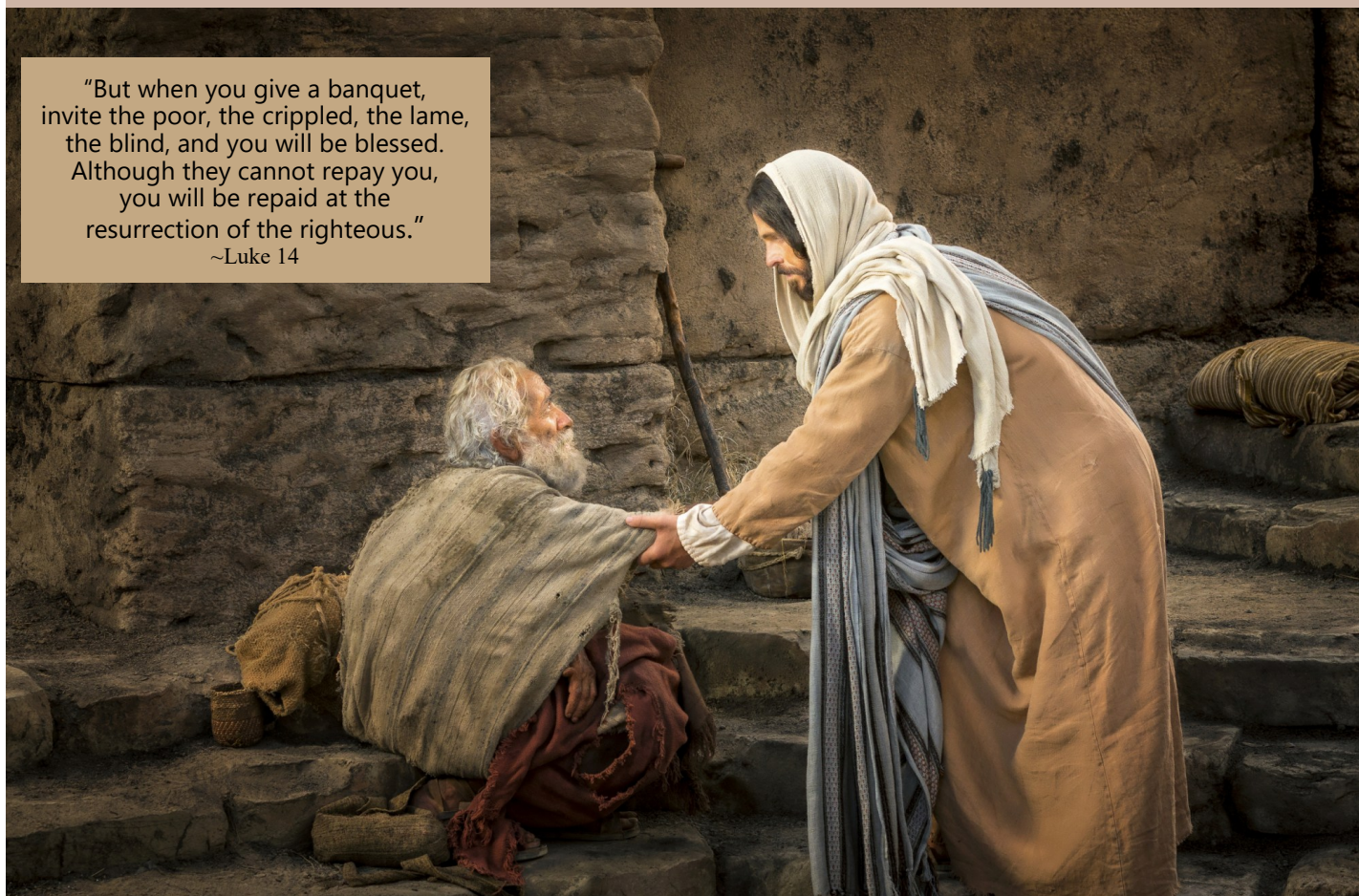


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, August 31, 2025

"But when you give a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame,
the blind, and you will be blessed.
Although they cannot repay you,
you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous."
~Luke 14



Saint Lawrence the Martyr
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor
Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant

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
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 - 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence
Sunday - 7:30am at St. Philip



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 1
Weekday

8:00 AM † Nancy Mitchell
(Richard & Joyce Fellows)

Tuesday, September 2
Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, September 3
Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM † Paul Madden
(John & Ilene Hosey)

Thursday, September 4
Weekday

8:00 AM † Rev. John Fischer
(John & Nancy Borland)

Friday, September 5 - First Friday
Adoration - 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Mass - 5:00 PM † Rose Teed
(Jim & Norella Consedine)

Saturday, September 6
Weekday

At St. Lawrence

5:00 PM † Carl & Helen Fratalia
Jim & Virginia Fratalia
John & Josephine Marcinowski

(The Fratalia & Marcinowski Families)

Sunday, September 7
Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † For The Living and Deceased
Members Of the St. Philip Altar Rosary Society
(St. Philip Altar Rosary Society)

At St. Lawrence

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

From Fr. Michael

I continue to be grateful for the expressions of welcome I have been receiving from so many of you. When I was assigned to the parish, many brother priests told me that I was going to a great parish in a great community. I have found that to be true in my experience these two weeks. Thank you!

On this Labor Day weekend, we ask God to honor our work that it may serve His greater glory. May we also enjoy the holiday with family and friends as we come into the final days of summer. With great sadness, however, we unite in grief with our brothers and sisters in Minnesota. May the LORD who is close to the brokenhearted bring healing and comfort to the families, teachers, staff and students of Annunciation School. May God's peace and blessing be on our communities, especially upon our young people who return to school in these days. God bless you!

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Please Leave a Message

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St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus

August 31, 2025 – 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dignity of Work

This weekend, we celebrate the Labor Day Holiday. It is the last three-day weekend and official holiday of the summer. It is appropriate to celebrate our labors, and there are several writings and documents from the Church on the subject.



From the very first pages of the Bible, it is clear that work is an essential part of human dignity.

Here are a few scripture passages about work:

- Genesis 2:15 – The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it.
- Deuteronomy 14:28-29 – The Lord blessed our work so that we may share its fruit with others.
- Jeremiah 22:13 – Woe to him who treats his workers unjustly.
- Matthew 20:1-16 – All workers should be paid a just and living wage.
- Luke 3:10-14 – Practice integrity in your work.

At the end of the 19th century, the Church began writing on the dignity of work and workers' rights. These documents considered the right to a just wage, decent work, safe working conditions, association, disability protection, security in retirement, and economic initiative.

Among the first documents was the encyclical *On the Condition of Labor (Rerum Novarum)* Pope Leo XIII wrote in 1891. It discusses the distinctiveness of the human being, the duties of workers and employers, the protection of rights by the State, and the payment of just wages.

Pope St. John Paul II also wrote another encyclical titled *On Human Work (Laborem Exercens)* in 1981. It discusses that work is a fundamental part of the individual's existence on earth. As described in the book of Genesis, every individual participates in the giant process of building the earth through labor. Work is for the person and not the person for the work. The worker should never be seen solely as an instrument of production. There should be respect for every kind of work and worker: manual or intellectual, industrial or agricultural, and at home or the workplace.

This weekend, enjoy your rest just as God rested from his labor after the creation of the World.

Have a very fruitful and faith-filled week,

Deacon Paul

~ First Friday, September 5 ~

**Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Confessions 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

5:00 PM - First Friday Mass



**Please remember in your prayers,
Eddie LaCastro, who passed away
on August 24.**

**And for Mary Holland, the mother
of Jennifer Holland.
who also passed away this week.**

**We ask that God give their family and
friends comfort in the days ahead,
and may their souls and all the souls
of the faithful departed
rest in eternal peace.**

Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings
First Thursday of the
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

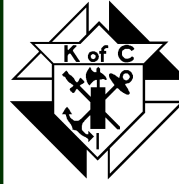
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



Cursillo

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

Parish Coordinators:
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"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

Lector Schedule

St. Lawrence

Sat, Aug 30 - Carrie Sawin
Sun, Aug 31 - Grace Seneta

Sat, Sept 6 - Marge Mayer
Sun, Sept 7 - Criss Rotko

Sat, Sept 13 - Patricia Thompson
Sun, Sept 14 - Carl Pry

Sat, Sept 20 - Carrie Sawin
Sun, Sept 21 - Grace Seneta

St. Philip

Sun, Aug 31 - Erinn Wnek
Sun, Sept 7 - Robert Wnek
Sun, Sept 14 - Patty Pavolko
Sun Sept 21 - Kimberly Boal

If you are unable to read
on your assigned day,
please find someone
to fill in for you.

Offertory Gift Bearers

St. Lawrence

Sat, Aug 30 - Sawin Family
Sun, Aug 31 - Debbie & Grace Seneta

Sat, Sept 6 - Skip & Lynne Buttaccio
Sun, Sept 7 - Glen & Grace Black

Sat, Sept 13 - Paul King & Norma Jafko
Sun, Sept 14 - Melquist Family

Sat, Sept 20 - Al & Miriam Youschak
Sun, Sept 21 - Victor & Andrea Morini

Sat, Sept 27 - Sawin Family
Sun, Sept 28 - Debbie & Grace Seneta

St. Philip

Sun, Aug 31 - Worley Family
Sun, Sept 7 - Dennis & Patty Pavolko
Sun, Sept 14 - Pavolko Family
Sun, Sept 21 - Wnek Family
Sun, Sept 28 - Worley Family

**The St. Lawrence Ladies of the
Rosary will hold their monthly
meeting on Thursday,
September 4th at
St. Lawrence Church.
The Rosary will begin at 6:30
with a meeting to follow.
All are welcome!**



We continue to look for some-
one to take the Manager
position at St. James Cemetery.
If you or someone you know
are interested, please call the
Parish Office and let us know,
or you may speak to Greg
Petrus and find out what the
position entails.

Fall Dinner Planning Meeting

We will be meeting in the Parish Center on
Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 to discuss
plans for our annual Fall Dinner. The most
important thing we need right now, is someone
to oversee things in the kitchen, which includes
ordering the food, and making sure there is
enough help in the kitchen. Please consider
volunteering for this or many other areas of our
dinner, before during and after, to help make it
a success!

~ Meeting ~

St. Philip Altar Rosary Society will hold their
next meeting on Monday, Sept 8 at 2 pm,
at the St. Philip Parish Center.

**All Are Welcome
To Attend!**



~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
Jon Reibel
Mike Sawin
Andrew Segal
Bill Pavolko
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Thomas
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Alice Goodwill
Rob Leninsky
Donald DiFiori
Gary Proske

Marc Kearns
Melissa
Cindy
Nancy Cherry
Ben
Kathy
Stacey B.
The Holland Family
The LaCasto Family
Our Homebound
Parishioners
Intentions In Our
Prayer Box



August 18, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza prompts concern from all people of goodwill. As Catholics, we especially are called by Christ to care for the suffering and the needy.

Pastoral concern has prompted the bishops of the United States to take up a collection for the assistance of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. Many are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions.

I ask you to give generously to this special collection, held in our parishes on the weekend of September 6-7, 2025. Funds received will be passed on to Catholic Relief Services. This group has a long-standing relationship with the Catholic Church in the region, which allows them to provide humanitarian relief and medical assistance quickly and efficiently.

Thank you for doing what you can to support our suffering brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas. I join with you in praying for peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
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Activities This Week At St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church

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| Monday, Sept 1 | *AA Meeting - 8 pm
St. Lawrence Parish Center |
| Wednesday, Sept 3 | *Fall Dinner Meeting - 6:30
St. Lawrence Parish Center |
| | *AA Meeting - 8 pm
St. Lawrence Parish Center |
| Thursday, Sept 4 | *Ladies of the Rosary - 6:30
St. Lawrence Church |

~Sacrificial Giving ~ August 23/24

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,445.00

Loose - \$ 293.00

Guests - \$ 20.00

Envelopes Registered - 122

Envelopes In This Week - 60

Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,750.00

2025 CSA
Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 28,618.00

Registered Families
135

Families Pledged
45

Amount Collected
\$17,915.00

****FAITH FORMATION****

We are thrilled to announce the start of our Faith Formation program! It begins on Sunday, September 14, with our Catechetical Mass.

Our first kick off "Class" will be AFTER 10:00 Mass on Sunday, September 21st. Parents please plan to attend for the Parent Meeting!

Registration forms will be available on the tables at the entrances of the church. If you know any new Catholic families in our parish, please inform Carrie or Criss.



Next Sunday, we welcome the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Columbia #2, and their guests, to our 10am Mass. They are gathering as a group for Mass, prior to attending breakfast together.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Columbia #2, is the oldest existing Court in the USA. Founded by the Knights of Columbia about 118 years ago. Court Columbia is located in Meadville.

CDA is a Catholic women's spiritual and service organization. This court meets monthly, ten months each year.

For more info: Carol Bellini 814-516-2140
or Kathleen Levis 814-602-2704.