



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 31, 2018 - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

8:30 PM ✠ *George Lascek -
(Micheel and Mary Friedman)*

Sunday, April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM ✠ *Philip Remek - (Mrs. Elaine Dolgos)
(at St. Philip)*

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

Monday, April 2, 2018 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM ✠ *Helen Fratalia - (Daniel & Diane Fratalia)*

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM ✠ *For our Homebound Parishioners
(at St. Philip)*

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM ✠ *Jan Rippert - (Rose Teed)*

Thursday, April 5, 2018 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM ✠ *Communion Service*

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

Friday, April 6, 2018 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM ✠ *Margaret Boublitz -
(John & Jeanne Torba)*

Saturday, April 7, 2018 - Vigil

5:00 PM ✠ *Adam and Mary Stankiewicz -
(Jackie Stankiewicz)*

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 AM ✠ *Philip Remek - (Worley Family)
(at St. Philip)*

10:00 AM ✠ *For the People of St Lawrence & St Philip*



Easter Sunday

HOPE RESTORED

Today Christians around the world gather to celebrate the centrality of their faith—that the Lord Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead to bring new life to all who believe. What difference can Easter really make in our lives?

Any difference that Easter can bring can be summed up in one word: hope. Picture yourself as one of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth. The one for whom you had given up everything, the one in whom you had placed all your trust, the one who seemed to be the way to freedom from fear—this one had been put to death in the most horrifying way. He was nailed to a cross, and on that cross it seemed that hope itself breathed its last. Have you ever felt that way—that hope had breathed its last? For many who lose a cherished job, a spouse to death or divorce, a child to drug abuse or disease, there just doesn't seem to be any hope remaining. This was the kind of despair that Peter, John, and Mary of Magdala must have been feeling on that first day of the week.

EASTER: OUR OWN STORY

The Gospel story today is, in a nutshell, the story of our very own lives. It is a story of restored hope. Like those disciples, we must always, when in despair, see and believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. When we place our belief in the power of God to raise Jesus from the dead, we also place our belief in the power of God to deliver us from the death of despair, malaise, and hopelessness. This is at the heart of why we come to church this day. We look to the empty tomb to find hope that was lost. It is for this that we raise heart and voice in an endless "Alleluia!"

We Celebrate and Rejoice

Sarah Brozich
will receive her
First Holy Communion,
Sunday, April 8th
10:00am at St Lawrence Church



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 7/8, 2018

	5:00 PM	10:00 AM
Lectors	P. Thompson	C. Pry
Servers	C. Mundkowsky	C. Luba
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	L. Buttaccio / R. Buttaccio / K. Levis	A. McNally / S. McNally / L. Adamson



Dear Friends in Christ:

Happy Easter!! The final and eternal Covenant is celebrated between the One, true God and humankind in Christ and in Him alone! Choose to live your life as a 'gratitude' sign every day! Even as we age, have to work every day, struggle with disease and frequent disappointments, we have a far-reaching goal established by the Grace of God, eternal life where our funeral liturgy declares, "There will be no more tears; no more suffering..." but only the fullness of the glory of God. We have a joyful message our world needs to hear loudly and clearly. Be a voice of joy! Be a voice of hope! Let your Alleluia be more than a word in a song; let it become a 'way of life.'

Last weekend, the Holy Father encouraged the youth of the world to 'speak up' and declare their truth for their future. They earned respect as they gathered in many places with the 'March for Life' demonstrations. Youth declare that adults across the world need to give good example, need to protect them, need to educate them, need to provide resources for their safety and encourage them to blossom with hope and direction to help the world be a better place because of their contributions.

This week, let us build on that conversation with the Easter message of eternal hope and our personal commitment to ministering in the Name of Jesus. All ages, all people, all ethnic groups are loved and invited to be part of the Easter Proclamation. Jesus IS Lord of Life. Come, let us Rejoice!.

Fr. Jim

March 26, 2018



Catholic Services Appeal 2018		
	Parish Goal	\$29,029
	St. Lawrence	St. Philip
Parish Goals	\$19,353.00	\$9,676.00
# Pledges	60	23
Amount Pledged	\$26,800.00	\$7,325.00
Amount Collected	\$14,345.00	\$4,345.00
Amount for Parish	\$0.00	\$0.00

St. Philip	
March 25th Collection	
Weekly Offertory amount needed to reach budget goals \$673.	
Offertory	\$ 783.00
Food Bank.....	\$ 15.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 808.00

St. Lawrence	
March 25th Collection	
Weekly Offertory amount needed to reach budget goal \$2,048.	
Offertory	\$ 2,014.00
Utilities.....	\$ 35.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 73.00
Candles.....	\$ 91.00
Good Shepherd.....	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,238.00

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

- Mon., Apr. 2**
 - Mass** 8:00 am St Lawrence Church
 - AA Meeting** 8:00 pm St Lawrence Center
 - Ladies of the Rosary** 6:30 pm St Lawrence Church
- Tues., Apr. 3**
 - Mass** 8:00 am St. Philip Church
 - Communion Service** St. Lawrence Church
 - Adult Education** 7:00pm St Lawrence Center
 - Knights of Columbus** 8:00 pm St Lawrence Center
- Wed., Apr. 4**
 - Mass** 8:00 am St. Lawrence Church
 - Adult Choir Practice** 7:00 pm St. Lawrence Church
 - AA Meeting** 8:00pm St. Lawrence Center
 - Prayer Shawl Ministry** 7:00 pm St Lawrence Church
- Sat., Apr. 7**
 - Sportsmen's Spring Get Together** 6:00pm St Lawrence Center



Monastery to host Youth Concert

The Young People's Chorus of Erie will perform its "You Will Be Found" concert April 7 at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie. The chorus is a youth outreach program of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Penn State Behrend, under the artistic direction of Gabrielle Dietrich. The concert is free and open to the public.

Faith Formation



Students, please continue to work on your Lenten Books daily and turn them in at class on April 8th.

April 1

No Class ~ Wishing you a Happy & Holy Easter

April 8

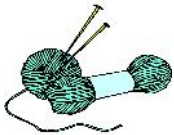
Class

Lenten Books – those who turn in their completed books will be invited to a special celebration during next week's class.

April 15

Class

Lenten Books Party– only those who turn in their completed books will be invited to a special celebration.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have many beautiful and warm shawls or lap robes available to anyone who you think needs or would like one. They are in the front vestibule of St.

Lawrence Church.

If you like to knit, crochet and pray please join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Conference room at the front of St. Lawrence Church.

Praying With A Purpose:

Prayer is a binding force that connects people in a vital way. As people of faith, we ought to be praying for the intentions of each other. The Beatitudes lists several human conditions which we can respond to with prayer and sacrifice. Communicating our need by identifying specific experiences can prompt others to pray for us to overcome illness, to heal from grief, to have courage to seek a job, to know that we are not alone. Let us comfort one another with our genuine prayer and concern for their well-being.

Praying With A Purpose is the 'name' of our parish Prayer Chain. Four people joined in a conversation about this ministry on Tuesday evening. When one of them receives a phone call from someone requesting prayers, the others will be called and each member of this 'phone connection' will commit to daily prayer for the special intention and the person who has an identified need. These intentions will be included in a special space in our Bulletin and included in our Eucharistic Prayer of the Faithful for at least one month or until the intention is satisfied.

As more people respond by volunteering to be on the Prayer Chain, the group will expand, more calls will be made and more prayerful support will bind us together as a 'praying community.' For now, the first contact person is Cathie Wojtecki (756-5961) then Norma Jafko (814-756-3889), then Grace Black (814-756-4381) and Jim Pellegrino (814-882-0877). Grace and Jim are skilled at texting.

I know there are many more people who will participate in this prayer-ministry. It will grow and be a clear sign that prayer is truly a part of our lives as Catholic Christians and it ties us together in the grace of Christ and love for people who have distress in their lives.

Fr. Jim

3/28/2018



We are preparing the next ministry schedule which will cover the period May 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018.

Please notify the office, by April 15, 2018 of the dates or mass times that you do not wish to serve. We will try to accommodate your requests.

Remember, once the schedule is printed it is your responsibility to find a sub if you cannot serve.

Cursillo Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2018



Our next Cursillo is April 17th-22nd Men's 244. John Rotko is on the team.

The next Women's Cursillo is

May 17th -22nd. Criss Rotko is on the team.

Our Next Cursillo gathering will be Sunday April 15th after the 10:00 am Mass.

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner is on hold.

Contact Terry or Pat Bowersox if you are interested and have questions on making a Cursillo. 859-0003

Make a friend, Be a friend and

Bring that friend to Christ.



Saint Philip's Annual Rummage Trash and Treasure Sale

Sale Dates

Thursday, May 24th 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Friday, May 25th 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Saturday, May 26th (BUY 1 BAG GET 2 FREE) 9:00AM to 12:00PM (Noon)

Help is needed to set up, sort and price items

Sunday May 20th 9:00AM to 12:00PM (Noon)
Monday May 21st 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Tuesday May 22nd 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Wednesday May 23rd 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Volunteers also needed to work the sale

Complete list of donation suggestions and additional information about the sale will be in next weeks bulletin.

Mark this week in your calendar

**Saint Lawrence
Ladies of the Rosary
Annual Trash to Treasure Sale**

Saturday April 21, 2018

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

St. Lawrence Center

The fee is \$10.00 per table to be paid in advance.

***Please contact Tammy Maskrey at 572-1054 or
Angie Shade at 756-4512 to reserve your tables.***



*The Salvation Army Truck
will arrive at the
end of the event to take any items
you wish to donate.*

**A "Take Back the Site" prayer vigil for
Amanda Schmitt (Grazioli)**

a victim of violence

Once again violence has touched

Our city Our Neighborhood Our hearts.

We need to reclaim the place where
violence has occurred.
We need to pray for all people who are
victims of violence. We need to believe that a nonvio-
lent way of life is possi-
ble.

Please join us in prayer:

Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018

Time: 5:15 p.m.

**Place: 5843 Forest Crossing
(Whispering Woods subdivision, off Grubb Rd.)**

**Benedictine Sisters and Oblates • Sisters of St. Joseph and
Associates Sisters of Mercy and Associates**

