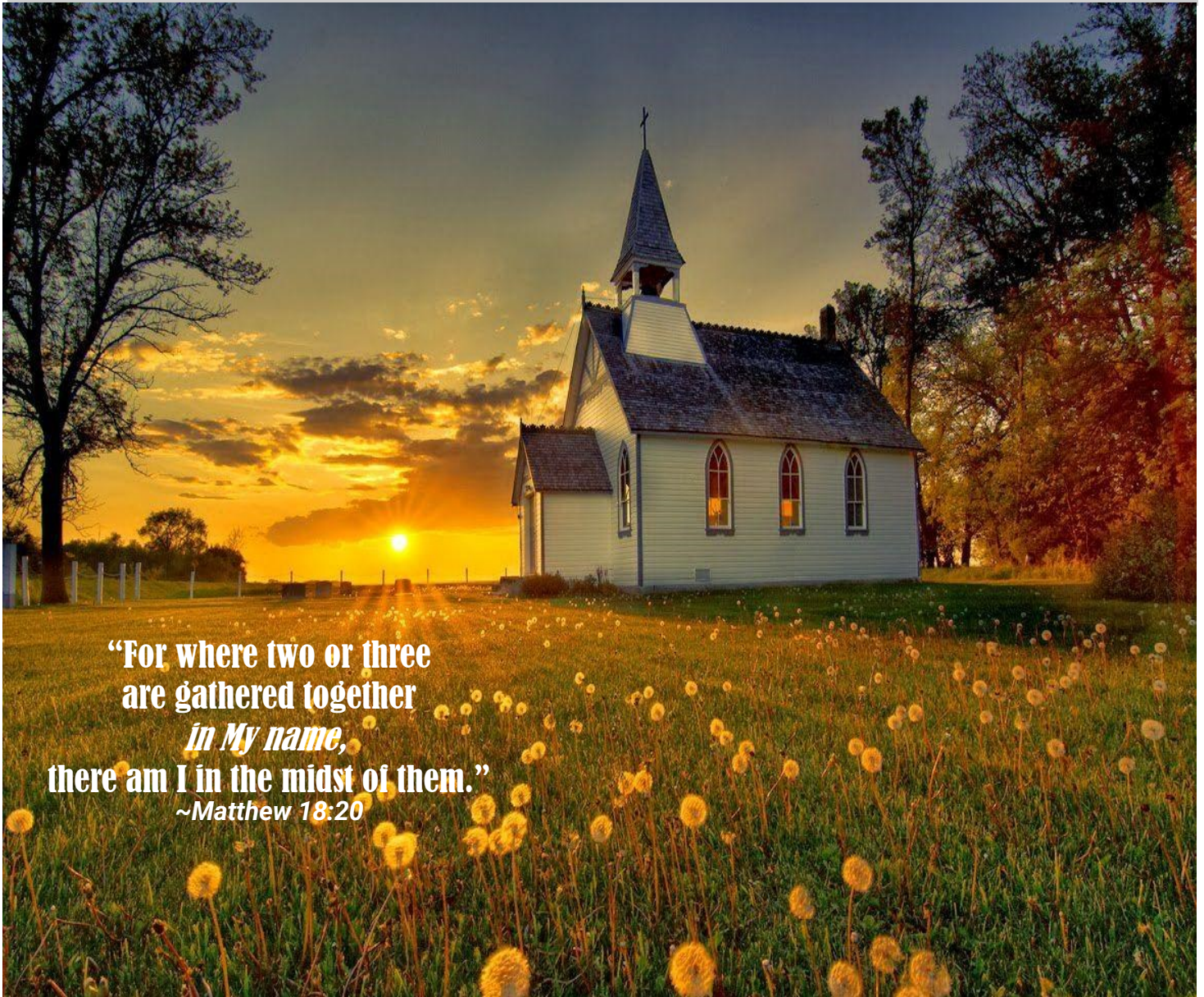


# *Saint Lawrence/Saint Philip Catholic Church*

*Fr. Marc Solomon - Pastor*

*Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*



**"For where two or three  
are gathered together  
*in My name,*  
there am I in the midst of them."  
~Matthew 18:20**

*Sunday, September 10th*

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

# September 10, 2023 - Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

## Contact Information

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**Parish Office**  
Lori Adamson  
Phone - 814-756-3623 Fax - 814-756-5918  
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**Parish Office Hours**  
9:00 am till 2:00 pm  
Monday thru Thursday  
Thursday - Closed 12:00-12:45 For Mass

**Faith Formation Leader**  
Cassie Adamczyk  
Faith Formation Leader  
814-756-4840 - Office  
814-873-8339 - Cell  
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**Maintenance**  
Jim Mitchell

**Parish Center/Rental Information**  
Renae Mihalak  
814-756-4840 -- Please Leave a Message.

**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)

**Weekday Masses**  
All at St. Lawrence  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 8:00am  
Thursday - & Friday - 12:00pm

**Holy Hour**  
Tuesday Evenings 6:00 at St. Lawrence

**First Friday**  
Adoration 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass @ 5:15 pm at St. Lawrence

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday @ 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence  
Sunday @ 7:30am at St. Philip



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Monday, September 11, 2023**  
**Weekday**

**8:00 AM † Floann Beck**  
**( Mary Ann Cartier )**

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023**  
**Weekday**

**8:00 AM † Jack Meeker**  
**( St. Lawrence/St. Philip Church )**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

**Saint John Chrysostom,**  
**Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**8:00 AM † James and Virginia Fratalia**  
**( Estate )**

**Thursday, September 14, 2023**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**12:00 PM † Jack Meeker**  
**( Patricia Thompson )**

**Friday, September 15, 2023**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows**

**8:00 AM Paul and Marilyn Madden**  
**In Honor Of Their Wedding Anniversary**

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**  
**Saints Cornelius, Pope, and**  
**Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**  
**Sunday Vigil Mass**

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

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM † Helen Hecker**  
**( Jane Mallory )**

**10:00 AM † For the Living & Deceased Members of**  
**St. Lawrence and St. Philip Church**

### 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 Baptism

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

### 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.

### 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.





### The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This upcoming week has a sequence of celebrations and feast days on the Church's Calendar:

- Tuesday - **Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Wednesday - **Saint John Chrysostom**
- Thursday - **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- Friday - **Our Lady of Sorrows**

This week I would like to spend some time considering the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Franciscan Media's Saint of the Day provides the perfect story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

"Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on.

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration."

Here is a prayer from Saint Francis of Assisi about the Holy Cross:

*We adore you,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
here, and in all your churches  
throughout the whole world,  
and we bless you,  
for by your holy cross you  
have redeemed the world.*

## Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

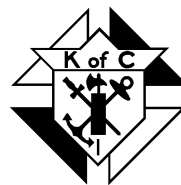
All Ladies of the parish are welcome!



## Cursillo

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

Parish Coordinators:  
Needed



## JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3979

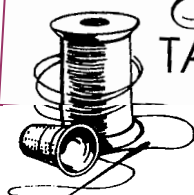
A CATHOLIC  
FAMILY FRATERNAL  
SERVICE ORGANIZATION

CALL: JOHN SHADE - 756-4512

## Mattera Funeral Home

**Pasquale (Pat) Mattera**  
**Funeral Director / Owner**

188 East State Street  
Albion, PA 16401  
814-756-4151  
fax 814-756-4648



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

## Springfield Monument Company Cemetery Memorial Specialists

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**PO Box 247**  
**11885 Main Street**  
**East Springfield PA 16411**

**1-800-729-3516**  
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## Ministries

*Serve the Lord and serve the  
Parish as an:*

Altar Server  
students grade 4 and up

Lector  
post confirmation Adults

Greeter  
high school students and up

Contact Parish Office for  
more information  
756-3623

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. Lawrence/St. Philp Faith Formation

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

To register contact:  
Cassie Adamczyk at  
814-756-4840 (Office)  
814-873-8339 (Cell)



## St. Lawrence/St. Philip Church

## Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Please Check One

- ☐ New
- ☐ Address Change
- ☐ Moving out of Parish

## Women's Bible Study

A 12 week women's Bible Study is being offered by Theresa Burbules and Emily Pacansky. It will be every Wednesday at 7:00 pm starting Wednesday, September 20th in the church library room. The study is Kimberly Hahn's "More Precious Than Jewels: How to Be a Godly Wife and Mother". Women of all ages are welcome to attend.

### Please Note...

**Daily Mass on Friday, September 15,  
will be at 8:00 am**

## A Letter From Bishop Persico

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I ask for your support of the Catholic Education Collection being held on the weekend of September 16-17.

This annual second collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our entire diocese. Please generously support this collection. You play an integral part in our success in nurturing growth in mind, heart and spirit of the faithful.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support your local education and faith formation programs. The other half provides funds across the diocese for ministry and leadership training, technology support, creative projects in faith formation, as well as tuition assistance for families attending Catholic schools. A small portion also supports The Catholic University of America.

Thank you for your generosity. Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family. With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

## Attention Faith Formation Parents and Guardians

Online Registration Forms for this coming year's Faith Formation Classes, can be found on our Facebook Page. If you haven't already joined our Group, on Facebook, search "St. Lawrence/St. Philip Church".

The first Faith Formation Class is on September 17th, which is Catechetical Sunday,

If you have any questions, please contact  
Cassie Adamczyk, our Faith Formation Leader.

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## Flu Immunization Clinic

Sponsored by

**LECOM Institute For Successful Aging**

**Wednesday, September 13th**

**9:00 - 11:00**

**St. Lawrence Parish Center**

**Both Adult and Pediatric Consent Forms  
are available at the entrances of  
both Churches.**

R.C.I.A., or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, begins in September. R.C.I.A is the process by which interested adults undertake a journey of conversion leading to initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter.

If you are an adult, 18 years and older, or know of someone, who is unbaptized or a baptized Christian of another faith, and would like to attend classes, to begin your conversion journey, Please contact Fr. Marc, or Deacon Paul.

## Woman's Retreat

Recenter yourself at the *He Leads Me Beside Still Waters* retreat on Sept. 16 at the Hope House Retreat Center, 61 East High St., Union City. Doors open at 8:15 a.m. for a continental breakfast, followed by the retreat at 9 a.m., led by Susan Yurkewicz with music by Brianna Erdman. The retreat concludes with lunch at 12:30 p.m. To register, email [mtrabold@thereasonforourhope.org](mailto:mtrabold@thereasonforourhope.org) or call 814.455.7364. A free-will offering will be accepted. Space is limited, so register soon.

## This Week at St. Lawrence/St. Philip

**Monday, September 11**

Bingo - 6:30  
St. Lawrence Parish Center  
Doors Open at 5:30

AA Meeting - 8 pm  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

**Tuesday, September 12**

Holy Hour - 6 pm  
St. Lawrence Church

Parish Council/Finance  
Meeting - 7 pm  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

**Wednesday, September 13**

Flu Clinic - 9 am - 11 am  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

AA Meeting - 8 pm  
St. Lawrence Parish Center

~ *Meeting* ~

St. Philip Altar Rosary Society will hold  
their next meeting on Monday, September 18  
at 2 pm, at the St. Philip Center.

All Are Welcome to attend!



Pastoral Planning Preliminary Plan

If you would like to read all of the information and  
plans for parish restructuring, you can find a link on  
our Parish Website that will take you to the Diocesan  
Website. There you will find all of the information  
and also a place to submit your feedback. You can  
visit our Website at [stlawrencealbion.org](http://stlawrencealbion.org)



**Lector Schedule**

Saturday, September 16 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, September 17 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry

Saturday, September 23 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson  
Sunday, September 24 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, September 30 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer  
Sunday, October 1 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, October 7 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson  
Sunday, October 8 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry

There will be a **Parish Council/Finance Meeting**  
on **Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm**  
at the St. Lawrence Parish Center.  
All members are encouraged to attend the Holy Hour  
beginning at 6:00, prior to the meeting.

~Praying With A Purpose~

**Please keep the following  
People in your prayers.....**

Kylie Allen-Kulyk  
Melissa  
Judy Graham  
Cherie  
Mike Sawin  
Andrew Segal  
Judy Diehl  
Maddalena Ranelli  
Kelly Wojtecki  
Tom Lascek  
Lisa Ballmann  
Angela Mulligan  
Katie Mihalak  
Dawn Bettle  
Jon Reibel  
Jim Bernoski  
Marilyn Madden  
Tonya  
Missy  
Skip Buttaccio  
Morgan  
Angie Shade  
Carol (Schultz) Raiff  
Bill Pavolko  
Ray Fisher  
Colleen Lance  
Janet Lance  
Patricia Gilbert  
Tammy Lynn & Kevin  
Our Homebound Parishioners



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

~ **Monday Night Bingo** ~  
**St. Lawrence Center**

Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30  
Games Begin at 6:30  
Jackpot...\$1,000.00  
in 50 balls or less  
Come Join The Fun!!



## Financial Information

**Sacrificial Giving For The Weekend Of  
September 2 & 3**

**Weekly Offertory Budget Goal  
\$ 3,750.00**

**Amount Collected  
\$ 2,645.00.00**



**The 2023  
Catholic Services Appeal  
Our Diocesan Assessment—\$28,655.00  
Current Households—152  
Total Pledges Made—41  
Total Amount Pledged—\$21,275.00  
Total Amount Paid—\$20,703.00**