

Saint Lawrence the Martyr *Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

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Parish Office

Lori Adamson

Office Hours

8:30 am till 1:30 pm
Monday thru Thursday
Phone - 814-756-3623

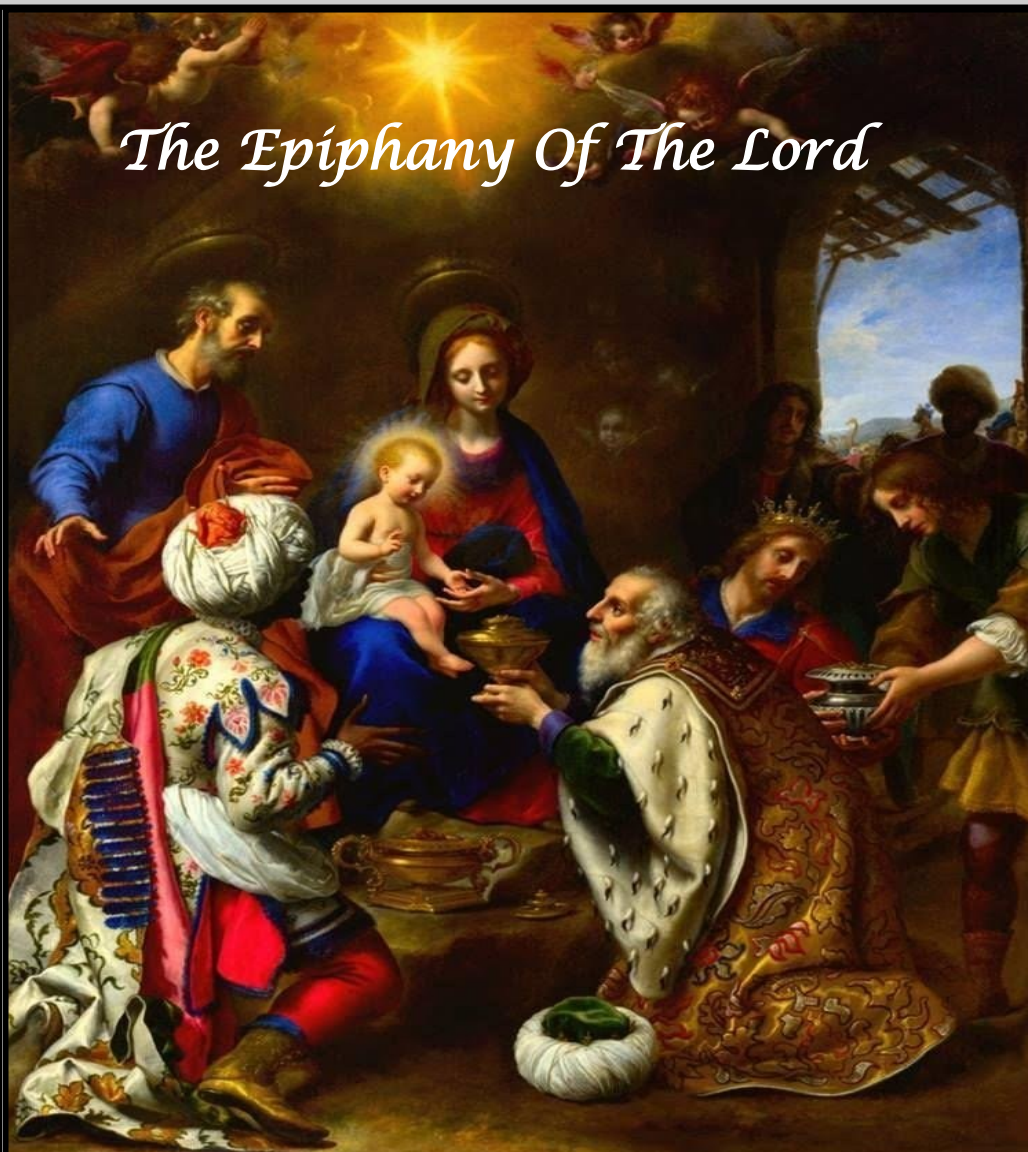
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The Epiphany Of The Lord

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

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 5
Saint John Neumann, Bishop
8:00 AM † *Rev. John Fischer*
(Mark & Darcy Paradise)

Tuesday, January 6
Christmas Weekday
No Mass

Wednesday, January 7
Christmas Weekday
8:00 AM † *Paul Madden*
(Families of Karen Mitchell and
Richard & Erin Mitchell)

Thursday, January 8
Christmas Weekday
8:00 AM † *Rose Teed*
(Sue Mihalak)

Friday, January 9
Christmas Weekday
8:00 AM † *Rose Teed*
(Sawin Family)

Saturday, January 10
Christmas Weekday
At St. Lawrence
4:00 PM † *Mary Chason*
(Al & Kathy Duda)

Sunday, January 11
The Baptism Of The Lord
At St. Philip
8:00 AM † *The Living and Deceased
Members Of St. Lawrence and
St. Philip Church*
At St. Lawrence
10:00 AM *Laura Risinger*
(Ginny Brink)

From Fr. Michael

Today marks the second of the great feasts of the Christmas season, the Epiphany of the Lord. Traditionally held on January 6 in countries where it is a holy day of obligation, most countries, including the USA, observe it on the Sunday following New Year's Day. While December 25 focuses on the Nativity, today's feast marks the manifestation of Christ to the nations as represented by the Magi who followed the star to Bethlehem. The gifts they bring, gold, frankincense and myrrh, acknowledge the truth of the Child, i.e., he is King, he is God, and he was born to die for us. The Christmas Season concludes next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

It was nice to see so many of you for the Christmas Masses as well as family and friends who came home for the holidays. Several visitors commented on how beautiful the churches looked and how much they enjoyed worshipping with us. I've enjoyed my first Christmas in the parish and continue to be grateful for the generosity of so many of you in welcoming me and my family. Be assured of my prayers for a happy and prosperous New Year.

~Sacrificial Giving ~
December 27/28
Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,750.00

Envelopes Registered - 121
Envelopes In This Week - 53
Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,646.00
Loose Cash - \$ 193.00
Guests - \$ 350.00

Thank You!

2025 CSA
Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 28,618.00

Registered Families
142

Families Pledged
46

Amount Collected
\$24,955.00

Christmas Donations
\$2,899.00

We Thank You For Your
Generosity and Continued Support
Throughout This Year!

~ Monday Night Bingo ~
St. Lawrence Center
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30
Games Begin at 6:30
Jackpot:
\$1,050 in 52 balls or less
Come Join The Fun!!



Jan 4 - Class
Jan 11 - Class
If you have any questions
or concerns, please contact
Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
or Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192

2025 Donation Statements

If you would like a donation statement for 2025, you may request one by contacting the Parish Office by email, at stlawrencealbion@gmail.com, or you may call at 814-756-3623 during office hours, Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 am till 1:30 pm.

~Thank You.

The Epiphany Of The Lord

~Prayer Requests ~

Jim Bernoski
Marilyn Madden
Jon Reibel
Mike Sawin
Andrew Segal
Bill Pavolko
Dale
Renee
Bob Stewart
Philip Kleckner
Craig
Thomas
Joseph Sharpe
Norella Consedine
Tim Smock
John & Sharon Shultz
Bob Cochran
Rob Leninsky

Donald DiFiori
Marc Kearns
Nancy Cherry
Ben
Kathy
Stacey B.
Brother Matthew
Joseph Lewis, O.de.M
Mary Tad
Alexis Mundkoswky
BJ Leicht
Karen
Danielle Teed
Irasema Rimel
Casey Lawrence
Our Homebound and
Care Center Parishioners

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



Deacon's Corner

Epiphany of the Lord

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany comes from Greek, meaning "revelation from above." The Church in the first centuries celebrated the Nativity, Visitation of the Magi, Baptism of Christ, and the Wedding of Cana in the single feast of the Epiphany. At the Council of Tours in 567 A.D., Christmas and Epiphany were set as separate feast days.

The Feast of the Epiphany also has rich cultural traditions in various areas of the world:

- In the United States, Catholic families may celebrate with Epiphany chalk blessings, marking their homes with a special blessing. The Epiphany chalk blessing for 2026 involves marking above your entrance door with **20 + C + M + B + 26**, symbolizing the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar) or the Latin phrase "*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*" (May Christ bless this house).
- Eastern Christians, including Eastern Catholics, focus on the baptism of Jesus, with water blessings in churches and rivers.
- In France, families enjoy the French King Cake (*Galette des Rois*), with a hidden figurine of Baby Jesus inside.
- In Italy, La Befana brings sweets and presents to children on the Epiphany.
- Spanish-speaking countries celebrate Three Kings' Day (*Los Reyes Magos*) with festivities and Three Kings gifts for children.
- In Ireland, Catholics celebrate "Women's Christmas" on the Epiphany, where women rest from housework and cleaning to celebrate together with a special meal.

What do we know about the three wise men or Magi? We know they did not arrive until later, maybe up to a year and a half after Jesus' birth. The importance of the Magi was that these were the first gentiles to encounter Christ. The Bible is silent on their actual names and how many there were. However, the treasures presented are specifically mentioned in Matthew 2:11, as gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

St. Irenaeus says that the gifts signify the mystery of the Incarnate Word (God who has become man):

- Gold - a symbol of royalty, represents his kingship
- Frankincense - used in worship, points to his divinity
- Myrrh - represents his humanity, particularly in his passion and death

Lastly, may you continue to feel the special blessings and peace of the Christmas season.

Deacon Paul

Jan. 10/11

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Carrie S.	Robert W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Norma J./Marge M.	Wnek Family	Debbie & Grace S.

Jan. 17/18

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Marge M.	Erinn W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Chris & Peg B.	Cotton Family	Bill & Elsie M.

Jan. 24/25

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Patricia T.	Kimberly B.	Carl P.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Julio Pazmino
Gift Bearers	Al & Miriam Y.	Larry & DuAnn P.	Melquist Family

Jan. 31/Feb 1

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Marge M.	Patti P.	Student
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Student
Gift Bearers			Student

Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings
First Thursday of the
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

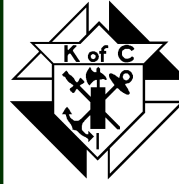
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



Cursillo

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

Parish Coordinators:
Needed



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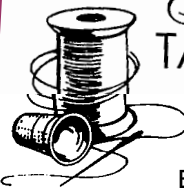


St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

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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Irene Petruska
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Edinboro, Pa. 16412
(814)384-3176

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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

