



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 7, 2018 - Vigil

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

**Sunday, April 8, 2018 - Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy**

8:00 AM † *Philip Remek -(Worley Family)
(at St. Philip)*

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

Monday, April 9, 2018 - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM † *George Lascek - (Tom and Pam Lascek)*

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM † *For our Homebound Parishioners
(at St. Philip)*

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018 - Saint Stanislaus, Bishop
and Martyr**

8:00 AM † *Virginia Kearns, Fr. Francis Johnston -
(Jim and Norella Consedine)*

Thursday, April 12, 2018 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † *Communion Service*

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

Friday, April 13, 2018 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † *Janice Rippert -
(Diane Suscheck Formanski)*

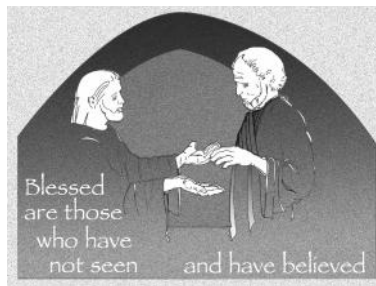
Saturday, April 14, 2018 - Vigil

5:00 PM † *George and Nellie Kaleida -
(The Kaleida Family)*

Sunday, April 15, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM † *Nancy Worley - (Janet and Family)
(at St. Philip)*

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



***Second
Sunday of
Easter***

PEACE

Throughout the liturgical year we focus on the words, actions, and miracles of Jesus as he moved from town to town. Today we focus especially on the first word of the Risen One as he greeted the disciples on the evening of that first Easter: "Peace." The first word from the mouth of God's Son—who had been unfairly tried, who had been beaten and spit upon, whose hands and feet were nailed to a tree, who suffered enormous pain in that torturous death—was the word "Peace." Not "Revenge!" Not "Retribution!" Not "Kill!" "Peace."

INSPIRED BY THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Many of us remember the day when Pope John Paul II was shot in St. Peter's Square. Did he seek revenge on the one who shot him? No; when the pope recovered, he visited his would-be assassin in prison, bringing with him the peace that comes through reconciliation. When this occurred, many in the world were stunned by what seemed to be an unbelievable gesture. They were stunned because this is simply not what the world has come to expect. In his gesture of reconciliation, the pope showed himself as an embodiment of the actions of Christ on that first Easter evening. Today is a day to ponder the fact that Jesus Christ sought to exact no revenge for the way he was treated. Instead he inspired in his followers, and inspires within us, a deep commitment to peace.



We Celebrate and Rejoice

Sarah Brozich
will receive her
First Holy Communion,
Sunday, April 8th
10:00am at St Lawrence Church

We Celebrate and Rejoice

Caitlynn Kovacs
will receive her
First Holy Communion,
Sunday, April 15th
10:00am at St Lawrence Church



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 14/15, 2018

	5:00 PM	10:00 AM
Lectors	M. Mayer	L. Aldridge
Servers		C. Luba
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	S. Atkinson E. Mundkowsky / W. Mundkowsky	C. Petrianni D. Paradise / M. Paradise

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



Dear Friends in Christ:

As Easter People, it is our important task to be joyful and grateful each day for God's blessing and grace that helps us through each day. We have a challenge to minister in His Name, to witness our deep faith in life's ultimate purpose: to accept salvation into eternal life. We have a choice to make. We can choose to enter into the lifesaving relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior, participate in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and put into daily practice the Beatitudes as our credentials. We can also choose to absent ourselves from active participation in the living Church's weekly Liturgy, distance ourselves from the Living Christ by neglecting our prayer and we can ignore the charitable works of the Beatitudes by neglecting the 'poor' and 'suffering' humanity around us.

Making the right choice, to follow Jesus in Word and Deed, has consequences: we feel good because we are doing good, we become more optimistic that good works can indeed have a healthy impact on the lives of others as well as ourselves, and we have a more 'personal' relationship with Jesus that is 'grounded' in gratitude. "Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God. It is right and just."

Fr. Jim

April 2, 2018

Fr. Pete (3): "The future will be no more important than today, not in its work or ministry or prayer. No moment is more important or valuable than the present moment"

Catholic Services Appeal 2018

Parish Goal \$29,029

	St. Lawrence	St. Philip
Parish Goals	\$19,353.00	\$9,676.00
# Pledges	62	23
Amount Pledged	\$27,700.00	\$7,480.00
Amount Collected	\$15,935.00	\$4,575.00
Amount for Parish	\$0.00	\$0.00

St. Philip

April 1st Collection

Weekly Offertory amount needed to reach budget goals \$673.

Offertory	\$	793.00
Holy Thursday Offertory.....	\$	75.00
Food Bank.....	\$	25.00
Rent.....	\$	194.00
TOTAL	\$	1,087.00

St. Lawrence

April 1st Collection

Weekly Offertory amount needed to reach budget goal \$2,048.

Offertory	\$	2,377.00
Utilities.....	\$	15.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$	32.00
Maintenance.....	\$	85.00
Holy Thursday Offertory.....	\$	149.50
TOTAL	\$	2,658.50

Divine Mercy Gravesite Blessings:

Immediately following 8:00 Mass at St. Philip this weekend, I will be pleased to go directly to St. James' Cemetery and pray with families of people who are deceased and buried there. Individual gravesite blessings with Holy Oil will follow as people lead me to their relatives' and friends' gravesites.

Following 10:00 Mass at St. Lawrence, I will be pleased to go directly to Albion Cemetery and do the same.

Fr. Jim

April 5, 2018



Praying with a Purpose

Contact Cathy Wojtecki 756-5961, Norma Jafko 756-3889, Grace Black 844-0943 or Jim Pellegrino 882-0877 if you would like to request prayers for someone or drop a note in the collection on Sunday. If you would like to be a part of the chain please contact someone from the list above or drop a note in the collection any you will be included.

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

Mon., Apr. 9 Mass 8:00 am St Lawrence Church
AA Meeting 8:00 pm St Lawrence Center

Tues., Apr. 10 Mass 8:00 am St. Philip Church
Communion Service St. Lawrence Church
Adult Education 7:00pm St Lawrence Center

Wed., Apr. 11 Mass 8:00 am St. Lawrence Church
Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm St. Lawrence Church
AA Meeting 8:00pm St. Lawrence Center

Faith Formation



Each 3rd grade student will be receiving their First Holy Communion individually at Sunday Mass during the month of April. Then there will be a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated for all of them on Sunday, April 29th at the 10:00am Mass.

April 8 Class

All Parents Class – Divine Mercy Sunday.

Lenten Books – Turn in your completed Lenten Books. Those who turn in their completed books will be invited to a special celebration during next week's class.

April 15 Class

Lenten Books Party—for only those who turn in their completed books will be invited to a special celebration.

April 22 Class

April 25 Our 11th Grade student will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Church.



We are preparing the next ministry schedule which will cover the period May 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018.

Please notify the office, by April 15, 2018 of the dates or mass times that you do not wish to serve. We will try to accommodate your re-

quests.

Remember, once the schedule is printed it is your responsibility to find a sub if you cannot serve.

52 - 200

Club

Wine and Cheese Party

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

St. Lawrence Center

Albion PA 16401

*Immediately following the 5:00pm
Mass*

*In lieu of the dinner there will be \$1200
of additional drawings
For a total of \$3700*

*Ticket holders will attend for free
Guests are welcome with a donation*

*An Additional drawing will be held for
unsold 2018/2019 tickets*

*A 50/50 drawing to support
the Food Pantry*

*Wine and Soda will be provided
BYOB for all else*

Financial Perspective:

Tom Burik from the Diocese had an 'on-site visit' to our parish communities in December and forwarded his multi-pointed report a month ago. Since then, our combined Council and Finance Committees reviewed and commented on all the major directives and suggestions and as a consequence, I wrote a 'formal' response to Mr. Burik. Top three of the relevant points include:

1. Need to plan an 'increased Offertory program' to work towards financial security for our parish. I will contact Lisa Lewis of the Diocesan Catholic Foundation to come here and present a 'formal' overview of how many parishes are accomplishing this by investments, Wills, Planned Giving, electronic donations and other financial tools.
2. Need to have 'teams of 3' counters who will separate the donations each week, count all donations, and 'night deposit box' for security for both parishes. This should not be done by the parish financial secretary or any other individual alone. If you would volunteer to be a 'parish counter,' please contact the office soon.
3. We have scheduled Financial Committee Meetings for April 26, July 26, October 25, and January 24. One week prior to the meetings, Financial Committee Chair or designated Member will visit the office and review income/expense activities and sign off on check sheet that proper diocesan procedures are being followed.
4. Mr. Burik made several other observations and firm suggestions that we will accommodate over time. Overall, he was positively impressed with the ongoing financial management of our parish and the fine work Allene has been doing for a very long time. Allene will be missed very much when she 'retires' in July. If you have the skills and interest in learning the particulars of the PDS system and parish financial operations and would apply for the position, please let the office know immediately so overlapping training and transition can work through the fiscal budgeting period of May/June with the expectation of taking over in July.

Thank you for prayerfully considering these points.

Fr. Jim

April 3, 2018