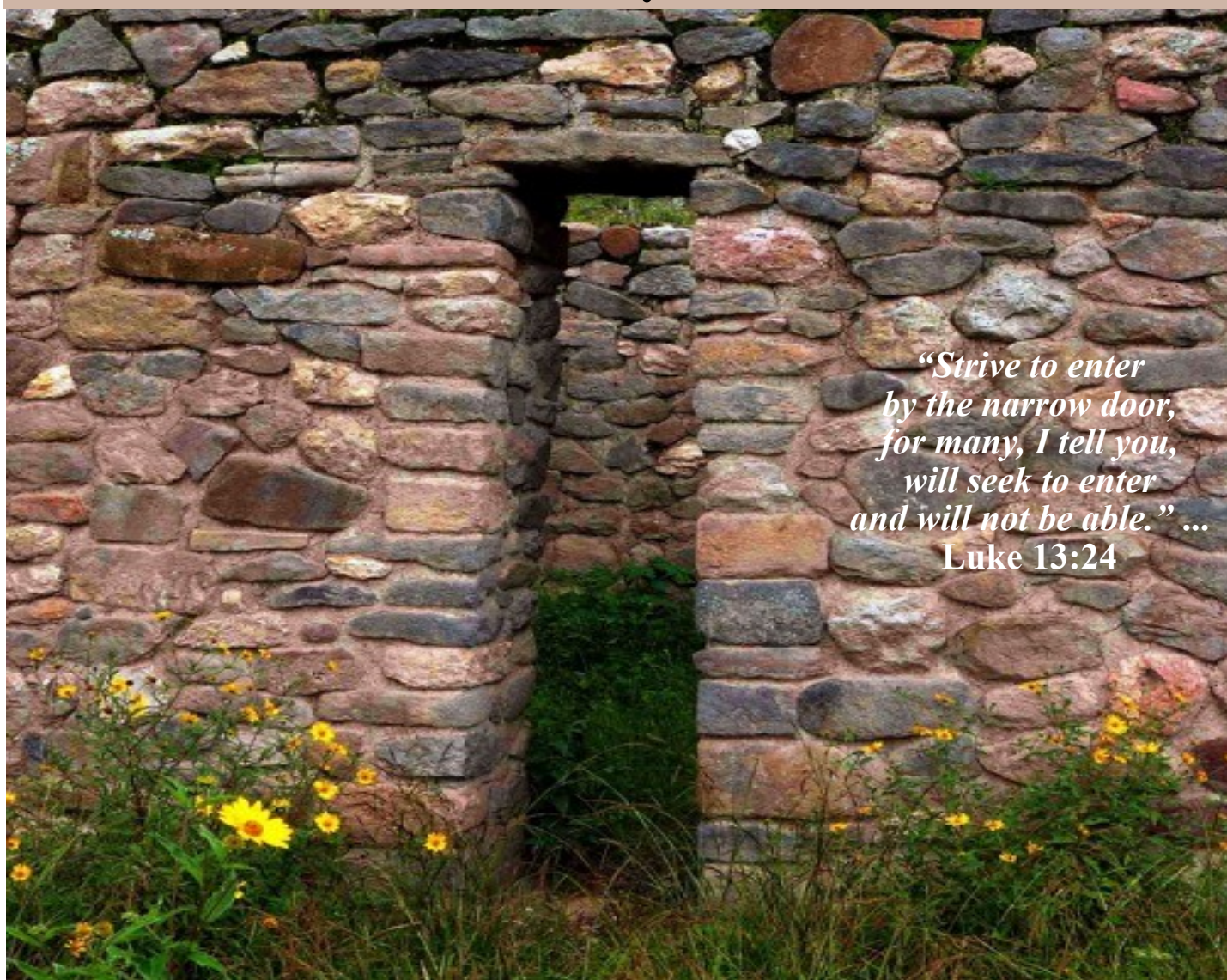


*Saint Lawrence the Martyr
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

*Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor
Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*



*“Strive to enter
by the narrow door,
for many, I tell you,
will seek to enter
and will not be able.” ...
Luke 13:24*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 24, 2025



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, August 25
Weekday

8:00 AM † *Rev. John Fischer*
(John & Angie Shade)

Tuesday, August 26
Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, August 27
Saint Monica

No Mass

Thursday, August 28
Saint Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM - *John & Ilene Hosey*
In Honor of Their 70th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, August 29
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 AM † *Paul Madden*
(The Sawin Family)

Saturday, August 30
Weekday

At St. Lawrence

5:00 PM † *Rose Teed*
(Jim & Norella Consedine)

Sunday, August 31
Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † *Nancy Worley*
(Janet & Family)

At St. Lawrence

10:00 AM † *For The Living and Deceased*
Members Of St. Lawrence and St. Philip Church

Please Note...

There will be no Daily Mass
on Wednesday, August 27th.
Mass Intentions for that day
has been rescheduled.

From Fr. Michael

I am grateful for the warm welcome I received at my first weekend at St. Lawrence and St. Philip. While you have experienced what seems like a revolving door of pastors in the past three years, you have received me as a welcome member of the parish family. I look forward to our time and work together in the service of Christ and His kingdom of truth and life. As you may know, I still have some responsibilities at Gannon University as Chaplain and teacher, but I'm working to realign my work there so as to give my heart and time to this parish family. On occasion, I need to cover the Sunday morning Mass on the GU campus, so I am grateful to our regional Dean, Fr. Michael Ferrick, who is celebrating the 10am Mass at St. Lawrence this Sunday. He is no stranger to this community and is happy to come and offer the Holy Mass. I'm sure you will make him feel welcome. Blessings on your week!

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
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 - 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence
Sunday - 7:30am at St. Philip

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~

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

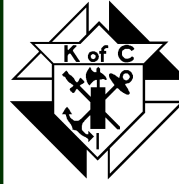
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



Cursillo

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

Parish Coordinators:
Needed



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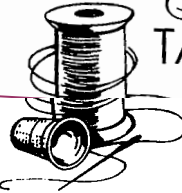


St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

Sundays 9:00 - 10:00 Mass
K through 11

To register contact:

Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192



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"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

Offertory Gift Bearers

St. Lawrence

Sat, Aug 16 - Al & Miriam Youschak
Sun, Aug 17 - Victor & Andrea Morini

Sat, Aug 23 - Marge Mayer & Pat Thompson
Sun, Aug 24 - Bill & Elsie Mundkowsky

Sat, Aug 30 - Sawin Family
Sun, Aug 31 - Debbie & Grace Seneta

St. Philip

Sun, Aug 24 - Wnek Family
Sun, Aug 31 - Worley Family

Lector Schedule

St. Lawrence

Sat, Aug 23 - Patricia Thompson
Sun, Aug 24 - Carl Pry

Sat, Aug 30 - Carrie Sawin
Sun, Aug 31 - Grace Seneta

Sat, Sept 6 - Marge Mayer
Sun, Sept 7 - Criss Rotko

Sat, Sept 13 - Patricia Thompson
Sun, Sept 14 - Carl Pry

St. Philip

Sun, Aug 24 - Kimberly Boal
Sun, Aug 31 - Erinn Wnek
Sun, Sept 7 - Robert Wnek
Sun, Sept 14 - Patty Pavolko

If you are unable to read
on your assigned day,
please find someone
to fill in for you.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

We continue to look for someone to take the Manager position at St. James Cemetery. If you or someone you know are interested, please call the Parish Office and let us know, or you may speak to Greg Petrus and find out what the position entails.

~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
Jon Reibel
Mike Sawin
Andrew Segal
Bill Pavolko
Kathy (Hudacky) Oswald
Eddie LaCastro
Dale
Renee
Bob Stewart
Philip Kleckner
Craig
Fran Harrington

Joseph Sharpe
Jim & Norella Consedine
Tim Smock
John & Sharon Shultz
Brother Matthew Joseph
Levis, O.de.M
Bob Cochran
Alice Goodwill
Rob Leninsky
Donald DiFiori
Gary Proske
Mary Holland
John Holland
Thomas

Marc Kearns
Melissa
Cindy
Nancy Cherry
Ben
Kathy
Stacey B.
Our Homebound
Parishioners
Intentions In Our
Prayer Box

~ Monday Night Bingo ~
St. Lawrence Parish Center
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30
Games Begin at 6:30

Jackpot... \$1,000
in 51 balls or less
Come Join The Fun!!



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

Monday, Aug 25 *Bingo - 6:30 pm
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
St. Lawrence Parish Center

*AA Meeting - 8 pm
St. Lawrence Parish Center

Wednesday, Aug 27 *AA Meeting - 8 pm
St. Lawrence Parish Center

~Sacrificial Giving ~ August 16/17

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,276.00
Loose - \$ 200.00
Guests - \$ 495.00

Envelopes Registered - 122
Envelopes In This Week - 58

Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,750.00

2025 CSA
Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 28,618.00

Registered Families
135
Families Pledged
45

Amount Collected
\$17,915.00

Erie's All Star Wrestling

St. Lawrence Parish Center
Saturday, August 30
Doors open at 6:30
Bell Time is 7:30

Reserved Front Row Seating - \$12
Reserved Second Row Seating - \$11
General Admission - \$10
Concessions Available

Ticket by Text - 814-881-2769.

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COME JOIN THE FUN!!

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Parish Contact Information

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Deacon Paul McCoy
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Parish Custodian/Maintenance

Jim Mitchell

Parish Center

Renae Mihalak - 814-756-3623
Please Leave a Message

Parish Office

Lori Adamson

Office Hours

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

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