is brought in through our parishioners. Every amount over our assessment will be used for interior church maintenance.

Thank you all who have sent in your pledge so far. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### ~ Monday Night Bingo ~

St. Lawrence Parish Center  
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30  
Games Begin at 6:30  
Jackpot... \$1,050  
in 53 balls or less  
Come Join The Fun!!



### Lenten Luncheon

Sign up sheets are available for the March 12th and 19th Luncheon. Please let us know if you are planning on attending.

Anyone can come!  
Hope To See You There!



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
AT 11:30

### ~Sacrificial Giving ~

March 1/2

Envelopes - \$ 2,081.00

Loose/Guests - \$ 680.00

Weekly Budget Goal

\$ 3,750.00

Have you ever wondered why we don't sing the Gloria or the word Alleluia?  
Or why are all the crucifixes and statues veiled??

The Glory in Excelsis (Gloria) is a prayer/hymn that celebrates the coming of Christ using the words the angels sang at His birth. We go back to a time when the people of God were in exile waiting for the Messiah to come. It's close to the season of Advent where we are waiting for Christ's birth, but this time we are awaiting His second birth from the tomb.

The word "Alleluia" is taken from a Hebrew expression that meant "praise the Lord." We don't sing or say this during Lent so the Church can join with Moses and the Israelites wandering the desert for 40 years. Remembering Psalm 137: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" "Alleluia" reminds us that as we participate in the liturgy, we also participate in God's kingdom made here on earth. During Lent, we are focusing on the kingdom that is coming.

The veiling of statues is a custom that helps us focus on the penitential aspect of the liturgical season of Lent. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith, in all its glory, is only made possible through Christ's suffering and death on the cross. His Passion. That is why the only images not covered are the Stations of the Cross. The statues and crucifixes are covered on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (called Passion Sunday in the old Liturgical Calendar.) Crucifixes are revealed again on Good Friday, and images and statues at the Easter Vigil.

Our focus in Lent is not on rejoicing, but in mourning our sins. All those things that prevent us from having a real relationship with God. Once we get rid of those through praying, fasting, and giving to the poor, we can truly rejoice again at Easter. It is not only celebrating the Christ's resurrection, but our own rebirth in the spirit.

As Christians, we "groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies." (Romans 8:23)

