

*Saint Lawrence the Martyr
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor

Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant



I AM
THE GATE;
WHOEVER
ENTERS
THROUGH
ME WILL
BE SAVED

*Sunday,
April 26, 2026*

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, and Friday

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, April 26, 2026

~ Parish Staff ~

Clergy

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Faith Formation

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 Please Leave a Message

Parish Office

Lori Adamson

Office Hours

8:30 am till 1:30 pm
 Monday thru Thursday

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 180 East State Street
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 stlawrencealbion@gmail.com

St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus
 Looking for a New Manager

~ From Fr. Michael ~

This weekend, the Knights of Columbus are inviting the men of the parish to consider membership. The Knights have an honored history in the Church — standing for the truth of the Gospel, providing solid fraternity to encourage the Christian life, and offering meaningful financial support both locally and throughout the world. I am grateful for the work and commitment of our Knights, and I am happy to encourage the men of our parish family to pray about joining.



Last weekend was a special moment as we affirmed our young people — including a young dad! — receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, both at the Cathedral and at the Sunday Mass. Witnessing the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our friends and neighbors is truly inspiring. Thank you to our catechists, parents, and all those who accompanied our newly confirmed parishioners and our student making First Communion. May we continue to encourage one another in the life of faith.

Blessings on your week,
 Fr. Michael

~ Ministry Schedule ~

	May 2 - 4pm	May 3 - 8am	May 3 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Kimberly B.	Student
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Student
Gift Bearers	Skip/Lynn B.	Larry/DuAnn P.	Student
	May 9 - 4pm	May 10 - 8am	May 10 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Erinn W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Dennis L./Rose M.		Debbie /Grace S.
	May 16 - 4pm	May 17 - 8am	May 17 - 10am
Lector	Carrie S.	Robert W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Sawin Family	Elaine M.	Melquist Family
	May 23 - 4pm	May 24 - 8am	May 24 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Patti P.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Julio P.
Gift Bearers	Marge M./Norma J.		Victor/Andrea M.

~Faith Formation~



May 3
Final Class & May Crowning

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

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday, April 27
Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Jim Consedine
(Jim & Cathy Hudack and Family)

Tuesday, April 28
Easter Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, April 29
Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM † Bill Pavolko
(Nancy Ward)

Thursday, April 30
Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Bill Pavolko
(Patricia Thompson)

Friday, May 1 - First Friday
Easter Weekday

4:00 PM - Adoration
5:00 PM Mass - Intention of
Betty Jo Leicht
For Peace and Well-Being
(Norella Consedine)

Saturday, May 2
Saint Athanasius, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

At St. Lawrence

4:00 PM † Rose & Bob Barrish
(Jim & Cathy Hudack and Family)

Sunday, May 3
Fourth Sunday Of Easter

At St. Philip

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

At St. Lawrence

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

~ Deacon's Corner ~

On Sundays during the Easter Season and most daily Masses, the first reading comes from the Acts of the Apostles. Since we are spending so much time reading from Acts, I thought it would be particularly relevant to look at this book of the Bible in greater detail.



The earliest tradition of the Church attributes this inspired book to Luke, the same writer as the Gospel of Luke. Luke most likely wrote his Gospel by the end of 62 A.D. and Acts of the Apostles between 62 and 64 A.D. Acts is Luke's presentation of biblical history, describing how the salvation promise to Israel in the Old Testament was accomplished by Jesus and has now under the Holy Spirit been extended to the Gentiles. It is a wonderful story that covers a large part of the origins of Christianity (Acts 11:26 – where it is recorded that the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians) and the early Church.

Furthermore, Acts provides a broad survey of the Church's development from the Resurrection of Jesus to Paul's first Roman imprisonment, which is the point at which the book ends. The first half of Acts focuses on the discipleship of Peter and the second half focuses on the conversion and missionary journeys of Paul. The travels of Peter and Paul are, in reality, the travels of the Word of God as it spreads from Jerusalem to Rome, the capital of the civilized work of Luke's day.

According to an article from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), there are five principal divisions of the Acts of the Apostles:

1. The Preparation for the Christian Mission (Acts 1:1 – 2:13)
2. The Mission in Jerusalem (Acts 2:14 – 8:3)
3. The Mission in Judea and Samaria (Acts 8:4 – 9:43)
4. The Inauguration of the Gentile Mission (Acts 10:1 – 15:35)
5. The Mission of Paul to the Ends of the Earth (Acts 15:36 – 28:31)

I hope this background on the Acts of the Apostles has provided some insight into the Mass readings. As we look at Acts, you should be able to enjoy the unfolding story of the early Church. The more we learn about and study Scripture, the more we know about our Catholic Faith.

Have a very blessed and faith-filled week.

Deacon Paul

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, is prayed every Saturday at 3:30, at St. Lawrence Church

“Mary invites all her children
to pray her Rosary”

~ Finances ~

~Sacrificial Giving ~

April 18/19

Weekly Budget Goal

\$ 3,660.00

Envelopes Registered - 134

Envelopes In This Week - 68

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 3,961.00

Loose Cash - \$ 111.00

Guests - \$ 315.00

2026 CSA

Our Diocesan Assessment

\$ 29,770.00

Amount Pledged

\$33,720.42

Amount Collected

\$19,995.42

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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 Sundays 9:00 - 10:00 Mass
 K through 11
 To register contact:
 Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
 Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192


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 Irene Petruska
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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

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



April 12, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When you look back on your life, you can easily remember times when your life was transformed by the ministry of your parish priest as he celebrated the Sacraments with you and your family. Our priests have given their lives to our Lord and to you, dedicating themselves to the celebration of the Eucharist, to ministry and to service. I imagine that, like me, many of you have feelings of gratitude toward these priests who have served you so well over the years.

On the weekend of May 2 - 3, our annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will be taken in our parishes. This is our opportunity to express our gratitude with a financial gift to those priests who spent their lives in service to the Church and the Diocese of Erie.

We look to you, to help with the care of those priests who are retired now, and those who will retire in future years. I thank you in advance for your generosity to our annual Good Shepherd Collection and for the support and care of our retired Diocesan priests.

If you prefer to make your gift online, simply scan the QR code below to access the online giving site for the Good Shepherd Collection. Finally, I ask you to remember all our priests in your prayers. Pray for those who are currently serving you, those who have retired and those who have died.

Please also pray for vocations to the priesthood. We pray that others will follow in the footsteps of those who have given their lives as Good Shepherds, leading you, the People of God, by their priestly ministry. I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Scan to give



The Saint Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary, is asking for help with their upcoming Purse Bingo, on May 30th. We are in need of gift cards for a Gift Card Raffle Board. Any denomination is welcome. If you would like to donate a gift card, you may place in in an envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

All of the proceeds from this event will be used for purchasing items for the Altar, the purchase of candles, hosts, wine, and the Breaking Bread Missalette.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Please remember in your prayers,
Stephen McDermott,
the Brother-In-Law of Fr. Michael,
and husband of his sister Mary,
who passed away on April 18th.
Please also remember in your prayers,
John Rotko, who passed away
on Monday, April 20th.
We ask that God give their families
and friends comfort and peace,
and may their souls, and the souls
of all the faithful departed
rest in eternal peace.**



Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will take place on Sunday, May 3rd at St. Lawrence Church. Once again, our Faith Formation students will have the opportunity to take part in the different ministries during the Mass, allowing them to see the importance of being active participants in our Church. Please join us in supporting the youth of St. Philip and St. Lawrence.

~ Monday Night Bingo ~
St. Lawrence Center
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30
Games Begin at 6:30
Jackpot:
\$1,200 in 58 balls or less
Come Join The Fun!!



~Prayer Requests ~



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
Bob Stewart
Philip Kleckner
Marc Kearns
Joseph Sharpe
Norella Consedine
Tim Smock
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Nancy Cherry
Ben
Kathy
Stacey B.
Brother Matthew
Joseph Lewis, O.de.M
Mary Tad
Karen
Alexis Mundkoswky
BJ Leicht

Irasema Rimel
Casey Lawrence
Carl Pry
Justin Corwin
Conrad Woods
Kristin Bucci
Sue Wadsworth
Phyllis Giewont
Our Homebound &
Care Center Parishioners
All Intentions In Our
Prayer Box

*St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary
Designer Purse Bingo!*



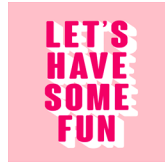
Saturday, May 30
St. Lawrence Parish Center
\$30 per person
Must Be 18+ To Attend
Lunch and Snacks Included

11:30am - Doors Open
1:00 pm - Bingo Begins
15 Games of Bingo + 2 Additional Cash Bingo Games!
Prizes / 50/50 / Side Raffles / Floor Tips / Basket Raffle

All Proceeds Benefit St. Lawrence Church

The Ladies of the Rosary will be selling tickets for their Purse Bingo after both Masses at St. Lawrence Church.

Tickets are also available through any Ladies of the Rosary Member, or by calling the Parish Office.



St. Lawrence Easter Flowers

The Easter flowers have been removed from the Sanctuary, and can be taken home to replant. If anyone would like some, they are in the walkway between the Church and the Rectory. Please help yourself.

On Sunday, April 26th, following the 8am Mass, St. Philip Altar Rosary Society will be serving Coffee and Donuts in the Social Hall at St. Philip Church.

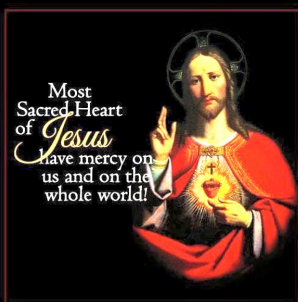
All are welcome to attend.



St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church was represented at St. Peter Cathedral for Confirmation on Thursday. Ethan Pacansky and Julio Pazmino had the experience of serving at the Cathedral for Bishop Persico.



**First Friday Devotion
To The Sacred Heart Of Jesus**



St. Lawrence Church

**Friday,
May 1st**

Adoration
4:00
* Mass • Benediction*
5:00



Congratulations!

The following students received the
Sacrament of Confirmation
on Thursday April 16th at St. Peter Cathedral

Isabella Adams

Nathaniel Gollmer

Machenzie Pazmino

We pray that their hearts will always be in a place
where the gifts of the Holy Spirit will grow.

May The Holy Spirit Light Your Way!





We Celebrate and Rejoice!

**Congratulations to
Eli Pazmino, who received
Holy Communion
for the first time
on Sunday, April 19th.**

**May you always feel the comfort
and guidance of Jesus
in your heart.**

In addition,

**Congratulations and Welcome
Julio Pazmino, who was received
into the Catholic Church and
completed his initiation with the
Sacrament of Confirmation and
First Communion. also
on Sunday, April 19th.**

**May the joy of receiving
these Sacrament, bring you
a lifelong connection with God.**

