Saint Lawrence & Saint Philip Roman Catholic Churches

Rev. James J Kennelley - Pastor Paul McCoy - Deacon Susan Muetzel - Faith Formation Facilitator



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



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

Staff Contact Information

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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)

<u>Weekday Masses:</u> Monday thru Friday @ 8:00am at St Lawrence First Friday Masses:

Adoration 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Mass @5:15 pm at St. Lawrence <u>Reconciliation:</u>

Saturday @ 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence

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.

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.

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.



Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday, January 8, 2022</u> <u>Christmas Weekday</u> 5:00 PM ♥ Ray "Buster" Wadsworth (Jim & Cathy Hudacky and Family)

> Sunday, January 9, 2022 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM 🕆 For the People of St. Philip & St. Lawrence

10:00 AM 🕆 Patricia Smock For Healing & Health (St. Lawrence Parish) (Live Streamed For Your Convenience At 10:00 am)

<u>Monday, January 10, 2022</u> <u>Weekday - First Week in Ordinary Time</u>

> 8:00 AM 🕆 Irene Mando (St. Lawrence Parish)

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Weekday

> 8:00 AM 🕆 Judy Diehl (Kaleida Family)

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 Weekday

8:00 AM T All Souls

<u>Thursday, January 13, 2022</u> <u>Weekday</u>

8:00 AM 🕆 Patricia Smock For Healing & Health (St. Lawrence Parish Family)

Friday, January 14, 2022 Weekday 8:00 AM ♀ Becky Pintea (St. Lawrence Parish)

<u>Saturday, January 15, 2022</u> <u>Weekday</u> 5:00 PM ₽ Harry Wertelet (Joseph, John, Jason & Ruth)

Sunday, January 16, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM 🕆 For the People of St. Philip & St. Lawrence

10:00 AM 🕆 Ann Suscheck (Ray & Terry Garries & Family) (Live Streamed For Your Convenience At 10:00 am)



Dear Friends in Christ:

The Baptism of the Lord is difficult for us to appreciate from the point of view of understanding Baptism in our perspective. Jesus was sinless. He had no need for absolution. So his baptism was an initiation of following Him by being immersed in the way of life he taught. It symbolizes Jesus' initiation of conversion as a total re-starting life in His name.

We are called to a new beginning, enter with no holding back, no excuses! We follow Jesus completely, beginning with baptism. We are changed from that moment forward. Jesus is not.

Jesus is the one who forgives our sins, absolutely, totally and completely. We initiate going to Jesus in the sacrament of Baptism. This is our starting point as adults. We begin a new way of life in His Name. We are accountable to Him; he is welcoming of us. Once we begin Life in His Grace, we can renew it through Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Jesus endorses John's fervent proclamation for change and leads the way in it by His example, teaching and leadership. We follow, are reinforced and blessed.

Fr. Jim January 9, 2022

~Praying With A Purpose~

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

Please keep the following people

in your prayers.....

Kylie Allen-Kulyk, Tony Jantosik, Judy, Jon Reibel, George Wallet, Lucille Schmidt, Larry Pavolko, Don Wickwire, Patricia Smock and The Families of Jim Pellegrino & Palla Tautin



Deacon's Corner

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

You may ask why would Jesus need to be baptized?

Here is a wonderful and complete response from Catholic Answers:

"Jesus did not need to be baptized. The baptism by John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance, and the sacrament of Baptism removes original sin. Since Jesus had neither original sin nor actual sin, he did not need to undergo Baptism. However, Jesus also had no need to be born, to suffer, or to die as a man. He did so out of love for humanity.

John the Baptist appears to recognize the strangeness of Jesus asking to be baptized (Matt. 3:14) yet obeys Jesus' request.

The Baptism of Jesus began his public ministry and gave the first example that we are to follow. For if Jesus, who had no need of repentance or cleansing, humbled himself, then we all the more need to humble ourselves.

Jesus not only gave the example for us to follow, but many Fathers of the Church commented that in the Baptism of Jesus the sacrament of Baptism was born. It was a symbolic action that, though the grace of Christ, was changed into an ontological action. When we receive a sacrament, the grace flows to us from the sacrament, but in the Baptism of Jesus the grace of Christ flowed into the sacrament.

In salvation history, the Jordan River was very important. It was through the Jordan River that Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Jesus chose this spot to be baptized so that through his immersion and emergence from the Jordan River all humanity could be led to heaven.

Ultimately, the reason Jesus chose to be baptized in the Jordan by John was not for him but for us."

Finally, may you continue to feel the peace, joy, and love of the Christmas season throughout the year.

Deacon Paul

There's a new boss in the Rectory! Meet "Thing". She has slowing taken over the Rectory, (note how she sits on Fr.'s laptop..) She is bossing everyone around, and stealing our hearts... even Hannah's!







January 8 & 9				
	Saturday January 8 5:00 PM	Sunday January 9 10:00 AM		
Lectors	Patricia Thompson	Carrie Sawin		
Servers	None	None		
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathleen Levis	Kelli Kulyk		

January 22 & 23				
	Saturday January 22 5:00 PM	Sunday January 23 10:00 AM		
Lectors	Susan Muetzel	Carl Pry		
Servers	None	None		
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Thompson	Steve Sawin		

January 15 & 16			
	Saturday January 15 5:00 PM	Sunday January 16 10:00 AM	
Lectors	Marge Mayer	Rob Adamczyk	
Servers	None	None	
Eucharistic Ministers	Susan Muetzel	Darcy Paradise	

	January 29 & 30	
	Saturday January 1 5:00 PM	Sunday January 2 10:00 AM
Lectors	Patricia Thompson	Carrie Sawin
Servers	None	None
Eucharistic Ministers	Criss Rotko	Mark Paradise

As a service to our Parish, the following Faith Formation Students are on rotation to run our Live-Streaming Service for our Sunday morning 10:00 Mass.

> 1st Sunday of the Month: Ian Salisbury 2nd Sunday of the Month: Amelia Howells 3rd Sunday of the Month: Laura Ordakowski 4th Sunday of the Month: Carson Hajec

Thank you for your service to our Parish!



End Of The Year Tax Statements

It's time to prepare the Annual Contribution Statements for 2021. If you would like a statement, please contact Lori at 814-756-3623 or email her at stlawrencealbion@gmail.com and a statement will be prepared for you. Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.

Thank you!

Catholic Services Appeal 2021 Diocesan Assessment/Parish Goal - <i>\$28,807</i>				
	St. Lawrence	St. Philip		
Parish Goals	\$20,577	\$8,230		
# Families / # Pledges	#115 / #40	#59 / #5		
Total Amount Pledged	\$16,360	\$2,750		
Total Amount Collected	\$16,515	\$8,274		
Shortfall Between Total Pledges & Goal	\$4,217	\$5,480		
Shortfall Between Amount Collected & Goal	\$4,062	+\$44		

St. Philip	
Last Week's Collection	

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$ 723.00

 Amount Collected......
 \$ 509.00

 Surplus / Deficit......
 - \$ 214.00

St. Lawrence Last Week's Collection

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$ 2,148.00

 Amount Collected......
 \$ 1,601.00

 Surplus / Deficit......
 - \$ 539.00

What's Happening at St. Lawrence and St. Philip

Let us pray for Palla Tautin, and for Jim Pellegrino. Both parishioners passed away on December 31st.

May God give their families and friends comfort, and may their souls rest in peace.



Monday, January 10 Monday, January 10 Monday, January 10 Monday, January 10 Bingo - 6:30 Doors Open at 5:30 St. Lawrence Center

Wednesday, January 12
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AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Center

Faith Formation

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Sunday, January 9th Class Sunday, January 16th Class

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Faith Formation Facilitator, Susie Muetzel, OFS. Office - 756-4840 Home - 756-0624 The baptism of Christ in the Jordan, is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany.

The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan. — The Light of the World by Benedict

Baur, O.S.B.



~ Monday Night Bingo ~

St. Lawrence Center

Doors will open at 5:30 Concessions open at 5:30 Games will begin at 6:30

> Jackpot...\$1,150 in 56 balls or less

Masks & social distancing will be in effect.

Come Join The Fun!!



The 2022 Calendars are available for you to take home. The calendars are annually given to us by Mattera Funeral Home, and we are grateful to Pat for his generosity.

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