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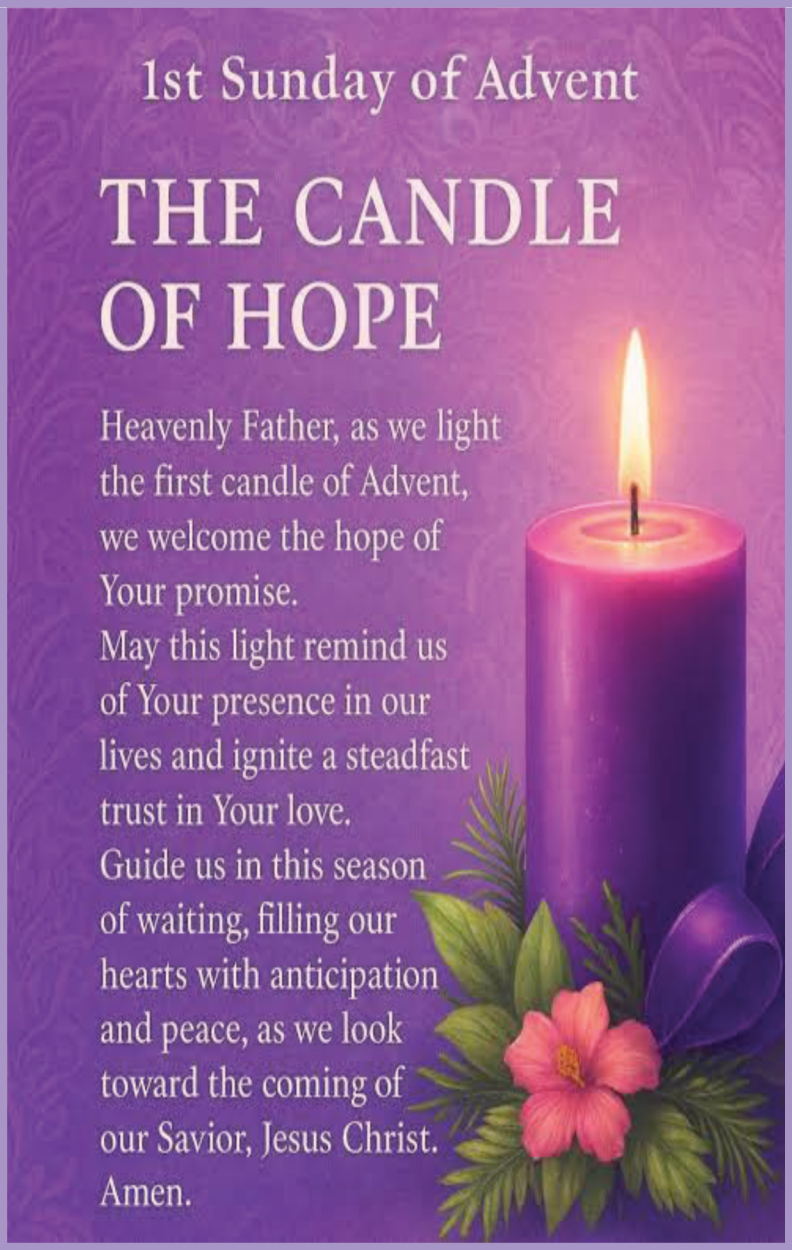

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 4:00 pm
at St. Lawrence
Sunday @ 8:00 am
at St. Philip
Sunday @ 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

All at St. Lawrence
8:00am
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday,and Friday
No Mass on Tuesday

First Friday

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

Reconciliation

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

November 29, 2026
First Sunday Of Advent

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday,November 30
Saint Andrew, Apostle
8:00 AM ✞ Nancy Cherry
(Patricia Thompson)

Tuesday, December 1
Advent Weekday
No Mass

Wednesday, December 2
Advent Weekday
8:00 AM ✞ John Rotko
(Ray & Terry Garries)

Thursday, December 3
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
8:00 AM ✞ Nancy Cherry
(Sean & Bernadette Carrol)

Friday, December 4 - First Friday
Advent Weekday
8:00 AM ✞ Michael William Kearns
(Norella Consedine)

Saturday, December 5
Weekday
At St. Lawrence
4:00 PM ✞ The Living and Deceased Members Of St. Lawrence and St. Philip Church

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Sunday,December 6
Second Sunday Of Advent
At St. Philip
8:00 AM ✞ Debbie Worley
(Janet and Family)

At St. Lawrence
10:00 AM ✞ Kathy Teed
(Ray & Terry Garries)



~ From Fr. Michael ~



Advent begins. This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the start of a new liturgical year. Advent is a season of hopeful waiting. We prepare to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and we also stay watchful for his coming in glory at the end of time. The days grow shorter and darker, and the Church invites us to slow down, pray, and make room in our hearts for the Lord. I encourage you to choose one simple practice for these weeks, such as a few minutes of daily prayer, the Advent wreath at home, or an act of kindness for someone in need.

Parish Dinner. Our Parish Dinner will be held next Sunday, December 6. It is a good opportunity to be together, to enjoy one another's company, and to strengthen the bonds of our parish family. I hope to see many of you there.

Immaculate Conception. Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. We also pray for our country as it is under this title that Blessed Mary if the patroness of our country. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am and at 4:00pm on Tuesday December 8 at St. Lawrence Church.

Blessings on your week,
Fr. Michael

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

~ Deacon's Corner ~



Advent
As we start the Advent season, it is significant and exciting to know more about the history and what Advent means.

It is not certain when the first celebration of Advent was introduced into the Church. In the homilies from the sixth century from St. Maximus, Bishop of Turing, and St. Caserius, Bishop of Arles, we find discussions of preparation for the birth of Christ. The Gelasian Sacramentary notes five Sundays for the preparation season. The five Sundays were later reduced to four by Pope St. Gregory VII (1073-85).

Advent comes from the Latin phrase *"ad-venire"* or *"to come to."* It is the season encompassing the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Furthermore, Advent is a season of preparation, reminding us:

- To Look Back and reflect on the Lord's birth at Christmas
- To Look Ahead toward His second coming
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The liturgical color for Advent is purple, like Lent, since both seasons are preparing us for a great feast day. In addition, Advent includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

This Advent season, let us remember to take some time to slow down and pray for God's peace. It also seems appropriate to contemplate that in the darkest winter season, that this is when God's "great and infinite light," Jesus Christ, came into the world.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Deacon Paul

Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, December 2nd
at 5:30 pm, at the
St. Lawrence Parish Center.

PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

~Christmas Party~

The St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary, would like to invite all women of St. Lawrence-St. Philip Parish, to attend our annual Christmas Party.

We will meet at Madalines on Sunday, December 13th at 11:30.

If you would like to participate in an ornament exchange. please bring a wrapped ornament (limit $10).
We will also be collecting "personal care items" for the Albion Food Pantry.

Please text your RSVP to Judy by Dec. 5th 814-392-9128

Hope to see you there!

First Sunday Of Advent

Ladies of the Rosary in Common-Unity

Ladies of the Rosary
Saint Lawrence Church

Meetings
First Thursday of the month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

All Ladies of the parish are welcome!

Cursillo

DeColores!

"Making a friend, being a friend, an 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



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.

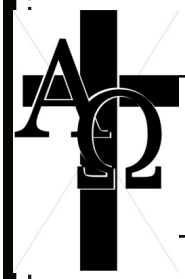
Sponsor Certificates

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 time.

St. Lawrence/St. Philip Church Membership Form



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Please Check One

- ☐ New
- ☐ Returning
- ☐ Address Change
- ☐ Moving out of Parish

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be
on Sunday, December 6th, from 11 till 2



If you would like to help out,
here are some ideas.....

~Make Deserts~
Cookies, Bar Cookies, Cakes, or Cup Cakes
may be dropped off on Saturday December 5th
at the Parish Center before Mass
between 3;30 and 3:45 pm
or on Sunday morning, before the dinner.
Please sign up on the sheets at either parish.

~Donate a Turkey~
Smaller is Best
~Donate a Ham~
Boneless, No Spiral Please

~Monetary Donations~
To help defray cost of food and supplies

Please drop off Turkeys and Hams by Monday,
November 30th, at the Parish Office M-TH
between 8:30am - 1:30 pm

OR you may drop off Monday at the
Parish Center during Bingo beginning at 5:00

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ALBION FOOD PANTRY

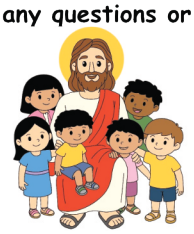
Faith Formation
Sunday's - 9:00 - 10:00

- Important Dates -
Sunday, December 6
Class - 9am

Saturday, December 12
Family Mass - 4pm
Caroling & Movie Night

Sunday, December 13
Class - 9am

Please Contact Carrie Sawin
at 814-440-0487 or
Criss Rotko at 814-449-0192,
If you have any questions or concerns



~Sacrificial Giving ~
November 21/22
Weekly Budget Goal
$ 3,750.00

Envelopes Registered - 134
Envelopes In This Week - 70

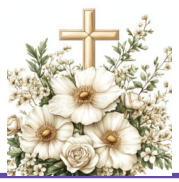
Weekly Envelopes - $ 3,647.00
Loose Cash - $ 317.00
Guests - $ 650.00

2026 CSA
Our Diocesan Assessment
$ 29,770.00

Amount Pledged
$38,670.42
Amount Collected
$37,482.42

Please remember in your prayers,
Ruth Wertelet,
who passed away on November 18th
and
Skip Buttaccio
who passed away on November21st

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



~Prayer Requests ~



To Add A Prayer Request
Please Contact
Norma Jafko at 814-756-3889
or Marie Lavor at 814-587-6094

Jim Bernoski
Marilyn Madden
Jon Reibel
Mike Sawin
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Joseph Sharpe
Tim Smock
Rob Leninsky
Conrad Woods
Donald DiFiori
Stacey B.

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Casey Lawrence
Sue Mihalak
Stacey
Marilyn O'Brien
Elaine Schmidt
Dianne
Diann Hinkle
Sal Kitko

Brother Matthew
Joseph Levis, O.de.M
Alexis Mundkoswky
Rachel P.
Lory Mundkowsky
Gail
Sarah Disalvo
Jay Mackey
C.A.
Mike S.
Elsie Mundkowsky

Joyce Beery
Mave Milligan
Judy Rautine
Melissa Reynolds
Ann English

Our Homebound
and Care Center
Parishioners
Intentions In Our
Prayer Box

Oplatki Christmas Wafers

Before sitting down to Christmas Eve dinner,
many families with roots in Poland and
other Eastern European countries
will take part in a tradition, which has
roots dating back hundreds of years.

Christmas Eve marks the end of Advent.
Traditionally, that meant the last day
of fasting, so in mostly Catholic Poland,
the dinner was typically meatless.

At the start of dinner, just after grace,
the sharing of Oplatki,(unleavened bread)
with another person is
sharing all that is good with life.
Many families still celebrate this tradition.

Oplatki will be available for you to purchase
at St. Philip and St. Lawrence for $4 each.
beginning next weekend,

~ Ministry Schedule ~

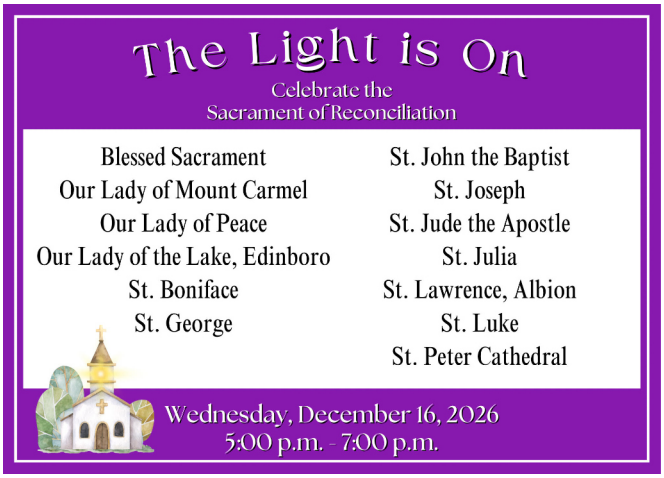
December 5/6	December 12/13	December 19/20	December 26/27
4pm Lector - Patricia T. Altar Server - *Volunteer* Gift Bearers - Marge M./Rose M.	4pm Lector - Students Altar Server - Students Gift Bearers - Students	4pm Lector - Marge M. Altar Server - *Volunteer* Gift Bearers - Al/Miriam Y.	4pm Lector - Carrie S. Altar Server - Nellie S. Gift Bearers - Chris/Peg B.
8am Lector - Patti P. Altar Server - Branden L. Gift Bearers - Worley Family	8am Lector - Kimberly B Altar Server - *Volunteer* Gift Bearers - Elaine M.	8am Lector - Robert W. Altar Server - Branden L. Gift Bearers - Cotton Family	8am Lector - Erinn W. Altar Server - Branden L. Gift Bearers - Worley Family
10am Lector - Carl P. Altar Server - Vivian B. Gift Bearers - Mike/MaryBeth W.	10am Lector - Criss R. Altar Server - *Volunteer* Gift Bearers - *Volunteer*	10am Lector - Grace S. Altar Server - Ethan P. Gift Bearers - Melquist Family	10am Lector - Carl P. Altar Server - Julio P. Gift Bearers - *Volunteer*

The Light Is On For You Penance Service

In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, The Light Is On For You, Penance Service. will be offered at St. Lawrence Church on Wednesday, December 16th, between 5:00pm and 7:00 pm.

All are welcome to come and take advantage of His gift of mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation.

St. Lawrence's light is on for you!



Christmas Flower Memorials

Memorialize your loved ones with a beautiful poinsettia that will adorn the altars at St. Philip and St. Lawrence during the Christmas season.

Please use the envelope provided with your weekly offertory envelopes to make a memorial donation toward the purchase of this year's Poinsettias.



Please return your donation by December 16th
Thank You!

The Advent Wreath

"The circle of the wreath reminds Christians of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

Week 1 (Purple): Hope
(often linked to Old Testament prophets)

Week 2 (Purple): Peace
(often linked to Bethlehem and Mary and Joseph's journey)

Week 3 (Pink/Rose): Joy
(lit as a reminder to rejoice near Christmas)

Week 4 (Purple): Love
(often linked to angels and God's love)"





~ First Friday, December 4~

First Friday Mass at 8 am



~ Monday Night Bingo ~
St. Lawrence Center
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30
Games Begin at 6:30
Jackpot:
$1,000 in 51 balls or less
Come Join The Fun!!





I Give Catholic, Giving Tuesday, is December 1st

I Give Catholic is an online way of giving something extra to your Parish. Please show your support and participate by visiting the website at https://erie.igivecatholic.org/ and search for St. Lawrence Church to make your gift donation.

In addition, We have begun the week of Advanced Giving. You may give during this time, or wait until December 1st to donate. It is up to you!