



# *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](mailto:jjk103@zoominternet.net)

**Reconciliation:**  
**Schedule Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday @ 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence**  
**Saturday @ 5:00pm at St. Lawrence**  
**Sunday @ 8:00am at St. Philip**  
**Sunday @ 10:00am at St. Lawrence**  
**Live-Streamed for your convenience**

**Schedule Weekday Masses:**

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 8:00 am at St Lawrence**  
**Tuesday and Thursday @ 8:00 am at St Philip**

**First Friday Masses:**

**Adoration 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Mass @ 5:15 pm at 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:**

**Office Hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday - Thursday**

**Email: [stlawrencealbion@gmail.com](mailto:stlawrencealbion@gmail.com)**

**Webpage: [www.stlawrencealbion.org](http://www.stlawrencealbion.org)**

**Office: 814-756-3623**

**Fax: 814-756-5918**

**Faith Formation Office Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm: 814-756-4840**

**St. Lawrence Center & Rental Information: 814-756-4840 (Leave Message)**

**Faith Formation Email: [stlawrencelife@gmail.com](mailto:stlawrencelife@gmail.com)**





Dear Friends in Christ:

The Holy Father is elected by the College of Cardinals after being thoroughly investigated for orthodoxy, maturity of faith, ecclesial leadership and history of ministry. Certainly, politics plays an important part as well as his communication skills and historical timeliness. Just as certainly, faith in his being 'chosen by the Holy Spirit' plays a very important part. The Holy Father continually draws on the experience of others, his own educational validity and faith to navigate carefully the major and minor adjustments to the course of the Church over time. He needs prayerful support and encouragement from all members of the Church, including those who disagree with his opinions. Thus, sacred scripture gives us a few scenes in which Jesus acknowledged Peter's talents and abilities as well as his imperfections and impetuousness. Yet, within his human limitations, Peter especially stands out as being an important leader around whom Jesus expects the ministers and laity of the Church to support and to accept leadership.

Much is the same today and ever has been. Some Holy Fathers have militantly led troops into battle creating havoc and death to enemies and friends of the Church alike. Some have been wily and surreptitiously influenced the political thoughts and leadership decisions of political authorities in foreign and native politics. Some have striven to 'maintain the course' of the Church through the turbulent times of religious conflicts. Some have led reformation and 'updating' of theological formulations and beliefs through dramatic Ecumenical Councils and leadership in doctrinal formulations through serious Church Councils and Papal Executive Documents to defend beliefs and clarify Church directions in responding to global issues and faith formation as being the central institutional formation of Christianity throughout the many centuries since the Presence of Jesus in the first century.

The Chair of Peter symbolizes the centrality of the Office of Peter, the Holy Father, as a unifying force for all of Christianity. Some historical narratives demonstrate great heroism and others reflect human weaknesses in the person who wore the Tiara at special times. Yet, there is a continuity of the Presence of God in that person in all cases. Similarly, God is present in each of us, when we do virtue and when we fail to live up to our Baptismal Character. Let us pray for Pope Francis that he respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, have a depth of confidence and spiritual peace and courage.

Fr. Jim  
August 23, 2020

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

	St. Lawrence	St. Philip
<b>Parish Goals</b>	<b>\$18,858.00</b>	<b>\$9,429.00</b>
<b># Families / # Pledges</b>	<b>123 / 49</b>	<b>59 / 13</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$18,170.00</b>	<b>\$3,680.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Collected</b>	<b>\$16,685.00</b>	<b>\$4,792.00</b>
<b>Shortfall Between Total Pledges &amp; Goal</b>	<b>* \$688.00</b>	<b>* \$5,749.00</b>
<b>Shortfall Between Amount Collected &amp; Goal</b>	<b>\$2,173.00</b>	<b>\$4,637.00</b>

**St. Philip**  
**Last Weeks Collection**

**Weekly Offertory Budget Goal**  
**\$ 723.00**

**Amount Collected..... \$ 560.00**  
**Surplus / Deficit..... - \$ 163.00**

**St. Lawrence**  
**Last Weeks Collection**

**Weekly Offertory Budget Goal**  
**\$ 2,148.00**

**Amount Collected..... \$ 1,725.00**  
**Surplus / Deficit..... - \$ 423.00**

**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






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KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS**

A CATHOLIC  
FAMILY FRATERNAL  
SERVICE ORGANIZATION

CALL: JOHN SHADE 756-4512



**Cursillo**

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

Parish Coordinators:  
Jerry 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



**Irene's  
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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

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PO Box 247  
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East Springfield PA 16411

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**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



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Liturgical Ministry Schedule For August 29 & 30		
	Saturday Aug 29 - 5:00	Sunday Aug 30 - 10:00
Lectors	Marge Mayer	Carl Pry
Servers	None	None
Eucharistic Ministers	Criss Rotko	Mark Paradise

Liturgical Ministry Schedule For September 5 & 6		
	Saturday Sept 5 - 5:00	Sunday Sept 6 - 10:00
Lectors	Pat Thompson	Robert Adamczyk
Servers	None	None
Eucharistic Ministers	Cheryl Krolczyk	Steve Sawin

Liturgical Ministry Schedule For September 12 & 13		
	Saturday Sept 12 - 5:00	Sunday Sept 13 - 10:00
Lectors	Marge Mayer	Carl Pry
Servers	None	None
Eucharistic Ministers	Silvia Atkinson	Kelli Kulyk

Liturgical Ministry Schedule For September 19 & 20		
	Saturday Sept 19 - 5:00	Sunday Sept 20 - 10:00
Lectors	Pat Thompson	Robert Adamczyk
Servers	None	None
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathleen Levis	Darcy Paradise



**There is still time to purchase  
your tickets!!**

The winner will be drawn  
on **Sunday, August 30th.**

Tickets are \$1.00 a piece,  
and are on sale on Sundays,  
before the 8:00 Mass, at St. Philip Church,  
OR you may stop in the office  
at St. Lawrence, Monday thru Thursday  
between 9 am & 2 pm

Thank you for supporting St. Philip  
Altar Rosary Society



### FAITH FORMATION

For any questions or concerns,  
please contact Susie Muetzel, OFS  
our Faith Formation Facilitator.

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

### *Praying with a Purpose*

Please contact Cathy Wojtecki 756-5961,  
Norma Jafko 756-3889,  
or Jim Pellegrino, to add a prayer request.



*Among those  
we are praying for...*

*Kylie Allen-Kulyk,  
Dennis Melquist, John Hosey,  
Jim and Julia Zurinsky,  
Robert Stewart, Bill Mundkowsky  
Bill and Mary Ion,  
Gabe Sobina and his family,  
& The family of Donna Brunner*

For those who wish to continue to safely pray at home,  
Mass is live-streamed  
on Sunday Mornings, at 10:00am.

The Rosary is being live-streamed on Saturdays at 4:30.

**If you have access to 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](http://www.stlawrencealbion.org)



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

Week 1	Bob Kaleida	August 2, 2020
Week 2	Rick Kansy	August 9, 2020
Week 3	Ryan Pry	August 16, 2020
Week 4	John & Angie Shade	August 23, 2020
Week 5	Alex Hough	August 30, 2020

**Congratulations to our August Winners!**

**We still have some tickets available.  
Please contact Tammy Maskrey  
if you would like one.**



**Congratulation to Susan Muetzel**

who, after completing over two years  
of formal formation,  
became a member of the  
Order of Franciscan Seculars  
this past Tuesday in Meadville.

Fr. Jim & Deacon Ed Horneman.  
presided over the ceremony.



**Sharing this letter that was mailed to Bishop Persico, and all of the Pastors of the Erie Diocese.  
We have removed the senders name for privacy.**

“ First of all, I would like to thank you for all that you do. I recognize your care and concern for your parishioners and I appreciate that. That is why I feel I may share with you something that troubles me.

I am concerned about the Faith in this tumultuous time for the church and the world. People are dying daily not just from COVID-19, people's souls are dying from starvation. Many Catholics, including myself, are afraid to return to in-person Masses, because of the risk of contracting the virus associated with large in-person gatherings in confined spaces. Since the suspension of public Masses in March and the lifting of any obligation to attend Mass, many Catholics have not participated in a Liturgical Celebration nor received the Holy Eucharist. This doesn't need to continue! Something can and must be done to bring the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord and Savior to those starving for Him.

A simple solution to this problem would be outdoor Masses. This would allow for Catholics who are afraid of contracting COVID-19 in the enclosed space of the church to feel safe attending, it would allow for easy social distancing and remove the need for constant sanitizing of the pews as attendees could bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. It has been repeatedly shown by scientific studies that the risk of contracting COVID-19 steeply drops while outdoors and following CDC protocols. As stated by the Mayo Clinic on their website, “When you're outside, fresh air is constantly moving, dispersing these droplets. So, you're less likely to breathe in enough of the respiratory droplets contain the virus that causes COVID-19 to become infected.” This safer option is being proved in many other diocese across the country including Buffalo, NY, and Pittsburgh, PA.(1) I feel strongly that this is a long overdue solution in the Diocese of Erie.

Outdoor Masses are a yearly tradition in many parishes in Erie already. I was blessed to be able to attend the yearly outdoor Mass at St. Gregory Parish in North East this past Saturday evening. That was the first time my family was able to attend Mass for Sunday obligation since March. I was able to invite a friend and her family was also able to attend. It was their first time attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass since March. Catholic families are starving for the Holy Eucharist but fear of COVID-10 is keeping them from the grace of the sacrament. After attending this Mass, I felt that God put it on my heart to write this letter. I know that my friend's family and my own are not the only ones in this situation. Some of you may know myself and my children as we make an effort to attend daily Mass and often venture to different churches around Erie to achieve this. I fear for my children and the children of the Diocese who are being held back from their growth in the Faith. They cannot attend the Mass and be in the True Presence of Our Lord. They gain nothing from attending Mass digitally. I fear this generation will be lost in the shuffle as COVID-19 affects them not only physically and emotionally but also and in my opinion more importantly spiritually. We need the Church to provide for us and to bring Christ to us in this time of fear and isolation. Never before has the Church withheld Christ in a time of great need.

I believe that it is a simple task to bring Masses outdoors. Forgive my wording, but we do not need any bells or whistles. Music, lectors, altar servers, and Eucharistic Ministers are not necessary for the salvation of souls, all we need is the Mass in its simplest form. My grandfather in WW11 went to Mass wherever the Priest could set up with his traveling kit. They could have been harmed by the enemy during the Mass and yet they still celebrated the Mass. We are at war for souls and we need to use every means possible. Across the country Masses are taking place in parking lots (yes even in the winter) and fields providing the life giving bread to Catholics in need of food for this journey. In 2015, Catholics stranded on a bus on the PA turnpike built an altar out of snow and said Mass with over 500 people in attendance.(2) They saw the need for the Eucharist and acted. Also during the winter months, drive-in Masses could be used to achieve the same results. This method is also being employed across the country by both Catholics and our Christian brothers and sisters. With the Flu season rapidly approaching, I believe that less people will attend indoor Masses. IF this happens there may be Catholics who have not been to Church for a year come next March. I humbly beg that you consider providing weekly outdoors masses so that Catholics who fear indoor gatherings can return to the Eucharist. I fear that souls are being lost daily to the bad habit of not attending Mass and the lack of grace from Holy Eucharist.

Please pray about this spiritual need and let me know how you will proceed. The Church needs priest (you) willing to minister to the sheep before they become lost in this obviously tumultuous world where cities are on fire and churches and religious symbols have been desecrated. Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.”

(1) The Catholic Messenger Davenport, IA --- Bell Worth Park Catholic Community Website

(2) LifeSite News

**My reply, sent to her, is on the reverse side.....**

I appreciate your recent letter in which you reflect personal sorrow and concern over the restrictions we have to follow with respect to Covid-19. The bishop wisely removed the obligation for Mass attendance so that people would be able to practice distancing and not be active obstacles for rampant contagion. Even so, thousands of people have suffered infection and over 160,000 died as a result of the pandemic in our country alone!

This is a time that requires our prayerful practice to continue and to be strengthened because we are, truly, under siege by this pandemic. It is permitted for us to participate in Eucharist via 'live-streaming' as we do at St. Lawrence every Sunday at 10:00 am. Several churches, including the Cathedral follow similar patterns. Participants can pray those liturgies from within the safety of their homes AND prayerfully recited the 'Prayer for Spiritual Communion.'

Permission has been given by Bishop Persico for parishes who have the capability to celebrate 'outdoor Masses.' Most parishes do not have facility capability to do that, while some do have pavilions or picnic grounds that can be used appropriately. Additionally, with proper sanitation, distancing and use of masks, many parishes have welcomed participation by several parish members to 'live Mass celebration' in their churches proper.

St. Lawrence and St. Philip Mission currently welcome Mass attendance with distancing and mask wearing. In addition, we live-stream Sunday 10:00 Mass and have a good response by participant, some are from 100 miles distance. Those who are fragile or elderly and at-risk wisely worship from home. Our Faith encourages us to pray individually and in groups. Practicing healthy devotions continues to support our faith and identifies us as 'practicing Catholics.'

St. Lawrence faithful gather for Adoration, Benediction and Mass every First Friday, beginning at 4:00 pm. We have devotional Rosary, live streamed, every Saturday at 4:30 pm and welcome people at scheduled Masses daily and especially live-stream 10:00 am Sunday Mass for those who are homebound. Many parishes make Eucharist and devotions available to their faith communities as they are able and those who choose to participate are certainly enriched by that practice. Fear of Covid-19 contagion impels all to practice safety, but it does not keep faithful from the grace of the sacraments. It challenges us all to practice with more humility and gratitude for the opportunity to 'pray spiritually' and receive Our Lord in Spiritual Communion both within the context of actively praying a 'live-streamed' Eucharist, in addition to spontaneous prayerful devotion and reception throughout our day.

The Church is certainly *not* withholding Christ. The Church has struggled with making accommodations for the faithful to gather safely as possible to celebrate our sacraments and comply with safety recommendations by the CDC and State regulations. My experience is that daily Mass and weekend Liturgies have welcomed people to attend safely, we have added live-streaming and plan to invest in improved technological equipment so that people will be able to continue to pray as a community, spiritually and physically as possible.

One positive outcome of this difficult time is that families do have to make some effort to pray at home who have not done so previously. A trend of all too many parents have been to 'drop off their children' for religious Education and then to drive by the church with no intention of praying Mass with their children weekly. All priests I've talked with over the past several years have made the same observation. Members have been 'going through the minimum motions' of being active and practicing Catholics for all too long. The current challenge to the Church as a whole is offering an opportunity for people to recommit to Christ, practice more faithful, if home-based, Church identity, and receive Spiritual Communion in addition to the personal encounter in Sacramental Confession and practice family and individual based spiritual devotions.

Rather than being pessimistic, I think it more optimistic to encourage positive practices of devotion, meditation, sacred scripture reading and sacramental reception. True believes will grow in this difficult age because they mature in trusting in the Lord they welcome in their personal and family lives. Those who choose otherwise have made a poor choice that will diminish their experience of closeness to the Lord just as it has for many years.

I wish you well and encourage you to be a supporter of the many ways in which different parishes and the diocese as a whole have accommodated spiritual practices that deepen our faith and experience of the presence of the Lord in community as well as in personal practice. Truly, the Eucharist is primary, yet, there are several valid ways in which we can worship Christ in the Real Presence in addition to faithfully practicing a wide variety of Catholic devotions.

Be at Peace and trust that God has certainly not given up on us,  
Fr. Jim Kennelley, Pastor