

Saint Lawrence the Martyr

Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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Please Leave a Message

Parish Office

Lori Adamson

Office Hours

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

Phone - 814-756-3623

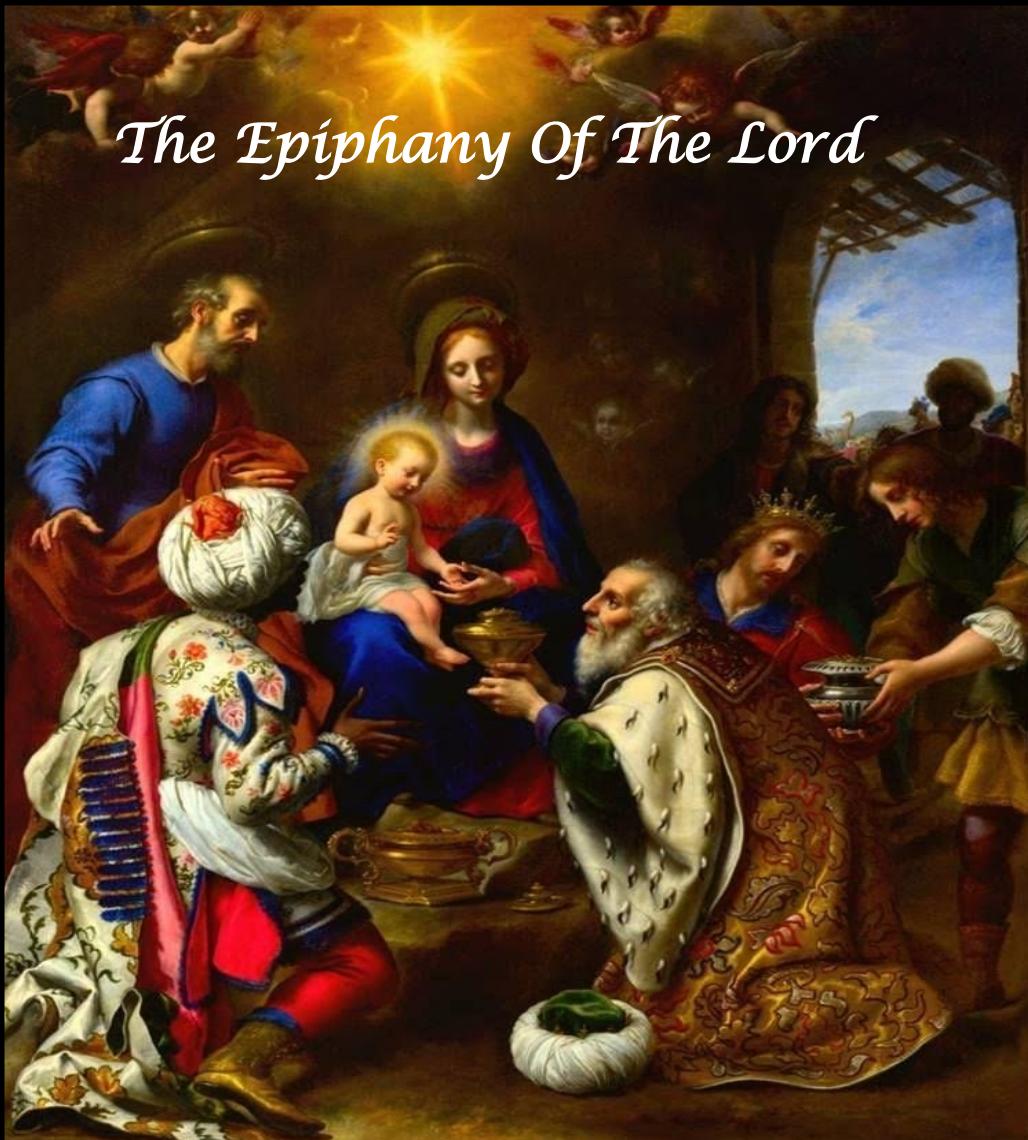
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St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus



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.

2025 CSA
Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 28,618.00

Registered Families
142

Families Pledged
46

Amount Collected
\$24,955.00

~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!

Christmas Donations
\$2,899.00

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

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.



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



~ 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!!

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 Leuis, 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!

Mattera Funeral Home

Pasquale (Pat) Mattera
Funeral Director / Owner

188 East State Street
Albion, PA 16401
814-756-4151
fax 814-756-4648

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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- * to lead the singing of the Assembly
- * to embellish the music of the liturgy
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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

St. Lawrence/St. Philip Church Membership Form

Name _____



Address _____

Phone _____

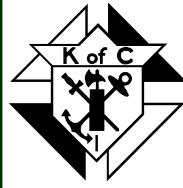
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and
introducing that friend to Christ."*

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