

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.'
-Matthew 16:24

*August 30, 2026
Twenty-Second 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 31
Weekday**

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

**Tuesday, September 1
Weekday**

* No Mass *

**Wednesday, September 2
Weekday**

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

**Thursday, September 3
Saint Gregory The Great,
Pope and Doctor Of The Church**

8:00 AM † John Rotko
(Mark & Darcy Paradise)

**Friday, September 4
Weekday**

No Mass

**Saturday, September 5
Weekday**

* At St. Lawrence *

4:00 PM † The Living and Deceased
Members of St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church

**Sunday, September 6
Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † The Living and Deceased
Members of St. Philip Altar Rosary Society
(St. Philip Altar Rosary Society)

At St. Lawrence

10:00 AM † Harold W. Schmidt
(Lucille Schmidt)

~ From Fr. Michael ~

Blessings for the New School Year

A new school year is upon us, and I want to offer a heartfelt blessing to all of our students, teachers, and families as they begin this new chapter. Whether returning to familiar classrooms or stepping into something new, may this year be filled with growth, good friendships, and a deepening of faith. Let us keep our young people, and all who guide and teach them, close in prayer as the year gets underway.



Fall Retreat for Our Seminarians

I will be away for Labor Day weekend, directing the Fall Retreat for the seminarians at St. Mark Seminary. This is an important moment at the start of their formation year, a time of prayer and discernment as they recommit themselves to the path God is calling them to walk. I ask you to keep these young men in your prayers during this retreat.

Mass Coverage, September 5-6

While I am away leading the seminary retreat, the priests of St. Peter Cathedral will graciously be covering our Masses for the weekend of September 5-6. I am deeply grateful for their help and for their willingness to care for our parish family in my absence.

Mission Appeal, September 12-13

In two weeks we will welcome Cristina Morais, a lay missionary serving in East Africa with the Vincentian Congregation, to our parish for our annual Mission Appeal. Her reflections at Mass will focus on the work of the Divine Retreat Center in Rwanda, which serves almost 2,500 individuals every month. The Center administers a local Catholic school, provides food and clothing distribution, and offers a variety of programs and retreats for families and children.

Information about her visit will continue to be shared in next weekend's bulletin. There will be a second collection during her visit, and I would be grateful for your consideration of an offering to support her good work.

Blessings on your week,
Fr. Michael

~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
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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 30, 2026



August 25, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to thank you for your generous support of Catholic education in the past. I also ask you to continue your generosity during the weekend of September 19-20 when our diocese will conduct the annual Catholic Education Collection.

This special collection supports the circle of lifelong Catholic education and faith formation throughout the Diocese of Erie, accompanying individuals and families at every stage of their faith journey. We have many reasons to be proud of the faith formation taking place at every level of Church life, from parish religious education and Catholic schools to baptismal preparation, OCIA and adult faith formation. Through these ministries, we teach the truths of the Catholic faith and form disciples of Jesus Christ.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support local education and faith formation programs. The other half supports diocesan faith formation initiatives, tuition assistance for Catholic school students, educator leadership development, and the national collection for The Catholic University of America, as requested by the USCCB.

I encourage you to support this collection generously. Your gift to the Catholic Education Collection strengthens the Church's mission of passing on the faith to future generations and nurturing lifelong discipleship.

Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at <https://www.eriecd.org/cec.html>. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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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 ~

**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 57 balls or less
Come Join The Fun!!



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”

Please remember to support
The Albion Food Pantry.
Our donation box is located in the
side vestibule of St. Lawrence Church.
In addition to Food Items,
right now, the Food Pantry is in need of
Toiletries, and Personal Care Items.
In these difficult times, even one item
can help someone in need.

Thank You.

~ Ministry Schedule ~

	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.
	Saturday, September 19 - 4pm	Sunday, September 20 - 8am	Sunday, September 20 - 10am
Lector	Carrie S.	Patti P.	Carl P.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branden L.	Ethan P.
Gift Bearers	Lance Family	Valerie S.	Debi/Grace S.
	Saturday, September 26 - 4pm	Sunday, September 27 - 8am	Sunday, September 27 - 10am
Lector	Marge M.	Erinn W.	Criss R.
Altar Server	Nellie S.	Branen L.	Vivian B.
Gift Bearers	Marge M/Rose M.	Cotton Family	Melquist Family

~ 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!



The St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary would like to invite all women of the parish to join us in becoming a member.

Our next meeting is coming up, and this meeting marks the beginning of our "meeting year", so it would be a perfect time to join!

We support our parish in many ways that are fun and rewarding. If you would like to see what we are all about, (with no pressure to join) please join us at our next meeting, on Thursday, September 3rd, at St. Lawrence Church. The Rosary will be said at 6:30, and our meeting will follow.



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



Thank you to those who signed up to make Rosaries for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen in September. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be participating in this Rosary Drive.

Thank you again for your
willingness to help.

~ Financials ~

~Sacrificial Giving~

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

Envelopes Registered - 136
Envelopes In This Week - 61

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 3,080.00
Loose Cash - \$ 302.00
Guests - \$ 125.00

2026 CSA
Our Diocesan Assessment
\$ 29,770.00

Amount Pledged
\$38,670.42

Amount Collected
\$35,407.42



Your Parish Needs You!

Would you like something fun to do
on a Monday evening?

Our Bingo Crew is looking for a few volunteers
to help out with our Bingo Games.

On an as need basis, once a month,
twice a month, or even more if you'd like.

Mostly all of those who work the bingo games,
have been doing so since games began
in November 2018, and need a Monday off here and there.

That's where you come in!

Help is needed in different areas and training will be provided.

The Crew has a lot of fun together,
and it's a nice way to get to know your neighbors from the community,
and possibly see old friends.

This fundraiser helps provide our parish with funds needed
to keep our church financially sound, and we need to keep this
very important fundraiser running smoothly.

Please consider helping your parish
continue to stay thriving,
by joining this team of amazing volunteers
for just a few hours on a Monday Night!

Please email or call the Parish Office,
if you are interested.



Missionary Appeal Weekend

The weekend of September 12th and 13th, we will be
welcoming Cristina Morais, this years Missionary. Cristina
will be speaking at all three masses, and there will be a
special collection for her ministry Divine Retreat Centre,
Rwanda,

Cristina Morais has been involved in ministry since her
return to the faith at 19 years old. For the past 20 years
she has worked with youth and adults in a variety of
capacities, as a lay preacher, singer, and retreat volunteer. For 9+ years she volunteered with the
Vincentian Congregation in the US, and has been a Rwandan lay missionary since 2023 with the
Vincentian Congregation. She is fluent in English, Portuguese and Spanish, and speaks basic
French. Professionally, Cristina has been a fundraiser for over 20 years and would like to use her
talents to help missionaries throughout the world. She has begun her work with the Vincentian
Congregation in Rwanda. Cristina is the Founder of L.I.F.E. Catholic Foundation which supports
individuals worldwide living in extreme poverty and in dire need of necessities, including food,
water, basic product essentials, and access to high-quality, affordable education.



Please see other side for more information and photos.



I am pleased to introduce you to the Divine Retreat Centre, Rwanda, a Catholic mission run by the Vincentian Congregation, and supported by religious sisters and lay volunteers in East Africa. The Retreat Centre has served 2,000 - 2,500 individuals monthly, assisting with the spiritual, physical and educational needs of children and families alike, including live-in retreats, outreach programs, one-day prayer services, children's programs, a monthly food and clothing distribution program, and the administration of a local Catholic School serving 1,400+ of the poorest children in the region.

Despite our desire to spread the good news, we face extraordinary challenges as we serve our flocks' spiritual needs. Rwanda is #24 on a list of the 100 poorest countries in the world, The Rwandan mission was therefore founded four years ago to spread the good news of the gospel. The mission brings much needed spiritual renewal to the community, particularly as many are still facing the effects of the Rwandan genocide 30 years ago. The Vincentians serve the local population by providing biblical counseling, preaching of the Word of God, local evangelization and outreach services, and an emphasis on the sacramental life, including eucharistic adoration, Holy Mass and the sacrament of reconciliation. We have offered monthly retreats in Kinyarwanda (local language) at no cost to participants and offer a monthly 5-day retreat in English, with a pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Kibeho. As a young mission, we have struggled to accommodate the hundreds of people that walk over 8-12 kilometers to reach our humble center to pray.

We are now constructing a retreat center that will accommodate 3,000 people. In just 4 years, we have seen immense spiritual growth and transformation in this community, but we are in desperate need of funding to grow.

Cristina Morais
 Founder and Board Chair
 L.I.F.E. Catholic Foundation