

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

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Renae Mihalak

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Please Leave a Message

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Monday thru Thursday

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180 East State Street  
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### St. James Cemetery

Greg Petrus



*Sunday, November 23, 2025*

### 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 23, 2025

## Mass Intentions For The Week



**Monday, November 24**  
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and  
Companion, Martyr

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

**Tuesday, November 25**  
Weekday

\*No Mass\*

**Wednesday, November 26**  
Weekday

8:00 AM † *David Diehl*  
( His Family )

**Thursday, November 27**  
Weekday

9:00 AM † *Bill Leone*  
( Palma Leone )

**Friday, November 28**  
Weekday

\*No Mass\*

**Saturday, November 29**  
Weekday

\*At St. Lawrence\*

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

**Sunday, November 30**  
First Sunday Of Advent

\*At St. Philip\*

8:00 AM † *Deceased Members of the  
Erdman Family, Parents & Siblings*  
( Steve Erdman )

\*At St. Lawrence\*

10:00 AM † *Dennis Songer*  
( Songer Family )

From Fr. Michael

Today is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Jesus, who died on the Cross, establishes His Kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. May He rule our lives so we may live his message in our hearts, families and in the community. This week also brings us to the quintessential American holiday, Thanksgiving. This feast calls us to gratitude for blessings received, as individuals and as a nation, calls us to family, as we come together among families and friends, and calls us to community, as we ensure that everyone can enjoy food and warmth with others. I am grateful for the family of this parish who have welcomed me with warmth and encouragement.

Next weekend begins the new Year of Grace with the First Sunday of Advent. I am offering a 2-week Bible study related to Advent on Wednesday, December 3, and Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00pm in the St. Lawrence Parish Center. I will have more information in next Sunday's bulletin.

May this week of Thanksgiving give us pause to appreciate our families and friends and to give thanks to God for the blessings of life and eternal love. God bless you!

## For Your December Planning

Advent Begins The Weekend of November 29/30

### \*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 - 8:00am

Lectors are needed for these Masses. Please call the Parish Office and let us know if you would like to cover a Mass.

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.

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

## Being Thankful for God's Blessings



As we approach Thanksgiving, hopefully, you can pause and reflect on God's blessings from the past year. I am sure that for some years, it is more challenging than others to see any blessings. If it is challenging, maybe start with one or two things that we take for granted; a beautiful sunrise on a crisp Fall morning that starts by just lighting the tops of the trees, a walk around the block with the dog, or a cup of hot coffee or tea in the morning with a scone or warm cinnamon roll. In our neighborhood, I once saw a dad using a leaf blower on his front lawn, and his toddler son, who was about two years old, was jumping in the air with excitement. The fact that such a simple and ordinary thing as a leaf blower could create such exuberance and joy made me smile.

There are five types of Catholic prayer:

- Adoration - we exalt the greatness of God, and we acknowledge our dependence on Him in all things.
- Petition - we ask God for things we need primarily spiritual needs, but physical ones as well. We should have a willingness to accept God's Will.
- Intercession - a prayer of petition, which leads us to pray as Jesus, did.
- Praise - acknowledge God for what He is.
- Thanksgiving - perhaps the most neglected type of prayer is a prayer of thanksgiving.

If prayer is a challenge, I try to start with one or two blessings I am thankful for. Also, it is a great time to remember the term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning *thanksgiving*.

Here is a simple prayer of thanks.

"Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow, and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health, and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us."

– From The Catholic Prayer Book,  
compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley

Take some time this week to remember one or two things you are thankful for.

All God's blessings,

Deacon Paul

**We will be participating in iGIVECATHOLIC this year.  
The donating begins Tuesday, December 2nd,  
but they are offering Advanced Giving dates  
beginning November 17th running through December 1st.**

**Please consider joining us as you  
"Give Catholic" on #Giving Tuesday**

**SUPPORT OUR PARISH THROUGH**

**#iGIVECATHOLIC**  
ON GIVING TUESDAY

**1 VISIT**  
IGIVECATHOLIC.ORG

**2 SEARCH**  
FOR OUR PARISH

**3 DONATE**  
\$10 OR MORE

**DECEMBER 2, 2025**  
*Give early! Advanced giving starts November 17*

## Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

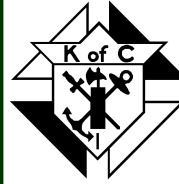
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



## 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

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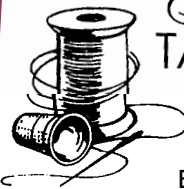


## St. Lawrence/St. Philip Faith Formation

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

To register contact:

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



**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



There are still a few tables for sale. St. Lawrence's tables are \$20.00 each and St. Philip is selling theirs for \$10.00 each. St. Philip has one table left. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in purchasing any.

We were contacted by the Community Blood Bank regarding a possible Blood Drive at the St. Lawrence Parish Center. We need at least 15 donors to host this drive.

If you would be interesting in donating blood, there are sign up sheets available at both Churches. Please sign up and if there is enough interest, we will then schedule a day for this to take place.

## 52-200 Club Weekly Winners

~ November 2025 ~

Week 1 - Nov 2 #57 - Betsy Baker  
Week 2 - Nov 9 #160 - Betsy Baker  
Week 3 - Nov 16 #13 - Tom Rand  
Week 4 - Nov 23 #26 - Mark Ochalek  
Week 5 - Nov 30 #166 - Paul & Beth Merritt

**Congratulations  
To Our Winners!**

**\*Save The Date\***

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

Please watch the bulletin  
to see how you can help!

## Thanksgiving Week, Daily Mass Schedule

Monday & Wednesday - 8:00 am

Thursday - 9:00 am

Friday - No Mass

### November 29/30

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Marge Mayer	Kimberly Boal	Grace Seneta
Altar Server	Nellie Sawin	Branden Lowery	Ethan Pacansky
Gift Bearers	Norma Jafko/Marge Mayer	Steve Erdman	Victor & Andrea Morini

### 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	Needed	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

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)

## ~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  
Joseph Sharpe  
Norella Considine  
Tim Smock  
John & Sharon Shultz  
Bob Cochran  
Rob Leninsky  
Donald DiFiori  
Marc Kearns  
Nancy Cherry  
Ben  
Kathy  
Stacey B.  
Brother Matthew  
Joseph Lewis, O.de.M  
Mary Tad  
Alexis Mundkowsky  
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 Luvor at 814-587-6094**

## 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!*



Nov 30 - No Class  
Dec 7 - Class

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

## The Blessing Tree (Next Weekend)

Pick a tag from the Blessing Tree which will be located in the front vestibule of St. Lawrence church, next weekend. 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 buy 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.

**The Sanctuary Candle burns the month  
of November, in honor of  
The Most Blessed Sacrament,  
and in memory of  
David Diehl,  
on the 6th anniversary of his death.**



**Requested by: His Family**

## **\*\*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 the entrances to both churches.

**Let Us, Help You!**

## **Second Collection -Local Needs-**

**\$593.00**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## **~Sacrificial Giving ~**

**November 22/23**

**Weekly Budget Goal**

**\$ 3,750.00**

**Weekly Envelopes - \$ 2,105.00**

**Loose Cash - \$ 160.00**

**Guests - \$ 545.00**

**Envelopes Registered - 121**

**Envelopes In This Week - 61**

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

**Registered Families  
142**

**Families Pledged  
46**

**Amount Collected  
\$24,045.00**