

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, September 7, 2025

“...whoever does not
carry their cross and
follow me cannot be
my disciple.”

~ Luke 14:27



*Saint Lawrence the Martyr
Saint Philip, Secondary Mission*

Rev. Michael Kesicki - Pastor

Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant

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



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM † *Cathy Wojtecki*

(Richard & Joyce Fellows)

Tuesday, September 9
Saint Peter Claver Priest

No Mass

Wednesday, September 10
Weekday

8:00 AM † *Paul Madden*

(Jim & Norella Consedine)

Thursday, September 11
Weekday

8:00 AM † *Max Stephen*

(Ray & Terry Garries)

Friday, September 12
Weekday

**8:00 AM - *Those That Do Not Believe In The
True Presence Of Jesus In The Eucharist***

(Mesley Family)

Saturday, September 13
**Saint John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor Of The Church**

At St. Lawrence

5:00 PM † *Rose Teed*

(Greg & Lori Adamson)

Sunday, September 14
The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † *Richard Pavolko*

(His Family)

At St. Lawrence

**10:00 AM † *For 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 St. Lawrence Church,
beginning at 4:30, just before the 5:00 Mass.

~Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary~

From Fr. Michael

I'm looking forward to my first experience of the Albion Area Fair which begins Tuesday. Several parishioners have already let me know that they have entries in the various categories being judged this week. I'll make my best effort to stop and visit. I also learned that the Fair Parade comes right past the Parish Center on Pearl Street Saturday morning (and that people will stake out their viewing spots hours before!). Community fairs are a great way to bring people together, celebrate the labor and fruits of the local area and generate good will. If you see me walking the grounds, please stop me and say hello; I'm still working on meeting the parish family and learning names.

Next Sunday, Gannon University is celebrating 100 years with a special Mass at the Cathedral. As I am one of the planners of this event, I will be in Erie but am grateful to Fr. Michael Ferrick who will cover the Mass at St. Lawrence.

Blessings on your week.

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Please Leave a Message

Parish Office

Lori Adamson

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8:30 am till 1:30 pm

Monday thru Thursday

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St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus

Our Lady of Sorrows



This upcoming week and next has a sequence of celebrations and feast days on the Church's Calendar.

- Friday, Sept. 12th - **Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Saturday, Sept. 13th - **Saint John Chrysostom**
- Sunday, Sept. 14th - **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- Monday, Sept. 15th - **Our Lady of Sorrows**

This week I would like to spend some time discussing Our Lady of Sorrows. The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th, just one day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This is to confirm the close connection between Jesus' Passion and Mary's Sorrows. Celebration of this feast day goes back to the 15th century. The important references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. These two scripture passages bring together prediction and fulfillment.

Here is a list of the Seven Sorrows of Mary and a scripture reference for each one:

- **The Prophecy of Simeon** – *"And you yourself a sword will pierce."* (Lk. 2:35)
- **The Flight into Egypt** – *"The angel of Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt.'" (Mt. 2:13)*
- **Search for the Child in Jerusalem** – *"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.'" (Lk. 2:46, 48)*
- **Mary Meets Jesus on His Way to the Cross** – *"A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him."* (Lk. 23:27)
- **Standing at the Foot of the Cross** – *"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there who he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home."* (Jn. 19:26-27)
- **The Crucifixion and Descent from the Cross** – *"After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body."* (Jn. 19:38)
- **Assisting at the Burial of Christ** – *"The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils."* (Lk. 23:55-56)

Remembering and meditating on these seven sorrows, we can turn to Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, for consolation in our suffering.

Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

Deacon Paul

Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings
First Thursday of the
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

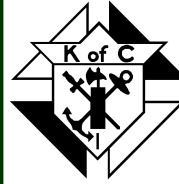
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



Cursillo

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

Parish Coordinators:
Needed



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Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
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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 time.

St. Lawrence/St. Philip Church Membership Form



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please Check One

- ☐ New
- ☐ Returning
- ☐ Address Change
- ☐ Moving out of Parish

Lector Schedule

St. Lawrence

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

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

Sat, Sept 20 - Carrie Sawin
Sun, Sept 21 - Grace Seneta

Sat, Sept 27 - Marge Mayer
Sun, Sept 28 - Criss Rotko

St. Philip

Sun, Sept 7 - Robert Wnek
Sun, Sept 14 - Patty Pavolko
Sun, Sept 21 - Kimberly Boal
Sun, Sept 28 - Erinn Wnek

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

Offertory Gift Bearers

St. Lawrence

Sat, Sept 6 - Skip & Lynne Buttaccio
Sun, Sept 7 - Glen & Grace Black

Sat, Sept 13 - Paul King & Norma Jafko
Sun, Sept 14 - Melquist Family

Sat, Sept 20 - Al & Miriam Youschak
Sun, Sept 21 - Victor & Andrea Morini

Sat, Sept 27 - Sawin Family
Sun, Sept 28 - Debbie & Grace Seneta

St. Philip

Sun, Sept 7 - Dennis & Patty Pavolko
Sun, Sept 14 - Pavolko Family
Sun, Sept 21 - Wnek Family
Sun, Sept 28 - Worley Family

~ Meeting ~

St. Philip Altar Rosary Society
will hold their next meeting
on Monday, Sept 8 at 2 pm,
at the St. Philip Parish Center.

All Are Welcome
To Attend!



After 17 years of faithful service to St. Lawrence Church, we are announcing that Jim Mitchell has decided to retire. We thank Jim for his invaluable contributions to our church throughout the years. Jim has been a source of wisdom and inspiration to us all, and he will be greatly missed.

They will be hard shoes to fill, but we would like to announce that Renea Mihalak will be taking over for Jim at the Parish Center. Renea has been volunteering her time for years in many areas of St. Lawrence, whenever needed, and now we are happy to officially welcome her to our staff.

~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
Dale
Renee
Bob Stewart
Philip Kleckner
Craig

Thomas
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

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

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH FLU/COVID VACCINE CLINIC

180 EAST STATE ST, ALBION, PA 16401

SEPTEMBER 23RD  9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**PLEASE BRING PHOTO ID AND
PRIMARY INSURANCE CARD**

CALL (814) 488-3939
FOR MORE INFORMATION

`Annual Fall Dinner

More information will be in next weeks bulletin, but the most important thing we need right now, is someone to volunteer to oversee things in the kitchen, which includes ordering the food, making sure there is enough kitchen help, and being there the day of to make things go smoothly. Please consider volunteering for this or many other areas of our dinner, before during and after, to help make it a success!

****FAITH FORMATION****

We are thrilled to announce the start of our Faith Formation program! It begins on Sunday, September 14, with our Catechetical Mass.

Our first kick off "Class" will be AFTER 10:00 Mass on Sunday, September 21st. Parents please plan to attend for the Parent Meeting!

Registration forms will be available on the tables at the entrances of the church. If you know any new Catholic families in our parish, please inform Carrie or Criss.



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

Monday, Sept 8

*St. Philip Altar Rosary
Meeting 2 pm
St. Philip Parish Center

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

*AA Meeting - 8 pm
St. Lawrence Parish Center

Wednesday, Sept 10

*AA Meeting - 8 pm
St. Lawrence Parish Center

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.

~Sacrificial Giving ~ August 30/31

Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,401.00

Loose Cash- \$ 246.00

Guests - \$ 90.00

Envelopes Registered - 122

Envelopes In This Week - 62

**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