

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Saint Philip, Secondary Mission

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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, November 30, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 1
Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † *Paul Madden*
(Families of Karen Mitchell,
and Richard & Erin Mitchell)

Tuesday, December 2
Advent Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, December 3
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 AM † *Mary Chason*
(John and Angie Shade & Family)

Thursday, December 4
Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † *Nancy Mitchell*
(Families of Karen Mitchell,
and Richard & Erin Mitchell)

Friday, December 5 - First Friday
Advent Weekday
Adoration 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Mass - 5:00 PM † *John Rotko*
(John and Criss Rotko)

Saturday, December 6
Advent Weekday

At St. Lawrence

4:00 PM † *Marilyn Stover*
(Jackie Stankiewicz)

Sunday, December 7
Second Sunday Of Advent

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † *Alfred Reibel*
(Norb & Family)

At St. Lawrence

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

At St. Lawrence

Vigil Mass Of The Immaculate Conception
Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM † *The Living & Deceased Members*
Of St. Lawrence and St. Philip Church

From Fr. Michael

Today marks the beginning of the new Year of Grace (liturgical year) with the First Sunday of Advent. This season calls us to the virtues of patience and hope as we prepare for the coming of Christ, both at the end of time and in the remembrance of His birth at Christmas. I will be directing a Bible Study on Wednesdays, December 3, and December 10 in the St. Lawrence Parish Center at 6:00pm. I expect the session to go for just under an hour but will remain for questions afterward. The topic is *Advent with the Prophet Isaiah*. Please invite any friends or neighbors to join. It is helpful to bring your own Bible but not necessary.

On November 21, our chief shepherd, Bishop Persico, celebrated his 75th birthday. According to Church law, he submitted his letter to the Holy Father offering his resignation from the governance of the Diocese. Beginning today, he has asked all the parishes in the Diocese to pray for the new bishop. We will offer this prayer at each Sunday Mass until the new bishop is named. None of us knows how long this will take, but we should be prepared to wait several months. We are grateful for Bishop Persico's continued faithful shepherding of our Diocese and for his generous service to the people entrusted to his care.

Next week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, December 8. This marks the patronal feast of the United States and remains a holy day of obligation (even on a Monday). Mass for the holy day is: Sunday, December 7 at 4:00pm and Monday, December 8 at 8:00am.

Upcoming Holy Days Mass Schedule

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 7 - Vigil Mass
St. Lawrence Church - 4:00 pm

Monday, December 8 - Holy Day Mass
St. Lawrence Church - 8:00 am

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24 - Vigil Mass of Christmas
St. Lawrence Church - 4:00pm

Thursday, December 25 - Mass of Christmas Day
St. Philip Church - 8:00am
St. Lawrence Church - 10:00am

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 - Vigil Mass
St. Lawrence Church - 4:00 pm

Thursday, January 1 - Holy Day Mass
St. Lawrence Church - 8:00 am

First Sunday Of Advent

~ First Friday, December 5 ~

Adoration of The Most Blessed
Sacrament and Confessions

4:00 – 5:00 PM

First Friday Mass

5:00 PM



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.

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

Advent

As we start the Advent season, it is significant and exciting to know more about the history and what Advent means.

It is not certain when the first celebration of Advent was introduced into the Church. In the homilies from the sixth century from St. Maximus, Bishop of Turing, and St. Casarius, Bishop of Arles, we find discussions of preparation for the birth of Christ. The Gelasian Sacramentary notes five Sundays for the preparation season. The five Sundays were later reduced to four by Pope St. Gregory VII (1073-85).

Advent comes from the Latin phrase “*ad-venire*” or “*to come to*.” It is the season encompassing the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Furthermore, Advent is a season of preparation, reminding us:

- To Look Back and reflect on the Lord's birth at Christmas
- To Look Ahead toward His second coming

The liturgical color for Advent is purple, like Lent, since both seasons are preparing us for a great feast day. In addition, Advent includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

This Advent season, let us remember to take some time to slow down and pray for God's peace. It also seems appropriate to contemplate that in the darkest winter season, that this is when God's “great and infinite light,” Jesus Christ, came into the world.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

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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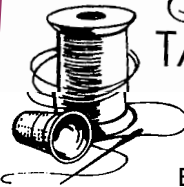


St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

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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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 Information & Important Dates

The Immaculate Conception At St. Lawrence		
	December 7 - 4:00 PM	December 8 - 8:00 AM
Lector	Carrie Sawin	Needed
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer

Christmas			
	December 24 St. Lawrence - 4:00 PM	December 25 St. Philip - 8:00 AM	December 25 St. Lawrence - 10:00 AM
Lector	Grace Seneta	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

The Solemnity of Mary At St. Lawrence		
	December 31- 4:00 PM	January 1 - 8:00 AM
Lector	Carrie Sawin	Volunteer
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer

Save The Date

This years Christmas Dinner
will be on Sunday, December 21st.

Please watch the bulletin
to see how you can help!

~Prayer Requests ~

Please Keep The Following
People In Your Prayers



Jim Bernoski
 Marilyn Madden
 Jon Reibel
 Mike Sawin
 Andrew Segal
 Bill Pavolko
 Dale
 Renee
 Bob Stewart
 Philip Kleckner
 Craig
 Thomas
 Fran Harrington
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 Norella Consedine
 Tim Smock
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 Ben
 Kathy
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 Brother Matthew
 Joseph Levis, O.de.M
 Mary Tad
 Alexis Mundkoswky
 BJ Leicht
 Jennifer Holland
 John Holland
 Our Homebound and
 Care Center Parishioners
 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**

Weekend Ministry Schedule

December 6/7			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Patricia Thompson	Robert Wnek	Carl Pry
Altar Server	Nellie Sawin	Branden Lowery	Vivian Baumgardner
Gift Bearers	Chris & Peg Balogh	Al & Brenda Reibel	Melquist Family

December 13/14			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Student	Patti Pavolko	Criss Rotko
Altar Server	Student	Branden Lowery	Needed
Gift Bearers	Student	Pavolko Family	Bill & Elsie Mundkowsky

December 20/21			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Carrie Sawin	Erinn Wnek	Grace Seneta
Altar Server	Nellie Sawin	Branden Lowery	Julio Pazmino
Gift Bearers	Al & Miriam Youschak	Wnek Family	Debbie & Grace Seneta

December 27/28			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Marge Mayer	Kimberly Boal	Carl Pry
Altar Server	Nellie Sawin	Branden Lowery	Brooke White/Sophia Pazmino
Gift Bearers			

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

Parish Information & Important Dates

Christmas Flower Memorials

Memorialize your loved ones with a beautiful poinsettia that will adorn the altars at St. Philip and St. Lawrence during the Christmas season.

Please use the envelope provided with your weekly offertory envelopes to make a memorial donation toward the purchase of this year's Poinsettias.

Please return your donation
by December 15th

Thank You!



Advent with the Prophet Isaiah

Please join us for a Bible Study on Wednesdays, December 3, and December 10 in the St. Lawrence Parish Center. The Bible Study will begin at 6pm and run until 7pm, with Fr. Michaels being available for questions afterward. All parishioners, friends and neighbors are invited to come. It is helpful to bring your own Bible but not necessary.

We hope to see you there!

~Christmas Party~

The St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary, would like to invite all women of St. Lawrence-St. Philip Parish to attend our annual Christmas Party.

We will meet at Valenza Restaurant on Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 .

If you would like to participate in an ornament exchange. please bring wrapped ornament (limit \$10) to exchange. We will also be collecting "personal care items" for the Albion Food Panty.

Please text your RSVP to Judy at 814-392-9128 .

Hope to see you there!

The Blessing Tree

Pick a tag from the Blessing Tree which is located in the front vestibule of St. Lawrence church. Sign your name on the sign up sheet, and purchase a gift for a child. The tags contain information regarding the child's sizes and likes. It is suggested for fairness among siblings, that the price range be between \$20 and \$40 per child. If you would like to by for a full family, simply take all tags with the same family number. Please attach the tag securely to your gift so the sorters are able to match it with the correct child and family. Please return gifts to St. Lawrence Church and place them under the tree no later than December 14th. All gifts will be sorted on December 17th and given to families that weekend by the Northwestern Food Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity in the past. and let's help make this another special Christmas for these area children.

Faith Formation

**Attention Parents of Our Young Church **

We See You and we want to help!
You deserve a "Parents Day Out!"

Let the Students of our Edge and Purpose Programs along with our Catechists, watch your child(ren) for you while you enjoy a dinner out, do some shopping, maybe even take a nap :o)

Sunday, December 7th, from 11:00 - 2:00,
is Your Day to enjoy whatever you'd like!

We will have lunch and fun activities planned for each age group over in the Parish Center.

Sign up sheets are located at both churches.



Dec 7 - Class
Dec 14 - Class

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