

*Saint Lawrence the Martyr Parish
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission Church*

*Rev. Thomas Trocchio - Pastor
Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*



Second
Sunday
Of
LENT

"This is my chosen Son,
listen to him."
~Luke 9:35

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Contact Information

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Office Hours

8:00 am till 1:00 pm
Monday thru Thursday

Faith Formation

Co-Faith Formation Facilitators
Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192

Parish Custodian/Maintenance

Jim Mitchell

Parish Center/Rental Information

Renae Mihalak
814-756-4840 -- Please Leave a Message.

St. James Cemetery

Manager - Greg Petrus

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**\*Mass Schedule\***

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  
Tuesday & Wednesday - 8:00am  
Thursday & Friday - 12:00pm  
No Mass on Monday

Holy Hour

Thursday After the Noon Mass  
Except Thursdays Before a First Friday  
St. Lawrence Church

First Friday

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

Reconciliation

Thursday During Holy Hour at St. Lawrence  
12:45-1:15  
Saturday - 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence  
Sunday - 7:30am at St. Philip



*Mass Intentions  
For The Week*

**Monday, March 17  
Lenten Weekday**

**\*No Mass\***

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**Tuesday, March 18  
Lenten Weekday**

**8:00 AM - Dan & Laura Mesley  
( Mesley Family )**

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**Wednesday, March 19  
Saint Joseph, Spouse  
Of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00 AM † Nancy Mitchell  
( Rose Teed )**

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**Thursday, March 20  
Lenten Weekday**

**12:00 PM † Richard Pavolko  
( John & Angie Shade )**

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**Friday, March 21  
Lenten Weekday**

**12:00 PM † Max Stephen  
( Sawin Family )**

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**Saturday, March 22  
Lenten Weekday**

**\*At St. Lawrence\***  
**5:00 PM † The Living & Deceased Members  
Of St. Lawrence & St. Philip Church**

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**Sunday, March 23  
Third Sunday Of Lent**

**\*At St. Philip\***  
**8:00 AM † Richard Pavolko  
( Phyllis Giewont )**

**\*At St. Lawrence\***  
**10:00 AM † Kathy Glasl  
( Sawin Family )**

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
is prayed every Saturday at St. Lawrence Church,  
beginning at 4:30, just before the 5:00 Mass.  
~Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary~

# March 16, 2025 - Second Sunday Of Lent



## Second Week of Lent - Fasting

As Lent continues, it is good to remember the three primary focuses of this period of preparation – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

This week we will focus on fasting. How should we fast? What should I give up that will help me grow in my faith during Lent? I remember trying to give up coffee one year for Lent, that lasted about 2 days; it was not a wise choice for me!

St John Henry Newman writes in his sermon, “Fasting a Source of Trial,” that we need God’s grace and love to be able to fast in a fruitful manner. Without grace, faith and love, our fasting and penance is done in vain. Fr. Juan R. Vélez further reflects on Newman, “In the physical and spiritual battle that sometimes occurs during our fast, we can be victorious with God’s grace if we act with faith and humility. Thus, in our fasting, we must not forget its main purpose: to unite ourselves with Christ. This personal act and other forms of self-denial are not ends in and of themselves. Rather, in and through these practices, we allow Christ to live in us. If we do so, we will find that we can then imitate Christ, who gave his life for us, in giving ourselves in service of others.”

All God’s blessings as we continue our Lenten journey.

Deacon Paul

### ~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  
Paul Madden  
Jon Reibel  
Mike Sawin  
Andrew Segal  
Bill Pavolko  
Judy Graham  
Bob Pacansky  
Kathy (Hudacky) Oswald  
Eddie LaCastro  
Teofilo Gomez (Mr. Serrano)  
Steve Smith

Bob Stewart  
Philip Kleckner  
Joseph Sharpe  
Craig  
Fran Harrington  
Jim & Norella Consedine  
Sandy Pavolko  
Tim Smock  
Dee  
Rachel  
John & Sharon Shultz  
Intentions In Our Prayer Box  
Our Homebound Parishioners

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



**Ministries**

Serve The Lord And  
Serve The Parish As An:

**Altar Server**  
Students grade 4 and up

**Lector**  
Post confirmation Adults

**Greeter**  
High school students and up

Contact Parish Office  
If You Are Interested  
756-3623

**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

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

## Activities This Week At St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church

Monday, March 17      \*Bingo - 6:30  
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

                                 \*AA Meeting - 8 pm  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

Wednesday, Mar 19    \*Lenten Luncheon - Noon  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

                                 \*Bible Study - 6 pm  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

                                 \*AA Meeting - 8 pm  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

If you are interested in becoming  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**,  
or if you have administered Communion in  
the past, we will be holding a training class,  
that we are asking you to attend. This  
training will be offered at St. Lawrence  
Church. After your training, your names will  
be submitted to Bishop Persico for approval.  
You will then be able to bring Communion  
to our homebound and also will be able to  
help Fr. Tom at Mass when needed.  
If you are interested, please use the sign up  
sheet available at both churches.

### 52-200 Club Weekly Winners

~ March 2025 ~

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Week 1 - Mar 2  | Arnold Tobin         |
| Week 2 - Mar 9  | Juanita Kleckner     |
| Week 3 - Mar 16 | Dave & Tammy Maskrey |
| Week 4 - Mar 23 | Lois Onest           |
| Week 5 - Mar 30 | Karen Teed           |

**Congratulations  
To Our Winners!**



\* March 23 - Class  
\* March 30 - Class

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

### Offertory Gift Bearers St. Lawrence

Saturday, Mar 15 - 5pm - Marge Mayer & Norma Jafko  
Sunday, Mar 16 - 10am - Glen & Grace Black

Saturday, Mar 22 - 5pm - Skip & Lynn Buttaccio  
Sunday, Mar 23 - 10am - The Melquist Family

Saturday, Mar 29 - 5pm - Chris & Peg Balogh  
Sunday, Mar 30 - 10am - Debbie & Grace Seneta

### St. Philip

Sunday, Mar 16 - 8am - Dennis & Patti Pavolko  
Sunday, Mar 23 - 8am - Kyle & Nicki Panko  
Sunday, Mar 30 - 8am - Barb M & Steve Erdman

If you are interested in volunteering,  
please see Patricia Thompson at St. Lawrence,  
or see the sign up sheet at St. Philip.

### Lector Schedule St. Lawrence Church

Saturday, Mar 8 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, Mar 9 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry

Saturday, Mar 15 - 5:00 pm - Carrie Sawin  
Sunday, Mar 16 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, Mar 22 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson  
Sunday, Mar 23 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry

Saturday, Mar 29 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, Mar 30 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

### St. Philip Church

Sunday, Mar 9 - 8:00 am - Robert Wnek  
Sunday, Mar 16 - 8:00 am - Erinn Wnek  
Sunday, Mar 23 - 8:00 am - Kimberly Boal  
Sunday, Mar 30 - 8:00 am - Patty Pavolko

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

**Registered Families**  
**142**

**Families Pledged**  
**18**

**Amount Pledged**  
**\$ 9,130.00**

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. United as *One Faith, One Family*, your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support.

Today our parish has made a step towards our goal. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be used for interior maintenance of our Churches.



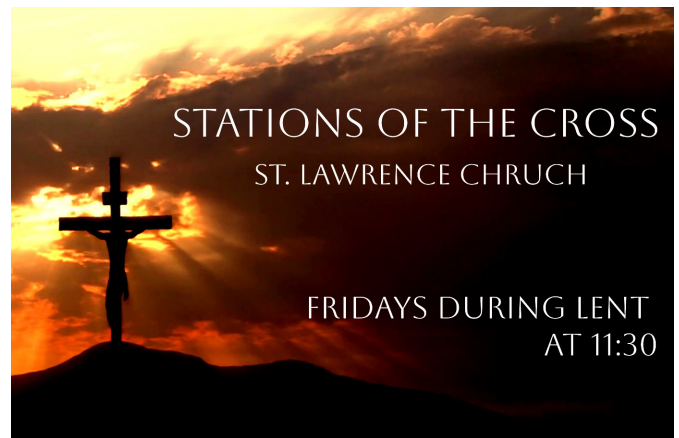
**~ Monday Night Bingo ~**  
**St. Lawrence Parish Center**  
**Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30**  
**Games Begin at 6:30**  
**Jackpot... \$1,100**  
**in 54 balls or less**  
**Come Join The Fun!!**



### Lenten Luncheon

Sign up sheets are available for the March 19th and 26th Luncheon. Please let us know if you are planning on attending.

Anyone can come!  
Hope To See You There!



### ~Sacrificial Giving ~

**March 8/9**  
**Envelopes - \$ 2,451.00**  
**Loose/Guests - \$ 45.00**

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

**Thank You!**

# Lenten Project

## Spruce-Up Bags



Pick up a grocery Bag. There is a list of cleaning /personal hygiene items inside the bag. Purchase items listed and return the filled bag to either Church by Sunday, April 13th.

or

Purchase a \$25 Gift Card to Dollar General, and place it in collection basket at either Church, in an envelope marked, "Lenten Project" by Sunday April 13th.

Bags and Gift Cards will be distributed by GECAC to Seniors, Families, and Individuals in need, in the Albion Area,

**"In truth I tell you,  
in so far as you did it to the least of these,  
you did it to me."**

**Matt. 25: 40**

**Sponsored By GECAC**

## St. Lawrence Annual Trash to Treasure Sale

**\*Bake Sale\* - \*Concessions\***

Saturday April 12 ~ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

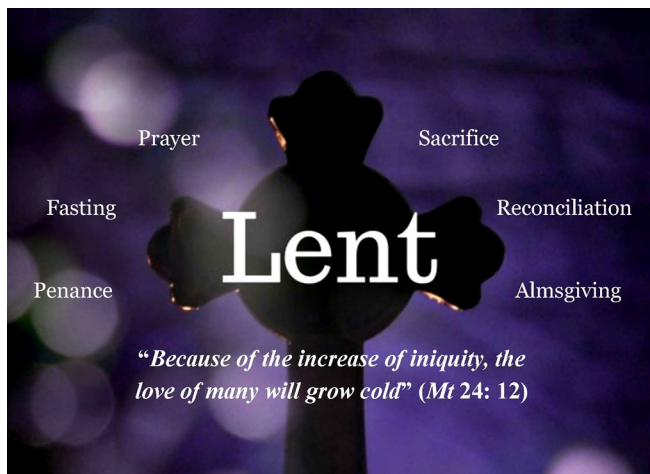
Vendor Set-Up ~ 7 am - 9 am

\$10 per table

Request your table now by picking up a form located at the entrances of both Churches.



Sponsored by  
St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fear. For almost everyone of us, it is a part of life, maybe a gnawing uneasiness, maybe a denied memory, maybe even a panic that paralyzes. Fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of risk, fear of looking foolish, fear of forgiving and fear of being forgiven, fear of speaking out and fear of standing silent--there are probably as many fears as there are possible human actions. What each of them has in common is a basic lack of trust in God's faithful love and endless generosity.



The readings for today, each contain an instance of fear. Certainly, seventy-five-year-old Abram was fearful as he obeyed God's instructions to pick up and leave his home, family and country for a strange land. And there is Paul, encouraging a disciple not to be afraid of revealing publicly that he is a Christian, despite the consequences that may come about. Finally, we read of Jesus, calming three very frightened apostles who have thrown themselves to the ground in the face of the vision, the searing brightness, and the very voice of God the Father at the Transfiguration. In each case, typical, maybe inevitable, human fears; in each case, a God Who understands, accompanies, reassures, and freely provides everything needed to overcome those fears and act.



Lent offers us a time to reflect on our own individual fears, to go deep within ourselves where we hide them, to accept them as human, to face them as hindrances too being and becoming the persons we are called to be. Although it is a trip to freedom, that interior journey can well be frightening in itself. But when we hesitate, when we stumble, even we fall during it, we can know for certain that Jesus will be right there beside us, gently reaching out His hand and saying once again,

"Rise, and have no fear."

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom