

# *Saint Lawrence-Saint Philip Catholic Church*

*Fr. Marc Solomon - Pastor*

*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*



*"And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the desert.  
He was in the desert forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts;  
and the angels waited on him. ~Mark 1:12-13*

*First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, February 18, 2024*

# February 18, 2024 - First Sunday Of Lent

## Contact Information

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Parish Office Hours  
9:00 am till 2:00 pm  
Monday thru Thursday  
Thursday - Closed 12:00-12:45 For Mass

Faith Formation Leader  
Cassie Adamczyk  
Faith Formation Leader  
814-756-4840 - Office  
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Maintenance  
Jim Mitchell

Parish Center/Rental Information  
Rena Mihalak  
814-756-4840 -- Please Leave a Message.

St. James Cemetery  
Manager - Greg Petrus

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5:00 pm at St. Lawrence  
Sunday @ 8:00 am at St. Philip  
Sunday @ 10:00 am at St. Lawrence  
(Live-Streamed For Your Convenience)

### Weekday Masses

All at St. Lawrence  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 8:00am  
Thursday & Friday - 12:00pm

### Holy Hour

Tuesday Evenings 6:00 at St. Lawrence

### First Friday

Adoration 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass @ 5:15 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, February 19, 2024 Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM *Max Stephen*  
( Ray & Terry Garries )

### Tuesday, February 20, 2024 Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † *All Souls*

### Wednesday, February 21, 2024 Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM *Judy Diehl*  
*For Health & Wellbeing*  
( Greg & Lori Adamson )

### Thursday, February 22, 2024 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

12:00 PM † *All Souls*

### Friday, February 23, 2024 Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM † *All Souls*

### Saturday, February 24, 2024 Sunday Vigil Mass Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM † *Gerald Teed*  
( Rose Teed and Family )

### Sunday, February 25, 2023 Second Sunday Of Lent

8:00 AM † *For The Living & Deceased Members Of*  
*St. Lawrence And St. Philip Church*

10:00 AM † *Charles & Doris Perry*  
( Mike Rastetter )

Please join us for  
Stations of the Cross,  
Every Friday  
at 6:30 pm at  
St. Lawrence Church





## Deacon's Corner

February 18, 2024



### Rule 9: Frame Your Mind with Faith

This week, let's finish with the book *Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day* by Chris Stefanick. Rule 9: Frame your Mind with Faith is a great way to start the season of Lent.

Chris starts this chapter with, "Faith isn't only *religious practices*. Faith is the way you see everything." In this chapter, we hear about the power of framing our faith in the proper perspective and how the frame makes the picture. Some framing hides reality. Good framing doesn't do that. "Frame of mind doesn't just determine what we think but how we think."

"The saints are people who let the Faith frame their minds, shaping their hearts on a deep, even subconscious, level." St. Paul is a beautiful example of joy amid hardships and trials. Even though Paul was in prison in Rome waiting for his execution, his writings did not reflect this. Paul writes in Phil 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say Rejoice."

Our lives should be framed by and anchored in love. "A Godless frame of mind is totally empty. An atheistic worldview is a string of events without a story." Without the "story," we cut out the divine author, God. God is also our anchor. "The choppy surfaces of the sea doesn't disturb an anchor. Hurricanes and tidal waves and persecution and job loss and cancer (insert your waves here) can't rob you of your hope when it's anchored in the Love of God." "For this reason, Rule 9 is the rule for a joyful life that lasts when all others fade."

Chris outlines three ways to frame your mind with faith:

1. Reject toxic faith. Receive Love. – "Most people in the ancient world grew up with the idea that God is very, very angry." Practice resting in God's love. "Take a deep breath. Quiet your heart. And picture Jesus looking at you from the cross. He's not looking at the world, just you."
2. Make a decision for Love. – "If we can sum up the entire story of the Bible, and of human existence, it's this; your God is in love with you. Madly in love." "Deep faith doesn't make you someone else. It makes you fully you."
3. Practice your faith. – Chris Stefanick writes that we should keep "practicing" our Catholic faith. "I like the word 'practicing' because, on one level, it implies 'active.' But on another level, it implies 'amateur,' 'messy,' and often 'failing.' And that's ok. The important thing is that we keep practicing, even when it's hard, because, in the words of St. Peter, 'Lord, to whom shall we go?' (John 6:68)." "Christianity is simple and glorious all at the same time."

This Lent may be the perfect opportunity to get a copy of the book *Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day*. To reflect more deeply on the true joys of life and the love of God.

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



## 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



**Irene's  
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Alterations

Irene Petruska  
12450 Rt. 98  
Edinboro, Pa. 16412  
(814)384-3176

## Springfield Monument Company Cemetery Memorial Specialists

**Jim & Rosa Youschak**  
**Owner / Memorial Designer**

**PO Box 247**  
**11885 Main Street**  
**East Springfield PA 16411**

**1-800-729-3516**

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## St. Lawrence/St. Philp Faith Formation

Sundays 11:00am-12:30pm  
K through 11

To register contact:  
Cassie Adamczyk at  
814-756-4840 (Office)  
814-873-8339 (Cell)



## Ministries

*Serve the Lord and serve the  
Parish as an:*

Altar Server  
students grade 4 and up

Lector  
post confirmation Adults

Greeter  
high school students and up

Contact Parish Office for  
more information  
756-3623

## 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!



*"Those who sing pray twice!"*

## 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
- ☐ Address Change
- ☐ Moving out of Parish

## 52-200 Club Weekly Winners

~ February 2024 ~

Week 1 - Feb 4	Rose Podluzne
Week 2 - Feb 11	Betsy Baker
Week 3 - Feb 18	Heather Gacek
Week 4 - Feb 25	Richard Fratus

### Congratulations To Our Winners!

There are tickets available  
for the 2023 - 2024 Season.  
If you would like to purchase one,  
please contact Tammy Maskrey  
or any member of The Ladies of the Rosary.

~ 52/200 ~

St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary, has left over 2023-2024, 52/200 tickets that are available for purchase for \$10.00 each. The ticket will give you 1 chance to win \$50.00 every week until May 4th. You will also be eligible for our big money cash prizes to be drawn on May 4th.

These tickets will be on sale after the 10am Masses, or you may call the Parish Office for additional information on how to purchase one.

## This Week at St. Lawrence-St. Philp Church

Monday, February 19	*Bingo - 6:30 St. Lawrence Parish Center Doors Open at 5:30
	*AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Tuesday, February 20	*Holy Hour - 6 pm St. Lawrence Church
Wednesday, February 21	*AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Thursday, February 22	*Men's Bible Study - 7 pm St. Lawrence Church Conference Room
Friday, February 16	*Stations Of The Cross - 6:30 pm St. Lawrence Church



Fr. Marc will lead a 5-week Bible Study for the Men of our Parish, beginning Thursday, February 22nd. This Bible Study will run every Thursday during Lent, at 7pm at St. Lawrence Church.

What a wonderful way to journey through the 40 days of Lent.

## Culinary Ministry



We could always use a few more people to bring in a meal during the month for Fr. Marc.

If you would like to join this ministry, please call the Parish Office at 814.756.3623

## St. Lawrence Lector Schedule

Saturday, February 17 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, February 18 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, February 24 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson  
Sunday, February 25 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry

Saturday, March 2 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, March 3 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, March 9 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson  
Sunday, March 10 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry





### ~Praying With A Purpose~

To add a prayer request, please contact  
Cathy Wojtecki 756-5961 or  
Norma Jafko 756-3889

Melissa  
Cherie  
Mike Sawin  
Andrew Segal  
Judy Diehl  
Maddalena Ranelli  
Kelly Wojtecki  
Tom Lascek  
Lisa Ballmann  
Angela Mulligan  
Dawn Betle

Jon Reibel  
Jim Bernoski  
Marilyn Madden  
Carol (Schultz) Raiff  
Bill Pavolko  
Janet Lance  
Shawn  
Judy Graham  
Nancy Cherry  
Tammy Lynn  
& Kevin

Max Stephen  
Tony Hudacky  
Ron Salisbury  
DJ  
Carrie Sawin  
BJ Leicht  
Cathy Wojtecki  
Our Homebound  
Parishioners

Sunday, February 18th  
Class

Sunday, February 25th  
Class

If you have any questions or concerns,  
please contact our Faith Formation Facilitator,

Cassie Adamczyk  
Office - 814-756-4840  
Cell - 814-873-8339

Faith Formation



A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. United as *One Faith, One Family*, your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. We are inspired and grateful for your support.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**Sacrificial Giving For The Weekend Of  
February 10th & 11th**

**\$3,145.00**

**Weekly Offertory Budget Goal  
\$ 2,535.00**



**The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal  
Our Diocesan Assessment—\$28,881.00**

**Current Households—137**

# **St. Lawrence - St. Philip Lenten Project**

## **~Feed The Poor~**

Sponsored by GECAC

**Pick up a reusable grocery bag located  
in the front vestibule of either Church.**

**The bag contains a food list.**

**Purchase the food on the list, and return your filled bag  
to the front vestibule of either Church,  
no later than Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**The bags will be distributed by GECAC before Easter,  
to Seniors, Families, and Individuals in need in our area.**



**“When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat.”  
~Matthew 25:35**



## HELP NEEDED

St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary will be having its annual Card Party on April 18<sup>th</sup>. They are asking for help from parishes around the Diocese to sell raffle tickets for this Card Party. We are looking for a few people from St. Lawrence and St. Philp Parish who are willing to sell these raffle tickets after Masses, the weekend of March 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>.

Please call the Parish Office if you can help in any way.

This annual Card Party is the only fundraiser that provides support to our Seminarians.



**We have put together a list of Parishes and local organizations, who are serving Fish Dinners during the Lenten Season. This list is located at the entrance of both churches .**

## ~ Monday Night Bingo ~ St. Lawrence Center

Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30

Games Begin at 6:30

Jackpot... \$1,150  
in 57 balls or less

Come Join The Fun!!



# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

SIGN UP NOW FOR LENT UNIVERSITY AT SAINT JUDE CHURCH. CLASSES AND SESSIONS FOR EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF PARISH. WE ARE PROUD TO BE PARTNERING WITH LOCAL CHURCHES TO MAKE THIS LENT AMAZING!

[WWW.SAINTJUDE.CHURCH/LENTU](http://WWW.SAINTJUDE.CHURCH/LENTU)

## All Are Invited To Take Part In The Interim Phase Of The Synod On Synodality

Parishioners from the Diocese of Erie participated in parish-level listening sessions during Phase I of the Synod on Synodality held in the winter of 2021-22. Following the international gathering in Rome last fall, synod organizers now are asking dioceses to cultivate additional dialogue before its planned October 2024 session. The Diocese of Erie is therefore facilitating additional opportunities to deepen and broaden their prayerful reflection. Sessions — open to all — will be held via Zoom in the diocese on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 8 pm, Thursday, Feb. 29 at 10 am, and Tuesday, March 5 at 12 pm. Registration is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/47PyuTyARs>.

More information about the synodal process and its history in the Diocese of Erie can be found at <https://www.eriercd.org/synod.html>.