

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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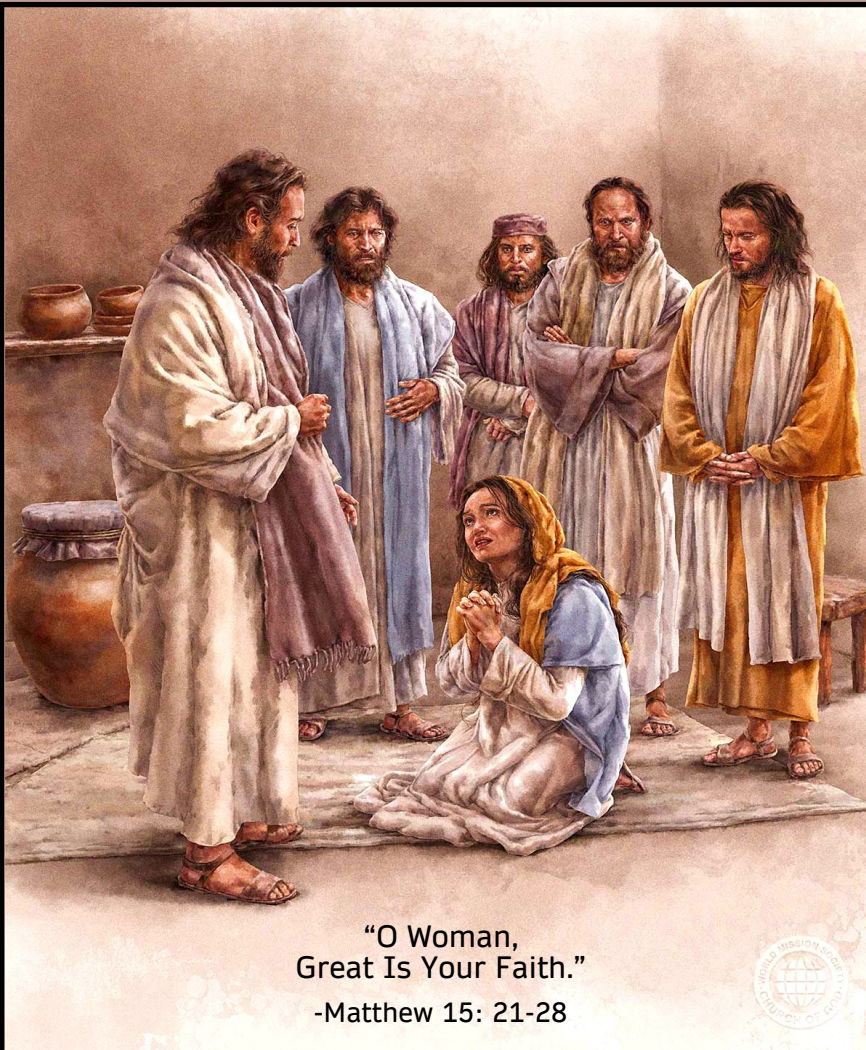
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Parish Center

Renae Mihalak

St. James Cemetery

Greg Soltys



"O Woman,
Great Is Your Faith."

-Matthew 15: 21-28

*August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

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
No Mass on Tuesday

First Friday

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

Reconciliation

Saturday at St. Lawrence
3:15pm to 3:45pm
Sunday at St. Philip
7:30am

Sunday, August 16, 2026

~ Mass Intentions ~

**Monday, August 17
Weekday**

**8:00 AM † *Rose Teed*
(Ray & Terry Garries)**

**Tuesday, August 18
Weekday**

*** No Mass ***

**Wednesday, August 19
Weekday**

**8:00 AM - *Intention of Gerry King*
(Paul & Judy King)**

**Thursday, August 20
Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor
Of The Church**

**8:00 AM † *John Rotko*
(Greg & Lori Adamson)**

**Friday, August 21
Saint Pius X, Pope**

**8:00 AM † *Bill Pavolko*
(Norella Consedine)**

**Saturday, August 22
The Queenship Of The
Blessed Virgin Mary
* At St. Lawrence ***

**4:00 PM † *Louis DeFede*
(Ray & Terry Garries)**

**Sunday, August 23
Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
*At St. Philip***

**8:00 AM † *The Living and Deceased
Members of St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church***

At St. Lawrence

**10:00 AM † *Living and Deceased
Family and Friends*
(Sr. Mary DePaul)**

~ From Fr. Michael ~

Gratitude for the Feast of St. Lawrence

Thank you to all who joined us last Sunday for the celebration of our patronal feast of St. Lawrence, and for the beautiful witness of committed married love as we blessed couples celebrating anniversary milestones. It was a joy to gather as a parish family in this way. Thank you as well to everyone who helped prepare for the Mass and the reception that followed – your generosity made the celebration possible.



Patronal Feast of St. Philip Benizi

Next Sunday, August 23, we celebrate St. Philip Benizi, patron of our church in Crossingville. Born in Florence in 1233, Philip trained as a physician before answering a call to religious life, joining the Servite Order and eventually serving as its Superior General. He was known for his deep humility, his gifts as a preacher, and his tireless work as a peacemaker – he is even said to have fled and hidden when there was a movement to elect him pope, so as to avoid the honor. He died in 1285 and was canonized in 1671. We will celebrate his feast with Mass, followed by a reception of coffee and donuts.

Prayers for Students

Mid-August means the new school year is right around the corner. At the high school, varsity football and golf have already begun practicing, with volleyball and cross country starting this week. Families are busy finishing up their school supply shopping. Let us keep all our students in prayer during this season of new beginnings, for their safety and for their growth in wisdom and grace.

Blessings on your week.

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

~Prayer Requests ~



**To Add A Prayer Request
To Our List, Please Contact
Norma Jafko at 814-756-3889**

Judy Diehl
Jim Bernoski
Marilyn Madden
Jon Reibel
Mike Sawin
Marc Kearns
Joseph Sharpe
Tim Smock
Rob Leninsky

Conrad Woods
Donald DiFiori
Stacey B.
BJ Leicht
Norella Consedine
John & Sharon Shultz
Casey Lawrence
Sue Mihalak
Stacey

Dave & Marilyn O'Brien
Elaine Schmidt
Diann Hinkle
Sal Kitko
Brother Matthew
Joseph Levis, O.de.M
Alexis Mundkoswky
Rachel P.
Gail

Dianne
John Proske
Lory Mundkowsky
Sarah Disalvo
Our Homebound
and Care Center
Parishioners
Intentions In Our
Prayer Box

St. Pius X (1835 – 1914)

On Friday, August 21st, the Church celebrates the feast day of Pope St. Pius X. He is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

St. Pius X was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto on June 2, 1835, in the little Italian town of Riese, in the province of Treviso near Venice. His father was Giovanni Sarto, a cobbler by trade, who was also caretaker of the city hall and the town's postmaster; his mother was Margherita Sanson, a seamstress. The family had few worldly goods and the early life of young Giuseppe, eldest of eight surviving children, was a difficult one.

Father Sarto was ordained at the cathedral in Castelfranco on September 18, 1858. Father Sarto was rewarded for his labors at his first parish by the appointment as Canon of the Cathedral at Treviso and as Chancellor of that diocese. Pope Leo XIII named Canon Sarto as bishop of the Diocese of Mantua in 1884. In 1893, His Holiness, Leo XIII, elevated Bishop Sarto to Cardinal and appointed him Patriarch of Venice. Cardinal Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They led me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemane."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave, which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius saw clearly the horrors of the coming conflict and felt helpless that he could not prevent it. He said, "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." A little more than a month after the outbreak of the war, the Pope was seized with an attack of influenza, and his weakened constitution could not combat the illness. The end for the Christ-like Pius came peacefully on August 20, 1914, and the world, though in the throes of a death struggle, paused to mourn the gentle and humble man. Pope Pius X was canonized on May 29, 1954.

Let us pray through the intercession of Pope Pius to have a world without conflicts or war.

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



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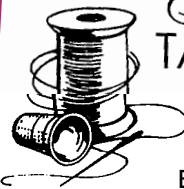


St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

Sundays 9:00 - 10:00 Mass
K through 11

To register contact:

Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192



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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

~ Parish Information ~

We will be celebrating St. Philip Church
on August 23rd, the Feast Day of our
Patron Saint, St. Philip Benizi.
All are welcome to celebrate
with our 8am Mass, followed by
Coffee and Donuts at the
St. Philip Parish Center,



52-200 Club Weekly Winners
~ August 2026 ~

Week 1 - Aug 2 #26 - Mark Ochalek
Week 2 - Aug 9 #123 - Betsy Baker
Week 3 - Aug 16 #130 - John & Ilene Hosey
Week 4 - Aug 23 # 103 - Becky Duda
Week 5 - Aug 30 #97 - Jason Lindell

**Congratulations
To Our Winners!**

**Don't forget to send your ticket
stub & payment back asap.
If you do not wish to participate
this year, please return the
whole ticket. - Thank you.**

~ Ministry Schedule ~

	<i>August 15 - 4pm</i>	<i>August 16 - 8am</i>	<i>August 16 - 10am</i>
Lector	Marge M.	Kimberly B.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Sawin Family	Elaine M.	Melquist Family
	<i>August 22 - 4pm</i>	<i>August 23 - 8am</i>	<i>August 23 - 10am</i>
Lector	Patricia T.	Patti P.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W.
Gift Bearers	Norma J./ Rose P.	--	Bill/Elsie M.
	<i>August 29 - 4pm</i>	<i>August 30 - 8am</i>	<i>August 30 - 10am</i>
Lector	Carrie S.	Erinn W.	Carl P.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Al/Miriam Y.	Wnek Family	Debi/Grace S.
	<i>September 5 - 4pm</i>	<i>September 6 - 8am</i>	<i>September 6 - 10am</i>
Lector	Marge M.	Robert W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Chris/Peg B.	Dennis/Patti P.	Melquist Family

TO OUR HOMEBOUND Parishioners



**YOU ARE STILL AN IMPORTANT
Part Of Our Parish Family**

**We want to connect with you,
and support your spiritual needs.**

If you would like
a home visit,
please contact the
Parish Office.

814-756-3623



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

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"

The K of C would like to invite
all men of St. Philip and
St. Lawrence, over the age of 18,
to a Meet and Greet Cook Out, on
Tuesday, September 1st at 7 pm at
the St. Lawrence Parish Center.

Members of the K of C will be
available to answer any questions
you may have regarding the
organization. This will be a social
situation, with no pressure, just a
picnic with Hot Dogs, Hamburgers,
and fellowship. Please sign on the
sheet at up at either church so we
know how much food to prepare.

Please join us!



~ Financials ~

~Sacrificial Giving~

August 8/9

Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,660.00

Envelopes Registered - 136
Envelopes In This Week - 63
Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,523.00
Loose Cash - \$ 289.00
Guests - \$ 45.00

2026 CSA

Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 29,770.00

Amount Pledged
\$38,670.42
Amount Collected
\$33,737.42





**Thank you to everyone who came to show support
for our Milestone Anniversary Couples.**

**Congratulation again to our couples.
May God continue to bless your lives together,
and the lives of all married couples.**

