

*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

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 @ 5:30pm 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
Webpage: 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 1, 2018 - Vigil

5:00 PM ✠ *For Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, McBride Council #3979 - (K of C Council #3979)*

Sunday, December 2, 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM ✠ *Philip Remek - (John McLaughlin)*
(at St. Philip)

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

Monday, December 3, 2018 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 AM ✠ *For Our Homebound Parishioners*

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM ✠ *For the Deceased Members of our Parish*
(at St. Philip)

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM ✠ *Kathy Teed - (Family)*

Thursday, December 6, 2018 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM ✠ *Philip Remek - (Tom and Becky Duda)*
(at St. Philip)

Friday, December 7, 2018 - First Friday Vigil - Immaculate Conception Anticipation Mass

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM ~ Adoration

5:15 PM Mass ✠ *Fr. Francis Johnston -*
(Jim and Norella Consedine)

Saturday, December 8, 2018 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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*
Sunday Vigil

5:00 PM ✠ *Nancy Stadler - (The Kaleida Family)*

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

10:00 AM *Kylie Kulyk - (The Kaleida Family)*



ADVENT ABCs

If motivation is the key to success, then the season of Advent starts our liturgical year out right by focusing our attention on the ultimate reason for our hope and all we do as Christians. The first reading and the Gospel reassure us that the Messiah will cover the earth in justice at the end of time. This may be a frightening prospect to those who are blameworthy, but to the Lord's "holy ones" it is a reason to "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Luke 21:28).

The scriptures also reveal the ABCs of arriving at our goal. In the full text of today's psalm each verse starts with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet—from "A" to "Z." That made it easy to learn by heart the psalm's instruction on following God's way of faithful love. Today's New Testament scriptures also instruct us in what we must do "to be blameless in holiness ... at the coming of our Lord Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 3:13).

"COME, LORD JESUS!"

We are to "be vigilant," expecting Christ to come into our lives at every moment. We are to "abound in love for one another," working constantly for the coming of Christ's love into our relationships and communities. And we are to "stand erect" and pray without fear for the coming of the end of time, when the Lord Jesus will come bringing perfect justice and peace. Christians in the first centuries of the church prayed the acclamation, "Come, Lord Jesus!" The Advent season invites us to enter into this spirit of hopeful expectation for the "advent" of Christ's reign.

During this season of Advent we remember Jesus' first coming in time, we anticipate Christ's coming at the end of time, and we pray with hopeful expectation for our lives right now: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Second Collection next Sunday December 9th

There will be a second collection next Sunday December 9th at all Masses. The collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do what you can in support of all our retired Religious.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 8/9, 2018

	5:00 PM	10:00 AM
Lectors	P. Thompson	C. Pry
Servers		
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	K. Levis I. Hosey / J. Hosey	L. Adamson M. Salisbury / R. Salisbury

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



Dear Friends in Christ:

1. "Ad-Venio" means "Come here." Our underlying prayer throughout this Season of Expectation, Advent, is that we prepare to welcome the coming of Jesus, Our Lord. We pray to welcome Christ in our world, in our church, in our family and in our personal lives. Think of the time and effort that went into celebrating family and friends' gathering to enjoy our recent, traditional, Thanksgiving Dinner. Look around at the decorations of houses, installation of Christmas Trees, buying and wrapping special gifts to exchange in the Christmas Season. We prepare for special events, and that preparation helps us to be more sensitive to the specialness of the event!

Parents who are expecting the arrival of a son or daughter through birth or adoption, change their whole lives for the occasion and its extended family consequences. Those who don't are foolish. People travel miles to gather as family to converge on God's House to celebrate Christmas Mass as family of faith. Take time this Advent Season to prepare to welcome Christ in your world, in your church, in your family and in your personal life.

2. There is a "Devotional Prayers From the Heart" booklet in the vestibule. It that contains several special Intention personal Catholic prayers to enhance your overall personal spiritual needs.

3. There is a "Celebrate Advent" prayer pamphlet in the vestibule you can use daily for dinner prayer with family members. The pamphlet explains some Advent customs, some parallel Hanukah use of candles and prayer, others expand to Christian preparation for Christ. There is a special ritual prayer-set for each week of Advent and it concludes with a Christmas Day Climax Service.

Prayer has a purpose! We adjust our thinking, expectations and understanding of life, experiences with others, and appreciate more personally our relationship with God when we pray. Using traditional prayers helps us to become more comfortable within our rich history of spiritual values. Using Seasonal rituals gives us a sense of the "Journey of Faith" in preparation for welcoming Christ at Christmas, for celebrating Christ's sacrifice, death and finally his Resurrection from the Dead at Easter. Prayer pulls it all together in our spirit and our personal sense of 'living faith.'

Enjoy this Season of Preparation personally, as a family and as a living member of the Community of Faith, the Mystical Body of Christ.

Fr. Jim

November 26, 2018

Fr. Pete: "The memory is a great gift. One of the greatest things is to be remembered by someone."

Praying with a Purpose

Contacts :
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

Catholic Services Appeal 2018

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	\$23,295.00	\$10,157.00
Amount for Parish	\$ 3,942.00	\$481.00

St. Philip
November 25th Collection

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$723.00
Amount collected..... \$847.00
Surplus / Deficit..... + 124.00

St. Lawrence
November 25th Collection

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$2,148.00
Amount collected..... \$1,638.00
Surplus / Deficit..... - 510.00

Bonus, Year-end Donation:

In order to benefit by increasing your IRS Charitable Deductions, consider making a special 'Year-End Donation' to your parish and it will be recorded on your "Annual Donation Record" we forward to you in January for IRS Deduction purposes. All 'Year-End Donations' need to be recorded by December 31, 2018.

Thank you for putting your parish high-er on your charitable list of donations.

**\$50.00 Weekly
52 - 200 Club Winner
Week # 30 11/25/2018**

**Congratulations to:
Gabriella Kulyk**

**Next drawing is Sunday December 2, 2018
In conference room of St. Lawrence Church
after 10:00 Mass**

Ladies of the Rosary
in Common-Unity

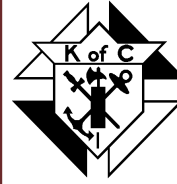


Meetings
First Thursday
of the month at
6:30PM

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

**The Fruit Cake Lady's
Good and Nutty Fruit Cake**

2 pound cakes
1 pound cakes &
8oz cakes



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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 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

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

PRaise AND WORSHIP CHOIR

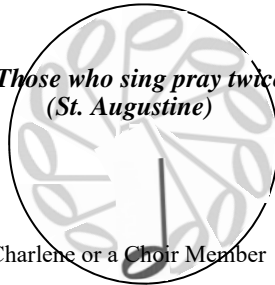


Under the direction of Carrie Sawin
for students from K - 12

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. 2 **NO CLASS**
 First Sunday of Advent.
 New Altar Server Training ~ Gather in the Church on St. Joseph's side after 10:00 Mass.
- Dec. 9 Class 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 Second Sunday of Advent
 Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 7th/8th & 11th.
- Dec. 16 Class 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 Third Sunday of Advent
 Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 9th/10th.
- Dec. 23 **No Class**
 Have a blessed Christmas.



Land of Peace is a nonprofit organization representing Jerusalem Christian Families scheduled to visit St. Lawrence on **December 15 / 16, 2018**. They will be selling uniquely hand carved religious articles from the HolyLand. Items will be on display and for sale in the front entrance of  the church.



LAND OF PEACE'S GOAL IS BUILD A CHARITY HOSPITAL IN THE HOLY LAND

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

- Mon., Dec., 3** **Bingo** 5:30 pm Doors Open, Concessions
 6:30 pm Game Begins St. Lawrence Ctr.
 AA Meeting 8:00 pm St Lawrence Center
- Tues., Dec., 4** **Adult Education** 7:00 pm Cancelled
Ladies of the Rosary Christmas Party
 6:00pm at Valenza's
Knights of Columbus Meeting 8:00 pm
 St. Lawrence Center
- Wed., Dec., 5** **AA Meeting** 8:00 pm St. Lawrence Center
- Thur., Dec., 6** **"Star of Wonder"** Cooper Science Center
 EUP at 7:00pm ~ Reserve your seat 814-732-2493
- Fri., Dec., 7** **First Friday Vigil**
Adoration 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Immaculate Conception Anticipation Mass
 5:15 pm at St. Lawrence Church
- Sat., Dec., 8** **Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses**
 8:00am St. Philip Church
 10:00am St. Lawrence Church
McDonald/Salisbury Family Christmas
 at St. Lawrence Center



Christmas Flower Memorials

Please use the envelope provided with your weekly offertory envelopes to make a memorial donation toward the purchase of this year's Poinsettias.

Bingo Update: Dec. 3, 2018

Planned Payouts

Regular games.....\$25
 Doubles.....\$30
 3 Specials.....50/50

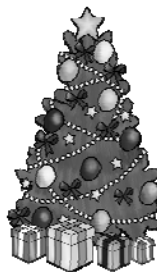
Progressive Jackpot.....\$1100 in
 50# or less

Consolation.....\$100
 Instant games throughout the night


Christmas Toy Project

The Christmas Trees still have a good number of tags. Please take one or two if you can.



Pick a tag from one of the trees and purchase a gift for a child.



The gifts should be wrapped with the angel tag attached and returned to the church by December 8/9 to be distributed at the Northwestern Food Pantry on December 15th.



Northwestern Middle
School Drama Club
Presents:


Follow That Rabbit

Book by Tim Kelly
Music by Pamela L. Hughes
Lyrics by Pamela L. Hughes
& Karen Selby

Don't be late for this very important date!
Friday, Dec. 7th & Saturday, Dec 8th at 7:00
Sunday, Dec. 9th at 2:00

Help us celebrate a Very Merry Un-Birthday and bring a gift of non-perishable food items to donate to the Toys For Wildcats food drive!

Tickets: Adults \$5 and Students/Senior Citizens \$4
Northwestern High School Auditorium



St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary has changed the day of their regular monthly meeting from the first Monday of the month to the first Thursday of the month. They will continue to meet at 6:30 pm in the conference room of St. Lawrence Church.

The new monthly meeting day will begin in January of 2019

All women of the parish are welcome to join us at these monthly meetings.



Come Celebrate Christmas
at
St. Lawrence and St Philip



Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception Anticipation ~ ~ December 7th
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Adoration
5:15 pm Mass St. Lawrence

Immaculate Conception Holy Day ~ ~ December 8th
8:00 am Mass St. Philip
10:00 am Mass St. Lawrence

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



Penance Service and Times

Wednesday
December 5th "The Light is on for You"
5:00pm to 7:00pm Adoration and Penance
St. Lawrence, Albion

Sunday
December 9th Combined Parish Penance
3:00pm Saint Francis Xavier, McKean

Monday
December 10th Combined Parish Penance
7:00pm Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro

Sunday
December 16th Combined Parish Penance
3:00pm St. Anthony of Padua,
Cambridge Springs

Wednesday
December 19th Combined Parish Penance
7:00pm All Saints, Waterford

Thursday
December 20th Combined Parish Penance
7:00pm St. Lawrence, Albion