

*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**

Cell: 724-866-9212

Email: [jjk103@zoominternet.net](mailto: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:**

Email: [stlawrencealbion@gmail.com](mailto:stlawrencealbion@gmail.com)  
Webpage: [www.stlawrencealbion.org](http://www.stlawrencealbion.org)  
Office 814-756-3623 Office hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Fax: 814-756-5918  
Center and Religious Education Office: 814-756-4840



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 22, 2018 -

**Vigil**

5:00 PM *The Nick Kulyk Family - ( The Kaleida Family )*

**Sunday, December 23, 2018 - Fourth 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 24, 2018 - Vigil ~ The Nativity of the Lord~ Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM ☩ *For the People of St. Lawrence and St. Philip*  
(at St. Lawrence)

7:00 PM ☩ *For the People of St. Lawrence and St. Philip*  
(at St. Philip)

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas Day**

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*  
(at St. Lawrence)

**Wednesday, December 26, 2018 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**

8:00 AM ☩ *Patrick Yealy - ( The Kaleida Family )*

**Thursday, December 27, 2018 - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM ☩ *For the Homebound of our Parish*  
(at St. Philip)

**Friday, December 28, 2018 - The Holy innocents, Martyrs**

8:00 AM ☩ *Charles and Paula Shafer -( St Lawrence Parish )*

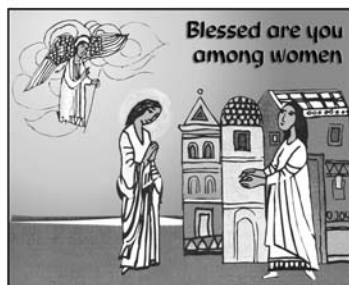
**Saturday, December 29, 2018 - Vigil**

5:00 PM ☩ *Ron Mayer - ( The Kaleida Family )*

**Sunday, December 30, 2018 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 AM ☩ *Russell, Nancy and Debbie Worley -*  
(at St. Philip) *( Janet and Family )*

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



### **“BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB”**

Luke’s infancy narratives are carefully written to reveal that the child Jesus who was born in Bethlehem is truly the Son of God, the long-awaited Messiah of the Jews, and the Savior of all people. In today’s Gospel Elizabeth proclaims the good news to Mary, and to us, that Mary’s child is divine. She says, “Blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:43). As Luke tells it, John the Baptist recognized Jesus before either of them had been born, and announced Jesus’ identity as the anointed Son of God through Elizabeth’s words.

The first and second readings for this Sunday highlight Jesus’ identity as Savior of all people. In Micah we hear that “his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth” and in Hebrews we are reminded that his death was an offering “for all.” Today’s scriptures should reveal to us the full significance of the Incarnation, the coming of God in the form of a humble human infant.

### **REAL PRESENCE**

We may never fully grasp God’s real presence in the human form of the infant Jesus. Just so, we may never fully grasp the real presence of God in the humble form of the Eucharist. The one who came down from heaven and became human at Christmas comes down from heaven at every Eucharist and offers us his body and blood so that all might be consecrated—that is, share in his divine life. As we sing the Lamb of God litany and receive Communion this week, may we welcome the Son of God and Savior of all people, the Messiah and Lamb of God. May we recognize him not only in the infant Jesus and in the Eucharist, but in all of our sisters and brothers.

In every Eucharist the Incarnation continues; God takes on human form and dwells among us.

#### **LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 29/30, 2018**

	5:00 PM	10:00 AM
Lectors	M. Mayer	C. Pry
Servers		C. Sawin
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	C.Hudacky I. Hosey / J. Hosey	S. Sawin A. McNally / S. McNally



Dear Friends in Christ:

Only a couple of days before we celebrate Christmas!! Just enough time to get the 'figgy pudding' ready, 'Stolon' baked and glazed, and the stockings hung up by the fire with the hope that more than a couple of nuggets of coal will materialize in them on Monday evening!:)

To offset the 'materialistic' and 'institutional' monopoly of Christmas, perhaps taking a slow walk along part of the Peninsula, or quiet pathway in the nearby woods (without firearms) and listening to the many ways nature speaks for itself would quieten your heart. The universe, in all its complexity and simplicity reflects the awesome Presence of its creator. The birth of Jesus will fulfill the hundreds of generations of prophesy alerting us to the Word becoming Flesh, the full and incontrovertible "Incarnation." What an amazing gesture of total and complete Unity between the Creator and His Creation!

That fluttering leaf on a tree branch you perceive on your brief walk represents the fragility of 'all that is,' the temporariness of life in this world, the importance of thriving and shining when we are able to contribute to the cascade of vibrancy in due season. Be whom God created you to be. It's the best you can do! Happy finale of Advent! Make the most of the life God has given you to live as a sign of gratitude for the fleeting opportunity!

Fr. Jim

December 23

**Fr. Pete: "Praise. Go back to the *Magnificat*. Mary asked no questions about what would happen through the years."**

*Praying with a Purpose*  
 Cathy Wojtecki 756-5961, Norma Jafko 756-3889,  
 Grace Black 844-0246 or Jim Pellegrino 882-0877.  
**Among those we are praying for**  
*Kylie Allen-Kulyk and Tom Lascek*



*Christmas Mass Schedule*

*Christmas Eve ~ ~ December 24th*

*5:00 pm Mass St. Lawrence  
 Family/Children  
 7:00 pm Mass St. Philip*

*Christmas Day ~ ~ December 25th*

*8:00 am Mass St. Philip  
 10:00 am Mass St. Lawrence*



<u>Catholic Services Appeal 2018</u>		
Parish Goal \$29,029		
	St. Lawrence	St. Philip
Parish Goals	\$19,353.00	\$9,676.00
# Pledges	64	27
Amount Pledged	\$24,100.00	\$ 8,615.00
Amount Collected	\$23,750.00	\$ 11,772.00
Amount for Parish	\$ 4,397.00	\$ 2,096.00
<p style="text-align: center;">St. Philip December 16th Collection</p> <p>Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$723.00                      Amount collected..... \$801.00                      Surplus / Deficit..... + 78.00</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">St. Lawrence December 16th Collection</p> <p>Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$2,148.00                      Amount collected..... \$2,000.00                      Surplus / Deficit..... - 148.00</p>		

**\$50.00 Weekly  
 52 - 200 Club Winner  
 Week # 33 12/16/2018**

**Congratulations to:  
 Phyllis Tobin**

**Beginning in December the Ladies of the Rosary have chosen to make all drawings for each month to take place during their monthly meeting. Their meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in the St. Lawrence Church.**

Ladies of the Rosary  
in Common-Unity

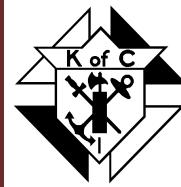


Meetings  
First Thursday  
of the month at  
6:30PM

call: Tammy Maskrey 572-1046  
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!

**Place your Ad in  
this Space**

Contact the parish office  
for pricing. 814-756-3623



**JOIN THE  
KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL**

A CATHOLIC  
FAMILY FRATERNAL  
SERVICE ORGANIZATION

CALL: JOHN SHADE 756-4512

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*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 more  
information  
756-3623

*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  
814-756-4151  
fax 814-756-4648

**Cursillo**

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

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

**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)*

See Sr. Charlene or a Choir Member

**St. Lawrence  
Religious  
Education**

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

To register contact:  
Criss Rotko  
Religious Education Leader  
756-4840

**St. Lawrence and St. Philip Church  
Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE**

New

Address Change

Moving out of Parish



## FAITH FORMATION

Dec. 23 No Class  
Merry Christmas!

Dec. 30 No Class  
Happy New Year!

Jan. 6 Class 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 Class 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation  
January 1, 2019*

*Mass Schedule*

*December 31 Vigil*  
7:00pm~~ St. Lawrence

*January 1*  
8:00am~~ St. Philip  
10:00am~~ St. Lawrence

### The Knights of Columbus Plastic Collection Program



The Knights of Columbus will begin collecting clean plastic bags and plastic film in January. There will be a collection box at the front entrance of St. Philip and at the side entrance of St. Lawrence for you to put your plastic.

Please carefully read the green flyer that is included with today's bulletin to clarify what type of plastics you should collect.

If all goes well and at least 500 pounds of plastic is collected in 6 months time a bench will be provided to us by Trex.

Please support this program

### Lector and Eucharist Minister volunteers needed for the Holy Day Masses.

Vigil Mass~

December 31, 2018 at 7:00pm

Holy Day Mass

January 1, 2019 at 10:00am

Contact Fr. Jim or the office  
if interested

*We will not have Bingo on  
Christmas Eve,  
Monday, December 23rd  
nor on New Years Eve,  
Monday, December 31st.*

*Bingo will resume Monday  
January 7th, 2019*

*Progressive Jackpot:  
\$1200 in 51#s or less*

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

Mon., Dec., 24 Bingo Postponed for the Holidays

Game will resume on January 7, 2019

AA Meeting 8:00 pm St Lawrence Center

Tues., Dec., 25 Adult Education 7:00 pm Postponed until

January 9th, 2019

Wed., Dec., 26 AA Meeting 8:00 pm St. Lawrence Center

*For Unto Us a  
Child is Born*



*Merry Christmas*