



Saint Lawrence and Saint Philip

Roman Catholic Churches



Saint Philip Mission Church
25797 State Highway #98
Edinboro, Pa. 16412
Founded 1807

Saint Lawrence Church
180 East State Street
Albion, Pa. 16401
Founded 1914

Rev. James J. Kennelley - Pastor

Email: jjk103@zoominternet.net

Reconciliation:
Schedule Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45pm in St. Lawrence
Saturday @ 5:00pm in St. Lawrence
Sunday @ 8:00am in St. Philip
Sunday @ 10:00am in St. Lawrence

Schedule Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 8:00am in St Lawrence
Tuesday and Thursday @ 8:00am in St Philip

First Friday Masses:

Adoration 4:00pm to 5:00pm Mass @ 5:15pm in St. Lawrence

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Please call the Parish Office for more information. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Parishioners are requested to contact the pastor at least six months in advance to begin preparation for this sacrament. Participation is required in the Pre-Cana Program or Engagement Encounter.

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. Notify the Parish Office of hospitalization and/or Communion to the sick and shut-ins. Emergencies will be addressed at any time.

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Office hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday - Thursday

Email: stlawrencealbion@gmail.com

Webpage: www.stlawrencealbion.org

Office: 814-756-3623

Fax: 814-756-5918

Center and Religious Education Office: 814-756-4840

Faith Formation email: stlawrencelife@gmail.com



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14, 2019- Vigil

5:00 PM † *Dennis Mooney - (Diana Mooney)*

Sunday, December 15, 2019 –Third Sunday of Advent

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

10:00 AM † *James and Virginia Fratalia - (Estate)*

Monday, December 16, 2019 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM *Ed Michaud for illness -*
(*Jim and Norella Consedine*)

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM † *All Souls*
(at St. Philip)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † *Brian Steadman - (Larry and Joyce Kulyk)*

Thursday, December 19, 2019 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM † *All Souls*
(at St. Philip)

Friday, December 20, 2019 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † *Gerald Teed & Kathy Teed - (Family)*

Saturday, December 21, 2019 - Vigil

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

Sunday, December 22, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM † *Rita Bernoski - (Elaine Schmidt)*
(at St. Philip)

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



*Third
Sunday of
Advent*

GOD’S FAVOR

Jesus was deep into his work when John the Baptist was imprisoned for speaking truth to power. John’s disciples were immersed in their own lives when his imprisonment was visited upon them. They didn’t have the luxury of hindsight, and they were visibly shaken by John’s imprisonment and certain fate. They came to Jesus to ask John’s question and their own, “Are you the one?”

As evidence of his identity, Jesus recites the signs of God’s favor. The words he uses echo those of Isaiah. These are the very words from the first reading, and they are fresh in our minds. Jesus does not give us abstractions or high-sounding ideas. He does not speak of a God who reigns in highest heaven. He speaks of a God who acts on our behalf. John’s disciples can see that God’s power plays itself out in compassion. We are invited to see this, too. Not only that, we are invited to be the instrument of God’s compassion, just as Jesus was.

Jesus also takes time to sing the praises of John, this principled man who does not change with the wind. Jesus reiterates that there is no greater person born of woman than John the Baptist. His was the privilege of heralding the coming of the Savior. But greater than this, Jesus pointedly adds, is John’s participation in the reign of God.

Our role is not to announce the coming of the Lord, but to receive the Lord whom John heralded. If the earth is to bud forth a Savior in our time, it will have to be through our healing mission that is his work. For John, this work cost him his life. We have the vocation of continuing this costly work. Especially during this season, we are asked to recall our commitment to healing, reconciliation, and peacemaking. This is a rejoicing Sunday because we can see and taste Christmas. This is a season of joyful anticipation as we consciously look for ways to be active, effective members of the reign of God.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC 21 / 22 2019

	5:00 PM	10:00 AM
Lectors	S. Muetzel	C. Pry
Servers	Volunteer	A. Teed
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	H. Risinger L. Buttaccio / R. Buttaccio	C. Niedermeyer D. Paradise / M. Paradise

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



Dear Friends in Christ:

Many thanks to Juanita and her 'band of merry workers' who committed to bringing about last week's Community Dinner at St. Lawrence. Many donations of turkeys, ham, food products, energetic helpers and smiling faces helped to lighten the load and give purpose to our ministry.

Healthy community is formed by people who come together to serve a purpose that is noble. Feeding people generously, welcoming stranger and friend in the Holiday Season acknowledges the Presence of Holy among us. Nourished in mind, body and spirit, people shared stories of their lives, ways in which they have helped others through the Northwestern Food Pantry of Albion, and highlighted many of the ways in which our Parish of St. Lawrence normally contributes to that project throughout the year.

Much of the leftover food will nourish people in the hot meal programs within Erie, some will be used for Monday night Bingo concession which benefits St. Lawrence and St. Philip Parishes. After all costs are accounted for, 90% of the total net income from the Community Dinner goes without prejudice to the Northwestern Food Pantry of Albion that serves over 100 square miles of Erie County, alleviating the poor and needy throughout the year.

Thank you very much for contributing, for attending, for enjoying and for pitching in and working the annual Community Dinner at St. Lawrence. Even though there were about 75 fewer people attending the dinner this year than last year, the spirit was positive and very productive.

Fr. Jim

December 9, 2019

Special Collection Results

Retirement fund for the Religious

St. Philip\$ 341.00
St. Lawrence\$ 800.00



Catholic Services Appeal 2019

	St. Lawrence	St. Philip
Parish Goals	\$18,377.00	\$9,188.00
# Pledges	52	12
Amount Pledged	\$19,460.00	\$4,970.00
Amount Collected	\$20,475.00	\$8,840.00
Amount for Parish	+ \$2,098.00	- \$240.00

**St. Philip
December 8th Collection**

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$723.00
Amount collected..... \$818.00
Surplus / Deficit..... + \$ 95.00

**St. Lawrence
December 8th Collection**

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$2,148.00
Amount collected..... \$1,981.00
Surplus / Deficit..... - \$167.00

Praying with a Purpose

Cathy Wojtecki 756-5961, Norma Jafko 756-3889,
or Jim Pellegrino.

Among those we are praying for

*Kylie Allen-Kulyk, Tom Lascek,
Justin Lascek, Jim and Julia Zurinsky,
Judy Diehl, Michael Lavor, Glen Black*



December, 2019

\$50.00 Weekly


52 - 200 Club Winners

Congratulations to the December Winners!

- Week 1 Betty Jo Leicht Dec. 1, 2019**
- Week 2 Christina Golden Dec. 8, 2019**
- Week 3 Lucy Fuller Dec. 15, 2019**
- Week 4 Rose Beverage Dec. 22, 2019**
- Week 5 Bob Kaleida Dec. 29, 2019**

**January winners will be drawn at the next
Ladies of the Rosary Meeting.
December 5th, 2019 ~ 6:00 pm
Valenza Restaurant**

Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings
First Thursday of the
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

All Ladies of the parish are welcome!

Weaver
Hair!
Beauty Salon
&
Barber Shop




Karen Weaver
11 North Main St
Albion
756-4894




JOIN THE
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #3979

A CATHOLIC
FAMILY FRATERNAL
SERVICE ORGANIZATION

CALL: JOHN SHADE 756-4512



Cursillo

"making a friend, being a friend,
and
introducing that friend to Christ."

Parish Coordinators:
Terry and Patti Bowersox 814-859-0003

Ministries

Serve the Lord and serve the
Parish as an:

Altar Server
students grade 4 and up

Eucharistic Minister
post confirmation Adults

Lector
post confirmation Adults

Greeter
high school students and up

Contact Parish Office for



Irene's
TAILORING
Alterations

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

Mattera Funeral Home

Pasquale (Pat) Mattera
Funeral Director / Owner
188 East State Street
Albion, PA 16401
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fax 814-756-4648

Springfield Monument Company
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East Springfield PA 16411

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP CHOIR




Under the direction of Carrie Sawin
for students from K - 12

Call Carrie Sawin at 756-4658 or e-mail at
carriesawin@roadrunner.com with questions.

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!"
(St. Augustine)

St. Lawrence
Religious
Education



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

To register contact:
814-756-4840

Religious Education Leader



St. Lawrence and St. Philip Church

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

CHECK ONE

New

Address Change

Moving out of
Parish

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

- Mon., Dec. 16 Penance Service - Our Lady of the Lake ,
Edinboro PA ~ 7:00pm
Bingo 5:30 pm Doors open and Concessions
Game begins at 6:30 - St. Lawrence Center
AA Meeting 8:00 pm St Lawrence Center
- Wed., Dec. 18 Penance Service - All Saints,
Waterford PA ~ 7:00pm
AA Meeting 8:00 pm St. Lawrence Center
- Thur, Dec. 19 Penance Service - St. Lawrence,
Albion PA 7:00pm
- Sun. Dec. 21 Penance Service - St. Anthony
Cambridge Springs PA 7:00pm

Christmas Mass

Servers- Lectors - Eucharistic Ministers

**Christmas Eve 5:00 pm*

G. Seneta

M. Salisbury

C. Rotko / I. Hosey / J. Hosey

**Christmas Day 10:00 am*

A. Rimel

S. Muetzel

K. Levis / A. McNally / S. McNally

Faith Formation

December 15 ~ Class

*December 22 ~ Class / Faith Formation
Christmas Party*

*December 29 ~ No Class
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

January 5 ~ Class

**Contact Info: Susie Muetzel Office hours Tues/Thur 9 - 2
Office~ 756-4840 Home~ 756-0624*

Adult Faith Formation

**Sundays beginning January 12th after
10:00 Mass in the Center from 11:00 - 12:30.
Catechist for this class will be Rob Adamczyk.*

** Topic: a Biblical Walk Through the Mass
(yes, this is the program that was studied several
years ago). Understanding what we say and do in
the Liturgy and WHY is a positive result of healthy
reading, reflecting and discussion.*

** Ongoing adult faith formation will
continue through the year following the Faith
Formation Calendar. If you have any questions
contact Susie Muetzel, Faith Formation Leader.*

**Contact Info: Susie Muetzel Office hours Tues/Thur 9 - 2
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Bingo Update: Dec. 16, 2019

Planned Payouts

- 8 Regular games..... \$35
6 Doubles..... \$40
3 Specials..... 50/50
Early Bird Jackpot..... \$250 in
60 #s or less
Consolation..... \$75
Progressive Jackpot..... \$1100 in
54 #s or less
Consolation..... \$150
Instant games throughout the night

Gift Certificates for Bingo!

We have Gift Certificates available for Bingo.
What a great way to invite a friend to join you for a
night out. The certificates are available for purchase eve-
ry Monday night at Bingo. They are not just for Christ-
mas.



We would like to say hello and welcome to Fr. Jim's brother Robert Kennelley who is visiting for a week from Florida. His family, wife Judy and daughter Valerie, recently moved from Reading Pa to Florida. Bob is retired after 44 years in the insurance business. Bob is also a Vietnam Veteran serving with the US Air Force for 8 years.

Welcome, we hope you enjoy your visit.

Year End Donations – Reminder – We have until the end of December to have a ‘special year-end’ donation made for St. Lawrence or St. Philip Church that can be tax deductible for 2019!!

Above and beyond your weekly Offertory Donation, this special ‘Year-End Donation’ is intended to help the parish balance budget for the calendar year and narrow the gap from our budgeted weekly goal and actual Offertory receipts. Our normal weekly Offertory is in the negative for both parishes as noted in the bulletin.

Your Year End Donation can make a difference...and it is a reasonable tax deduction for you as well. Better to ‘keep it local’ rather than losing our benefits. Thank you.

Fr. Jim

St Patrick's Party

Saturday,
March 14, 2020



An organizational meeting will be held for this party on January 7th at 6:30pm in the St. Lawrence Center. Anyone wanting to help is welcome and so are all of your ideas!



Jim Mitchell and Renae Mihalak are the Co-Chairs for this event.

We are asking for your help in selling tickets for the John Deere lawnmower that we will be giving away on March 14th, 2020. Jim Mitchell and Renae Mihalak have tickets for you to sell to family, friends, strangers, co-workers...everyone!



If you have tickets that you've sold please put ticket stubs and money in an envelope with your name on the envelope and turn it into Jim, Renae or you can put the envelope into the collection basket at Mass.

Reminder: The weekly bulletin is also available to you online. It can be found on the church's webpage:

www.stlawrencealbion.org