

# *Saint Lawrence the Martyr*

## *Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

*Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor*

*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*

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

#### **Clergy**

Rev. Michael Kesicki  
Email - mkesicki@eriercd.org

Phone - 814-756-3623

Deacon Paul McCoy  
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**

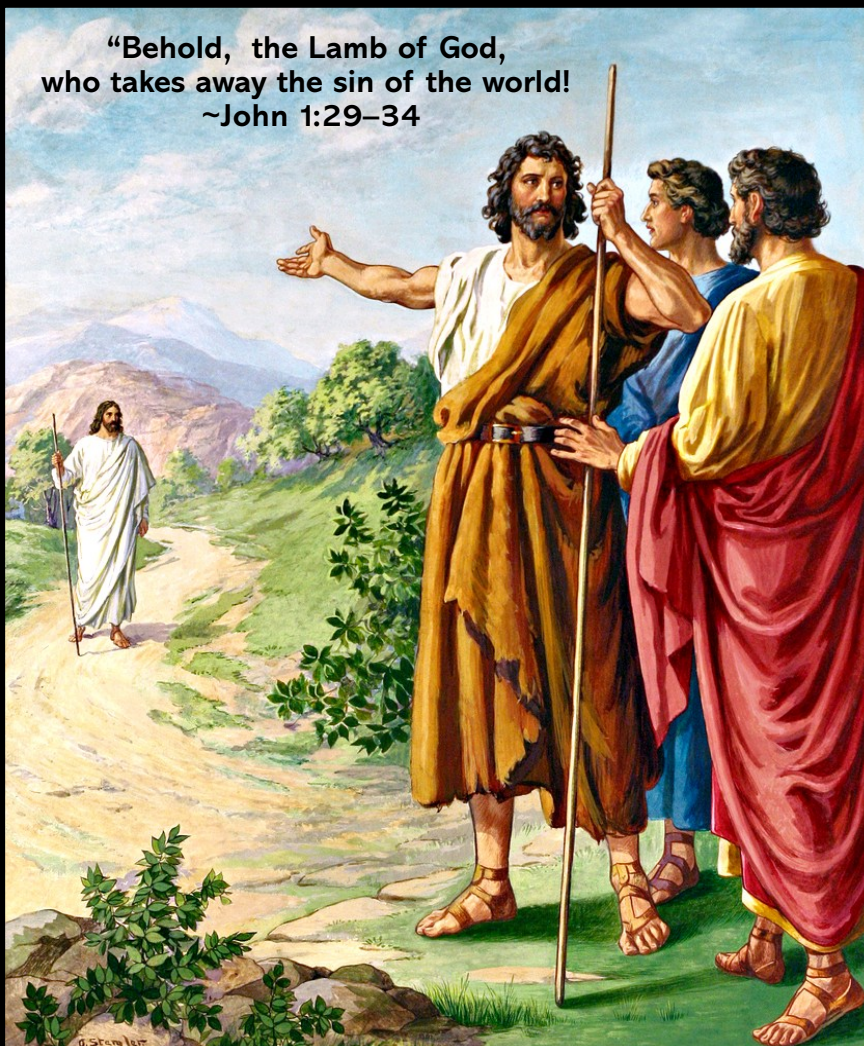
St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church  
180 East State Street  
Albion, Pa 16401

Email - stlawrencealbi-  
on@gmail.com

#### **St. James Cemetery**

Greg Petrus

"Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!  
~John 1:29-34



#### **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

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 19**  
Weekday

**8:00 AM † Rose Teed**  
( Brian & Renae McArdle )

**Tuesday, January 20**  
Weekday

**\*No Mass\***

**Wednesday, January 21**  
Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

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

**Thursday, January 22**  
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

**8:00 AM † Delphia Bliss**  
( John & Criss Rotko )

**Friday, January 23**  
Weekday

**8:00 AM † Paul Madden**  
( Sue Mihalak )

**Saturday, January 24**  
Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop  
and Doctor Of The Church

**\*At St. Lawrence\***  
**4:00 PM † Mary Chason**  
( Al & Kathy Duda )

**Sunday, January 25**  
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

**\*At St. Philip\***  
**8:00 AM † Mary Cecilia Kiser**  
( Elaine McGraw )

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

**From Fr. Michael**

I'd be grateful for your help in my ministry to those in hospitals, nursing facilities and those unable to leave their homes. In the past, hospitals and nursing homes would have a list of patients who identified as parishioners so the priest would know whom to visit. That doesn't happen anymore. The only way I would know if one of our parish family is in the hospital or nursing home is to be made known of this by the patient or family member. We do have a few parishioners to whom we make visits already, but want to make sure we're reaching as many as would welcome a visit.

If you, a member of our family, or a close friend (need not be a parishioner or a Catholic) is being admitted to the hospital or is in a care facility and would welcome a visit from the priest, please let Lori or me know and I'll do my best to make a visit and offer the sacraments (if desired) and a prayer of blessing. You can call the rectory, leave a message, or you can send an email to the parish email address (or mine).

Also, if you or a family member or friend is anticipating going to the hospital for a procedure and would welcome the Anointing of the Sick, please approach me after Mass or contact the rectory.

Blessings on your week and stay warm.  
Fr. Michael

**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.

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

Registered Families  
142

Families Pledged  
46

Amount Collected  
\$24,955.00

**~Sacrificial Giving ~**  
**January 10/11**

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

Envelopes Registered - 134  
Envelopes In This Week - 60

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,028.00  
Loose Cash - \$ 189.00  
Guests - \$ 380.00

**Thank You!**

# Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

## ~Prayer Requests ~

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Jim Bernoski         | Ben                          |
| Marilyn Madden       | Kathy                        |
| Jon Reibel           | Stacey B.                    |
| Mike Sawin           | Brother Matthew              |
| Andrew Segal         | Joseph Lewis, O.de.M         |
| Dale                 | Mary Tad                     |
| Renee                | Alexis Mundkoswky            |
| Bob Stewart          | BJ Leicht                    |
| Philip Kleckner      | Karen                        |
| Craig                | Danielle Teed                |
| Thomas               | Irasema Rimel                |
| Joseph Sharpe        | Casey Lawrence               |
| Norella Consedine    | Carl Pry                     |
| Tim Smock            | Justin Corwin                |
| John & Sharon Shultz | Conrad Woods                 |
| Bob Cochran          | The Family of Jeff Hickin    |
| Rob Leninsky         | Our Homebound and            |
| Donald DiFiori       | Care Center Parishioners     |
| Marc Kearns          | Intentions In Our Prayer Box |
| Nancy Cherry         |                              |

To Add A Prayer Request  
To Our List, Please Contact  
Norma Jafko at 814-756-3889  
or Marie Lavour at 814-587-6094



## Faith Formation

Jan 18 - No Class  
Jan 25 - Class

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



## ~ Monday Night Bingo ~ St. Lawrence Center

Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30

Games Begin at 6:30

Jackpot:

\$1,100 in 54 balls or less

Come Join The Fun!!



## Deacon's Corner

On Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is a week to celebrate the truth that "What unites us is much greater than what divides us" (from Pope John Paul II, Ut Unum Sint, 20).

The Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity along with representatives from the World Council of Churches select one Christian tradition to:

- Prepare a theme
- Chose daily Scripture readings
- Write a daily reflection and prayer

The Armenian Apostolic Church, Armenian Catholic Church, and various Armenian Evangelical churches were selected for 2026. The theme selected is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians – "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling."

Here are the daily readings as presented in *The Word Among Us*:

•**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Our Calling** – "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called." (Ephesians 4:1)

•**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Bearing with One Another in Love** – "With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bear with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2)

•**Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – The Bond of Peace** – "Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)

•**Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Called to One Hope** – "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4)

•**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – One Faith, One Baptism** – "One Lord, one faith one baptism." (Ephesians 4:5)

•**Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – One Lord and Father** – "One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:6)

•**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – God's Gift Given in Baptism** – "But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's Gift." (Ephesians 4:7)

•**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Growing into Christ** – "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of full stature of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13)

Pray this week for God to heal our divisions and help us work together for unity in Christ.

Deacon Paul



## Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

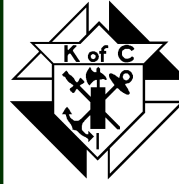
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



## 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

**Pasquale (Pat) Mattera**  
**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

## Springfield Monument Company

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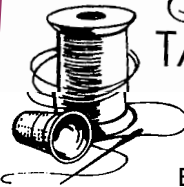


## St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

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

## From The Erie Diocese

### Engagement Encounter

Next to your wedding day, this could be the most memorable weekend of your journey together. **Engagement Encounter** offers couples a chance to step away from the planning and focus on building a strong foundation for lifelong love.

When: **February 6–8, 2026**

Where: *St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie*

A few spots are still available—**space is limited**, so register soon!

This retreat fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements and welcomes **Catholic and interfaith couples**.

Call the Family Life Office at **814-824-1261** or email [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org).

Register and learn more at [eriercd.org/familylifeoffice](http://eriercd.org/familylifeoffice).

**“A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime.**

### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month

In 2024, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children received over 27,800 reports of possible child sex trafficking. The average age of child sex trafficking victims is 15 years old. Child sex trafficking is child abuse. It occurs when a minor is advertised, solicited, or exploited through a commercial sex act—where sex is exchanged for money, food, shelter, drugs, or anything of value. Traffickers can be family members (even parents), friends, gangs, foster parents, trusted adults or boyfriends. Talk openly with your child about this reality and build resiliency. Address myths that glamorize the commercial sex industry. Warn about online risks: social media and gaming platforms are used by traffickers to target, groom, and recruit victims. Prepare your child: at some point they will likely encounter inappropriate messages or harmful content online. Teach them how to respond safely.

Report suspected child sex trafficking by calling 1-800-843-5678 or visit [CyberTipline.org](http://CyberTipline.org).

For additional resources visit

[www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/)

### 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



Our Faith Formation Girls Retreat last Saturday began with Mass together at 4 PM, then we listened as Father Michael explained each Station of the Cross. Next we went over to the Parish Center for dinner and some Girl Time with Crafts, Facials & Talks, a Scavenger Hunt, and then ended the Retreat with a Dance Party.

More photos on our Facebook page  
"St. Lawrence-St. Philip Parish"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/964057282152717>

### 52-200 Club Weekly Winners

~ January 2026 ~

Week 1 - Jan 4 #16 - Eric Fuller  
Week 2 - Jan 11 #172 - Betsy Baker  
Week 3 - Jan 18 #119 - Betsy Baker  
Week 4 - Jan 25 #46 - Steve & Carrie Sawin

**Congratulations  
To Our Winners!**

**There are a few tickets available for purchase. If you are interested, please contact Darcy Paradise at 814-572-4715**

### Ministry Schedule

|              | Jan 24 - 4pm   | Jan 25 - 8am    | Jan 25 - 10am       |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Lector       | Patricia T.    | Kimberly B.     | Carl P.             |
| Altar Server | Nellie S.      | Branden L.      | Julio P.            |
| Gift Bearers | Al & Miriam Y. | Larry/DuAnn P.  | Melquist Family     |
|              | Jan 31 - 4pm   | Feb 1 - 8am     | Feb 1 - 10am        |
| Lector       | Marge M        | Patti P.        | Student             |
| Altar Server | Volunteer      | Volunteer       | Student             |
| Gift Bearers |                | Dennis/Patti P. | Student             |
|              | Feb 7 - 4pm    | Feb 8 - 8am     | Feb 8 - 10am        |
| Lector       | Carrie S.      | Robert W.       | Criss R.            |
| Altar Server | Nellie S.      | Branden L.      | Brooke W./Sophia P. |
| Gift Bearers | Sawin Family   | Larry/DuAnn P.  | Victor/Andrea M.    |
|              | Feb 14 - 4pm   | Feb 15 - 8am    | Feb 15 - 10am       |
| Lector       | Patricia T.    | Erinn W.        | Grace S.            |
| Altar Server | Nellie S.      | Branden L.      | Ethan P.            |
| Gift Bearers |                |                 |                     |

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)

Thank you for your continued dedication.

**called  
to serve**



