

# *Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

*Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor*

*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*

## **\*Parish Staff & Contacts\***

### Clergy

Rev. Michael Kesicki  
Email - mkesicki@eriercd.org  
Phone - 814-756-3623

Deacon Paul McCoy  
Email - pwmccoy@aol.com

### Faith Formation

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

### Custodian/Maintenance

Renae Mihalak

### 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  
Phone - 814-756-3623

### Mailing Address

St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church  
180 East State Street  
Albion, Pa 16401

Email - stlawrencealbi-  
on@gmail.com

### St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus

## **THE BEATITUDES**

**BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

**BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN,  
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.**

**BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,  
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE LAND.**

**BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HUNGER AND THIRST  
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,**

**FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED.**

**BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,  
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.**

**BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART,  
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.**

**BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY  
WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.**

**BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE PERSECUTED  
FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

*Matthew 5:3-10*

### 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, February 1, 2026

## ~ Mass Intentions ~

**Monday, February 2**  
**The Presentation Of The Lord**

**8:00 AM** † *Bill Wilson*  
( Norella Consedine )

-----  
**Tuesday, February 3**  
**Weekday**

**\*No Mass\***

-----  
**Wednesday, February 4**  
**Weekday**

**\*No Mass\***

-----  
**Thursday, February 5**  
**Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
**8:00 AM** † *Steve & Patricia Mihalak*  
( Sue Mihalak )

-----  
**Friday, February 6 - First Friday**  
**Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Adoration**  
**5:00 PM** † *Cecillia Ann Kearns*  
( Norella Consedine )

-----  
**Saturday, February 7**  
**Weekday**

**\*At St. Lawrence\***

**4:00 PM** † *Tom Thompson*  
( Patricia Thompson )

-----  
**Sunday, February 8**  
**Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**\*At St. Philip\***

**8:00 AM** † *Richard Ivan Sr.*  
( Elain McGraw )

**\*At St. Lawrence\***

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

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
is prayed every Saturday at 3:30,  
at St. Lawrence Church

~Mary invites all her children  
to pray her Rosary~

## ~ From Fr. Michael ~

This weekend we offer the traditional Blessing of Throats in honor St. Blasé whose feast falls on February 3. If you were not able to have your throat blessed today, I'm happy to offer it next week after Mass or at any other mutually convenient time. It is good to trust in God's protection over all illnesses of the throat and every other illness.



Please continue to exercise good judgment with the weather conditions before setting out for Mass (and other activities). The Diocese of Erie issued the following statement last weekend: *If winter weather makes travel dangerous or difficult, the Mass obligation is automatically lifted by church law. No special dispensation is needed—your safety and well-being come first.*

Blessings on your week. Stay safe and stay warm.  
Fr. Michael

## ~ Financial Information ~

The 2026 Diocesan Catholic Service Appeal begins February 14/15 with Commitment Sunday. If you have not already fulfilled your 2025 Commitment, and are able to do so, please send it in as soon as possible. Please note "2025" somewhere, so we can be sure it is for last year, and enter it correctly. Thank You!

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

Registered Families  
142

Families Pledged  
46

Amount Collected  
\$24,955.00

**~Sacrificial Giving ~**  
**January 24/25**  
**Weekly Budget Goal**  
**\$ 3,750.00**

Envelopes Registered - 134  
Envelopes In This Week - 41

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 1,537.00  
Loose Cash - \$ 145.00  
Guests - \$ 75.00

**Thank You!**

# Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## ~Prayer Requests ~

Jim Bernoski	Nancy Cherry
Marilyn Madden	Ben
Jon Reibel	Kathy
Mike Sawin	Stacey B.
Andrew Segal	Brother Matthew
Dale	Joseph Lewis, O.de.M
Renee	Mary Tad
Bob Stewart	Alexis Mundkoswky
Philip Kleckner	BJ Leicht
Craig	Karen
Thomas	Danielle Teed
Joseph Sharpe	Irasema Rimel
Norella Consedine	Casey Lawrence
Tim Smock	Carl Pry
John & Sharon Shultz	Justin Corwin
Bob Cochran	Conrad Woods
Rob Leninsky	Our Homebound and
Donald DiFiori	Care Center Parishioners
Marc Kearns	Intentions In Our Prayer Box

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



## 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



Diocese of Erie  
ROMAN CATHOLIC

## ~ Deacon's Corner ~

### Presentation of the Lord

This week the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. Also this day is called Candlemas for the custom of using lighted candles. This feast day celebrates both the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, as well as the Purification of Mary, which the Mosaic Law required forty days after the birth of a child.

Here is a concise history from Franciscan Media on the Presentation:

"The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century, the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas."

Franciscan Media also provides a brief reflection on the day's Gospel reading from Luke 2:22-40:

"In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end."

Thus, just as Simeon and Anna were waiting and welcomed Christ as the long-awaited salvation of the world, so should we.

Have a very blessed week.

Deacon Paul



## Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

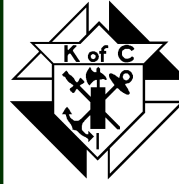
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



## Cursillo

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

Parish Coordinators:  
Needed



## JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3979

A CATHOLIC  
FAMILY FRATERNAL  
SERVICE ORGANIZATION

CALL: JOHN SHADE - 756-4512

## Mattera Funeral Home

**Pasquale (Pat) Mattera**  
**Funeral Director / Owner**

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

## 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

## Springfield Monument Company

Cemetery Memorial  
Specialists

**Jim & Rosa Youschak**  
Owner / Memorial Designer

PO Box 247  
11885 Main Street  
East Springfield PA 16411

1-800-729-3516

Local: 922-3596

[www.springfieldmonument.com](http://www.springfieldmonument.com)

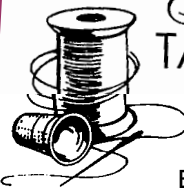


## St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

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

To register contact:

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



**Irene's  
TAILORING**  
Alterations

Irene Petruska  
12450 Rt. 98  
Edinboro, Pa. 16412  
(814)384-3176

This Space Available

## 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



Personal Care Item/Food Drive  
For The Northwestern Food Pantry



Items Will Be Collected During  
The Month Of February.  
Spread Your Love To Those In Need!!

Boxes Will Be Located In The  
Large Gathering Space at St. Lawrence  
and The Front Vestibule at St. Philip

Sponsored By  
The St. Lawrence Ladies Of The Rosary.



~ From The Diocese ~

Dear Married Couples,

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience helps a couple listen, share, and connect more deeply. It's about learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) for additional information.

**This Valentine's Day, Give the Gift of Lasting Love**

Looking for a meaningful way to celebrate love this season? Engagement Encounter is a weekend retreat that helps couples prepare for a lifetime of commitment, connection, and faith.

February 6–8, 2026 at *St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie.*

Whether you're engaged or know a couple preparing for marriage, this retreat is a beautiful way to invest in their future. It fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements and welcomes Catholic and interfaith couples.

Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org).

Register and learn more at [eriercd.org/familylifeoffice](http://eriercd.org/familylifeoffice).

Celebrate love this Valentine's Day  
with a gift that truly lasts.

## ~ Faith Formation ~

Feb 1 - Class  
Feb 8 - Class

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



Please Note....

There Will Be No Daily Mass  
On Wednesday, February 4th.

## ~ Meeting ~

St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary,  
will hold their next meeting on  
Thursday, February 5th  
at St. Lawrence Church.

The Rosary will begin at 6:30  
and the meeting will follow.

We Welcome All Ladies To Join Us!

## ~ First Friday, Feb 6~

Adoration of  
The Most Blessed Sacrament  
4:00 - 5:00 PM

First Friday Mass  
5:00 PM



## ~ Bingo ~

~ Monday Night Bingo ~

St. Lawrence Center

Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30

Games Begin at 6:30

Jackpot:

\$1,100 in 54 balls or less

Come Join The Fun!!



## Ministry Schedule

	Feb 7 - 4pm	Feb 8 - 8am	Feb 8 - 10am
Lector	Carrie S.	Robert W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Brooke W./Sophia P.
Gift Bearers	Sawin Family	Larry/DuAnn P.	Victor/Andrea M.
	Feb 14 - 4pm	Feb 15 - 8am	Feb 15 - 10am
Lector	Patricia T.	Erinn W.	Grace S.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Dennis L./Rose M.	Wnek Family	Bill/Elsie M.
	Feb 21 - 4pm	Feb 22 - 8am	Feb 22 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Kimberly B.	Carl P.
Altar Server	Nellie Sawin	Branden L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Norma J./Rose P.	Cotton Family	Debbie/Grace S.
	Feb 28 - 4pm	March 1 - 8am	March 1 - 10am
Lector	Patricia Thompson	Patti P.	Student
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Student
Gift Bearers	Al/Miriam Y.		Student

If you are unable to serve  
on your scheduled date,  
please find someone to fill in for you.

If you would like to be added to our  
Offertory Gift Bearers List  
at St. Lawrence, please email Pat @  
[trt51@roadrunner.com](mailto:trt51@roadrunner.com)

Thank you for your continued dedication.

**called**  
to serve