

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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Parish Center

Renae Mihalak

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Saint Philip Benizi

August 23, 2026

Twenty-First 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

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday, August 24
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

* No Mass *

Tuesday, August 25
Weekday

* No Mass *

Wednesday, August 26
Weekday

8:00 AM † Eddie LaCastro
(Patricia Thompson)

Thursday, August 27
Saint Monica

8:00 AM † Wally Alexander
(Debora Rae Alexander)

Friday, August 28
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
Of The Church

8:00 AM † Jack Hooghkirk
(Norella Consedine)

Saturday, August 29
The Passion Of Saint John The Baptist
*** At St. Lawrence ***

4:00 PM † Bill Pavolko
(Mark & Darcy Paradise)

Sunday, August 30
Twenty-Second 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 † Hubert & Emily McCommons
(James McCommons Family)

~ From Fr. Michael ~

Feast of St. Philip Benizi



Today we celebrate the feast of 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. He joined the Servite Order, eventually serving as its Superior General, and 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. Please join us for coffee and donuts in the Parish Center following the 8:00am Mass.

Back to School

Blessings on all our students, teachers, school staff, and coaches as the new school year gets underway this week. May this year be one of growth, not only in knowledge, but in wisdom, friendship, and faith. And may God's grace and strength continue to be with our families, especially parents, as they get their students ready for another school year.

Colleges and Universities

Let us keep our college and university students in prayer as well. This weekend we welcomed our new students at Gannon University, and this evening my regular schedule of Sunday evening Mass for students begins. Please pray for all of our students returning to university study, that this year may draw them closer to Christ even as they grow in knowledge and maturity.

Blessings on your week.

Please Note...

There will be no Daily Mass
on Monday, August 24th.
The Mass Intention
has been rescheduled.

~Prayer Requests~



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
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

Sunday, August 23, 2026

St. Monica



This week on August 27th, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Monica. Here is an article from Franciscan Media's Saint of the Day.

"The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, Saint Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about Saint Monica is in the writings of Saint Augustine, especially his *Confessions*.

Today, with Google searches, online shopping, text messages, tweets, and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine."

St Monica pray for us.

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
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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 & Community Information ~

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.**

**St. Philip, Linesville
Craft Show**

Craft Show

St Philip's Church Social Hall,
401 Mercer St., Linesville, PA.

Saturday, September 5th
from 9am to 3pm.

Talented Vendors
Chinese Auction - Food - Beverages

Hope to see you there!

~ Bingo ~

~ Monday Night Bingo ~

St. Lawrence Center
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30
Games Begin at 6:30
Jackpot - \$1,150
In 56 balls or less
Come Join The Fun!!



~ Ministry Schedule ~

	Saturday, August 22 - 4pm	Sunday, August 23 - 8am	Sunday, August 23 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Patti P.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W.
Gift Bearers	Norma J./ Rose P.	--	Bill/Elsie M.
	Saturday, August 29 - 4pm	Sunday, August 30 - 8am	Sunday, August 30 - 10am
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.
	Saturday, September 5 - 4pm	Sunday, September 6 - 8am	Sunday, September 6 - 10am
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
	Saturday, September 12 - 4pm	Sunday, September 13 - 8am	Sunday, September 13 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Kimberly B.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W.
Gift Bearers	Skip/Lynne B.	Elaine M.	Bill/Elsie M.

~ Parish & Community Information ~

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!



BINGO Bash

Sunday, September 13, 2026

at the JPTF Foundation Event Center
2319 West 38th St., Erie, PA

Doors Open: 1:00pm
Bingo Starts: 2:00pm
Bring your own drinks and food.

\$30 Online Pre-sale
\$35 at the Door
Includes all regular games & jackpot!

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Basket Raffle
50/50
Instants
& More!

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Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a **Walking with Mary through the Light and Darkness of Our Daily Life** with Melannie Svoboda, SND from Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11, 2026.

This retreat weaves together prayer, music, scripture, in-put sessions, videos, art, personal reflection time, and sharing. This time together will help us to know Mary better as our mother, sister, companion, and fellow disciple of Jesus.

For more information on this program, go to:
<https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1080>

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

~ Financials ~

~Sacrificial Giving~

August 15/16
Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,660.00

Envelopes Registered - 136
Envelopes In This Week - 62

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 3,006.00
Loose Cash - \$ 182.00
Guests - \$ 655.00

2026 CSA
Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 29,770.00

Amount Pledged
\$38,670.42

Amount Collected
\$33,737.42