



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:

Sunday

Upon Request
9:00 am Private Mass
Live-Stream Only
From St. Lawrence Church

Schedule Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 8:00am in St Lawrence
Tuesday and Thursday @ 8:00am in St Philip
(All Private during the Pandemic)

First Friday Masses:

Adoration 4:00pm to 5:00pm Mass @ 5:15pm in St. Lawrence
(Private Mass Only at 8:00 am during the Pandemic)

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, May 23, 2020
Easter Weekday

Sunday, May 24, 2020
The Ascension of the Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Private † *Nancy Worley*
(*Janet Worley & Family*)
(*Live Streamed for your convenience at 9:00 am*)

Monday, May 25, 2020
Easter Weekday

Private † *Barb Stebnisky*
(*Tom & Pam Lascek*)

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
St. Philip Neri, Priest

Communion Service (Suspended)

Private †
For the People of St. Lawrence & St. Philip Parishes
(at St. Philip)

Wednesday, May 27, 2020
Easter Weekday

Private † *Phyllis Merrit*
(*John & Ilene Hosey*)

Thursday, May 28, 2020
Easter Weekday

Communion Service (Suspended)

Private † *Randy E. Payne*
(*Ralph & Janet Payne*)
(at St. Philip)

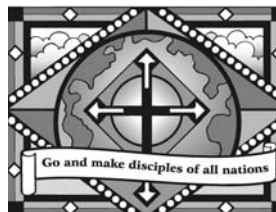
Friday, May 29, 2020
Easter Weekday

Private † *George Eckendorf*
(*Kathleen Levis*)

Saturday, May 30, 2020
Easter Weekday

Sunday, May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

Private † *Barb Stebnisky*
(*Jim & Norella Consedine*)
(*Live Streamed for your convenience at 9:00 am*)



The Ascension Of The Lord



The Ascension of the Lord

STARING INTO THE SKY

We have choices to make in this Christian life. One choice is to be frozen, like the disciples just as Jesus ascends into heaven. They stand there and stare up into the sky, probably waiting for Jesus to return to them immediately. Too often we, too, take this stance. We stare into the sky, waiting to discover the presence of the Lord. Unfortunately, this choice will yield few results, if any. It is the Lord himself who summons us to opt for a second choice. That choice involves us turning our gaze from the sky to the world around us. He says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

GRACE BUILDS ON NATURE

A seminary theology professor of mine was always reminding us of this second choice with the words, "Gentlemen, remember that grace builds on nature." It is through the world around us—through those God has planted into our experience—that God will be revealed. People who are involved in the Church's work of Christian initiation learn this through their ministry. As they listen to the stories of people who are experiencing deep conversion, they begin to meet the Lord in new ways. It is as if the Lord Jesus is being born again right before their very eyes. Perhaps in the past you have heard today's Gospel mandate and cast it aside saying, "Oh, Jesus really meant those words for priests, and I'm certainly not a priest." Perhaps today's feast is the opportunity to realize that these words are meant for each one of us. If grace does build on nature, let's open our eyes to possibilities of discovering Christ all around us, rather than staring blankly into the sky.

Holy Cross Fraternity Student Faith Award

Deadline for submissions to the Holy Cross Fraternity Student Faith Award is June 1. Please make sure you have completed the forms with the required signatures. If you cannot obtain the signature of your priest due to the Coronavirus restrictions, contact Eileen Mantz, OFS at 814-425-1405 for a waiver.

If you would like an application, please contact
Eileen Mantz at 814-425-1405 or
Susan Muetzel at 814-756-4840



Dear Friends in Christ:

Moving the celebration of the Ascension of Jesus from Thursday to Sunday is a pattern that has enabled more to attend this Feast by praying the Eucharist. Jesus gave some chosen disciples two very special 'sacred moments' with Him. First, at the Transfiguration, Jesus prayed intimately with them and then entered a 'special state of transformation' where in He dialogued visibly with Moses and Elijah and was surrounded by bright light as their spirits intermingled. The disciples were terrified and bedazzled. They saw and heard specific 'signs' of Jesus' holiness and had a partial glimpse of His fullness of Presence. Then the 4 of them descended the mountain and they 'came back to their senses' with His Presence as they had known him before this mystical event.

On the Final Ascension, the Disciples witnessed Jesus' Risen Body rising before them as he bade them 'farewell.' They had a mission to engage on by Jesus' directive, but letting go of this special moment was a very difficult thing to do. Jesus was NOT walking away with them, but was 'gone from them' as they had known Him for so long. The spell was too hard to break until a 'stranger,' perhaps an angel, asked them "Why gaze in wonder at the heavens?" It's time to internalize this experience of faith and take it with you on your Journey of Faith. "Remember, I Am with you always..."

It's a very good experience for us to 'gaze in wonder' and have a deep appreciation for signs of Jesus' Presence in our lives. Meditation, Contemplation, special moments of awareness of how the Sacred Scripture and devotional prayer can deeply affect our spiritual lives is a necessary pattern for us to indulge. As we embrace these 'faith-moments' and enjoy them, we are encouraged to include them in our expanding identity as being people of faith. We are being nourished, transformed, into witnesses of Jesus' Gospel. We have a mission to fulfill, inspired by those moments of personal awareness. Parents are more stimulated to give 'faith-response' and role modeling to their children and grandchildren. Workers are inspired to do a fair day's work for a fair day's payment. Merchants and customers are stimulated to treat each other with respect and appreciation. The Gospel 'has' to be translated into behavioral roles in every aspect of our lives so that the Spirit can be shared with generosity.

But we 'need' to make the effort and to take the time to have a personal 'vision' that transforms us and enables us to communicate a valid witness to start off with. If we fail to have regular prayer, if we fail to read the Word of God, if we fail to attend Mass or celebrate Penance, we become 'tainted' with the world rather than being nourished by the grace of God. The 'work of faith' requires us to pray, read the Word, become moved and motivated by the Spirit to have a vision of what it means to "be a person of faith" and then to live up to it daily in every aspect of our lives.

We marvel at the Ascension of Jesus, as we look forward to the 'final call' where Jesus will call us to join Him in the fullness of His Presence.

Fr. Jim

May 24, 2020

Catholic Services Appeal 2020
Diocesan Assessment/Parish Goal \$28,287.00

	St. Lawrence	St. Philip
Parish Goals	\$18,858.00	\$9,429.00
# Families / # Pledges	123 / 48	59 / 13
Amount Pledged	\$17,870.00	\$3,680.00
Amount Collected	\$13,595.00	\$2,801.00
Shortfall Between Pledge & Goal	\$988.00	\$5,749.00
Amount Till Parish Goal	\$5,263.00	\$6,628.00

Please Note...

The CSA totals which appear here are updated weekly.

Offertory envelopes come in sporadically, so it is difficult to separate the weeks to give you an accurate weekly offertory total.

Please continue to support your church by mailing in your weekly offertory and CSA payments.

Your dedication is very much appreciated.

Thank you!!

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



Cursilla

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

Parish Coordinators:
Cecily 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
814-756-4151
fax 814-756-4648

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
Local: 922-3596

www.springfieldmonument.com

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**

Monday, May 18 AA Meeting 8 pm
 St. Lawrence Center

Wednesday, May 20 AA Meeting 8 pm
 St. Lawrence Center

Tuesday, May 26 Red Cross Blood Drive
 2 pm - 6 pm
 St. Lawrence Center

FAITH FORMATION

All Faith Formation classes
have been suspended.

You may contact Susie Muetzel,
our Faith Formation Facilitator,
if you have any questions or concerns.

Office Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 2 pm
Office – 756-4840 Home – 756-0624

*May 2020
\$50.00 Weekly
52 - 200 Club Winners*

Week 1	John Hosey	May 3, 2020
Week 2	Jean Yurkovic	May 10, 2020
Week 3	Skip & Lynne Buttaccio	May 17, 2020
Week 4	Bill Melquist	May 24, 2020
Week 5	Bill Quay	May 31, 2020

Congratulations to our May Winners!

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, Glen Black,
Jim and Julia Zurinsky, Dennis Melquist, Irvin Smith,
Judy Graham, Doug Sweet, The family of Patricia Smith*



A Blood Drive is scheduled at St. Lawrence Center
on May 26, 2020 from 2-6 .

If you are able to give blood,
be sure to mark the date on your calendar.

Ushers are needed at both St. Lawrence and St. Philip Churches,
to be our new Covid Safety Team.

When the reopening of our Parishes take place,
these members will be on hand to disinfect door handles and electronic plates,
direct parishioners where to sit, and be available if needed, as we adjust to the new procedures.

If you would like to be on this team and be an Usher, please call the rectory
between 9:00 and 2:00 Monday thru Thursday.

There will be a short training class for instructions on how to make sure
the health and safety of our parishioners are being taken care of correctly.

Collections Update:

1. The *International Needs Collection*, scheduled for May 24 will be cancelled for the current year. It will be rescheduled for next year. Any donations forwarded to our parish for that intention will be forwarded to the diocese and will then be 'credited' for next year's *International Needs Collection*.

2. The *Peter's Pence Collection*, scheduled for June 28 will be rescheduled for October 4. Any donations received in June will be forwarded to the diocese and applied to the October 4 collection date.

Devotional Update: [beginning Saturday, May 31, 2020 Pentecost Vigil]

1. We will continue with Live-streaming *Mass* at 9:00 am Sunday mornings.

2. *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* will be at the main altar on Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00 with 'closing *Benediction*' at 5:00 pm. All present should wear face coverings and kneel or sit apart as designated by the pew markings.

3. Susie Muetzel will continue with Live-streaming *Rosary* at 4:30 Saturday afternoons.

4. *Confessions* will be heard in the *Vesting Sacristy* on Saturday afternoons from 4:00 to 4:45.

Adjustments to these devotionals will happen as the limits to prayer gathering are loosened and we can return to Saturday evening, Vigil Mass.

It is important that we pray, support each other in witnessing our faith, and in helping to express our sense of 'prayer community' during these trying times. Within 'safe boundaries' let us deepen our experience of community and Church by making the effort to 'be there' with and for each other.

Fr. Jim

May 24, 2020

The combined Parish Council/Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday May 28th at 7pm in the Social Hall.

Please watch for another possible cancellation due to restrictions.

Don't forget your mask!



St. Lawrence Church
is open daily
7:30am until 7:30pm.

Sunday Masses will continue to be streamed live at 9:00am.

If you have Facebook, you can use this link to view the live-streams.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StLawrenceLife/>

Those without Facebook,
can access the live-streams
by clicking the yellow star on our Website

www.stlawrencealbion.org

The following Mass Intention change has been made due to our temporary new Mass schedule.

Intention	Requested By	Prior Mass Date	New Mass Date
Dave Diehl	Jim & Cathy Hudacky	Sat. May 23	Sat. October 31