



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3, 2018 - Vigil

5:00 PM † *Linda Kennedy - (Mom)*

Sunday, February 4, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † *Helen Mahoney - (Jack Mahoney)*
at (St. Philip)

10:00 AM † *For the People of St Lawrence and St Philip*

Monday, February 5, 2018 - Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM † *Cecila Ann Kearns and Michael A. Kearns- (Jim and Norella Consedine)*

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 - Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM † *For all those Serving in the Military*
(at St. Philip)

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 - Weekday

8:00 AM † *George Lascek- (Tom and Pam Lascek)*

Thursday, February 8, 2018 - Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM † *For all deceased members of the Parish*
(at St. Philip)

Friday, February 9, 2018 - Weekday

8:00 AM † *Bernie Bristol- (Criss and John Rotko)*

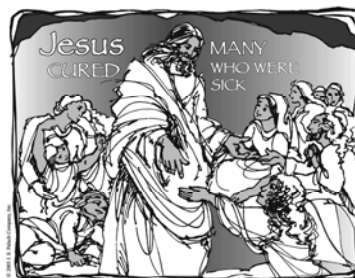
Saturday, February 10, 2018 - Saint Scholastica, Virgin

5:00 PM † *Maria and Horold Teed- (Mary Teed Family)*

Sunday, February 11, 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † *For the People of St Lawrence and St Philip*
(at St. Philip)

10:00 AM † *For the People of St Lawrence and St Philip*



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel today offers a different perspective from which to view earthly suffering. Jesus realized that there was nothing to be gained from looking around in despair or backward in blame. Instead, he looked forward in hope. He did not blame the sick and the possessed for their suffering, as many others did. And he did not give up hope, even though he knew he couldn't cure all the sickness in the world. Jesus tried neither to eliminate human suffering nor to explain it. He simply did what good he could do in the time that he had.

WOE TO ME IF I DO NOT PREACH IT!

Jesus kept preaching the good news of the reign of God, a spiritual reality that triumphs over every form of suffering. This was his purpose. When we believe in this good news we may not be healed of physical illness or understand the reason for human suffering, but we do receive something much more valuable. We are healed of the sickness of despair and freed from the demons of guilt and blame. The Spirit energizes us to do what good we can do in the time that we have. With Paul we will want everyone to know about the healing, liberating reign of God. We might even begin to say, "Woe to me if I do not preach" the gospel!

Today's Scriptures encourage us to look forward in hope, to do what we can, and to preach the good news of the reign of God.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF February 10-11, 2018

	5:00 PM	10:00 AM
Lectors	M. Mayer	L. Aldridge
Servers	E. Swift	G. Seneta
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	L. Buttaccio / R. Buttaccio / K. Levis	A. McNally / S. McNally / J. Kleckner



Dear Friends in Christ:

One major theme in this week’s Liturgy is that of our need for prayer. When we honor God with personal and community prayer, we also transform our thinking and strengthen our faith and personal relationship with God. Prayer is a personal journey of becoming more holy, reflecting God’s grace in our own lives. When we neglect prayer, we weaken our awareness of God’s Presence and our trust in faith as being a ‘guiding light’ to show us our true path as Catholic-Christians.

As good as we are in the general course of life, each of us truly benefits, as did Jesus, from times of solitude where we focus for a while on ‘God and me.’ Open ourselves to the influence of the Holy Spirit without distractions. So while some may say, “I pray the rosary while driving to work,” multitasking is not a good quality of solitude and personal prayer! Concentrate on your driving! The rest of us ‘pray’ that you do!

First necessity is to ‘schedule’ your prayer time. Put it on your calendar. Boundary the space and protect it from being invaded by distractions, other tasks, including people, laundry, dishes, driving, etc. Exercise your *right* to solitude and personal prayer, communication with God. Make a reasonable limit of time, perhaps 15 minutes. Read a short psalm out loud to ‘hear’ the Word – and even quietly whisper-sing it for added significance. Pause, think about the message of the psalm. Breathe deeply, calmly. Welcome the psalm to become part of your life for the day and ponder what was in the mind of the composer at the time of the writing and what remains applicable to us as the audience in our time, today?

Try to compose 2 or 3 lines of a personal psalm that reflects your life experience at this moment. Use the Psalm from Scripture as a role model to put it into your own words to reflect your view of family, culture, faith. When you ‘draw within yourself’ the role model of Scripture, you change your brain and spirit to reflect that holiness through practice and it is a spiritual ‘gift.’

May your prayer bring you to a personal experience of the Spirit of Holiness as you bring the Word into your own flesh!

Fr. Jim

January 29, 2018

Catholic Services Appeal 2017

Parish Goal \$30,479

	St. Lawrence	St. Philip
Parish Goals	\$22,970.00	\$7,509.00
# Pledges	74	35
Amount Pledged	\$24,555.00	\$12,571.00
Amount Collected	\$23,650.00	\$12,481.00
Amount for Parish	\$680.00	\$4,972.00

St. Philip

January 28th Collection

Weekly Offertory amount needed to reach budget goals \$673.

Offertory	\$	780.00
Food Bank.....	\$	15.00
Catholic Communication Collection.....	\$	61.00
Gift.....	\$	100.00
TOTAL	\$	956.00

St. Lawrence

January 28th Collection

Weekly Offertory amount needed to reach budget goal \$2,048.

Offertory	\$	1,836.00
Catholic Communication Collection.....	\$	209.00
Utilities.....	\$	55.00
Candles.....	\$	96.00
Faith Formation Registration.....	\$	60.00
TOTAL	\$	2,256.00



Feb 11

Class

7th & 8th Grades Growing Up Catholic Program

Child Protection Video

Lenten Activity Books will be distributed to all Students. Parents please assist your children with the activities.

Feb 14 **Ash Wednesday**

Feb 18 **Class**

Lent- Spiritual Growth - all student parents are invited to attend.

7th & 8th Grades Growing Up Catholic Program

Easter Fund-raiser

Boxes are near the entrances to the church for you to place your completed order forms. Extra order forms are also near the entrances. Final date to place your order is **February 25, 2018.**

3 weeks left to place your orders.



SCAM ALERT

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SCAM alert: One of the parishes in Erie reported parish members were sent e-mails requesting money "because their pastor was in need." Be aware that this SCAM exists because people can abuse the 'social media' for personal gain. The Church does NOT send e-mails to members requesting money. Bulletin notes and letterhead postal mailings follow up already posted notes in the bulletin for fund raising and special needs of the parish. If you get any other vehicle for fund requests, call the parish for validation and clarification,

Disposal of Palms

Holy palms should be returned to nature. After the



Palm Sunday service, when you take your palms home, they may be kept as holy items. Should you wish to dispose of them, you may bury them or burn them and spread the ashes outside.

There may be a time when we would ask for you to return your palms to the church so that we may burn them, save the ashes and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday service.

At this time we have enough ashes for Ash Wednesday services.



We are looking for a Housekeeper for the St. Lawrence Rectory. We need someone to work at least 2 days a week for 3 to 4 hours per day. If you are interested please contact the parish office at (814) 756-3623

National Marriage Week resources



Celebrate National Marriage Week Feb. 7-14 by reviewing a marriage enrichment resource from the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Erie.

The DIY Marriage Tune-Up web page www.ErieRCD.org/flo_diy婚姻tuneup.htm, offers ways to nurture married life and keep it strong. Couples may do these activities alone or with other married couples.

Contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or familylife@ErieRCD.org for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. LAWRENCE AND ST. PHILIP

- Mon., Feb. 5** AA Meeting 8:00 pm St. Lawrence Center
Ladies of the Rosary 6:30pm St Lawrence Church
- Tues., Feb. 6** Adult Education 7:00pm St. Lawrence Center
Knights of Columbus 8:00pm St Lawrence Center
- Wed., Feb. 7** AA Meeting 8:00pm St. Lawrence Center
Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm St. Lawrence Church
Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm St Lawrence Church
- Thur., Feb. 10** Boys Baseball Dance 8:00pm St Lawrence Center
- Sun., Feb. 11** CSA Commitment Sunday



Polka Dance

Saturday February 10, 2018

5:00 to 10:00 PM

\$8/person

\$15/couple

Saint Peter Social Hall

501 Washington St Conneautville PA 16406

More information on poster at entrance of church

**St. Francis Xavier Parish
11th Annual**

Mardi Gras Night

Saturday February 10, 2018

Begins at 6:00PM

\$15 per person

(ages 21 and over ONLY)

Raffles 50/50 Cash giveaway

More information on poster at entrance of church

