

Saint Lawrence/Saint Philip

Catholic Church

Fr. Marc Solomon - Pastor

Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant



"But what about you?" he asked.
"Who do you say I am?"
Simon Peter answered, "You are the
Messiah, the Son of the living God."
~Matthew 16: 15-16

Sunday, August 27th

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023 - Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Contact Information

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Parish Office
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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
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814-873-8339 - Cell
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Maintenance
Jim Mitchell

Parish Center/Rental Information
Rena 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, August 28, 2023
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM † Mary Teed
(David and MJ Thompson)

Tuesday, August 29, 2023
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 AM Mason Solomon
(St. Philip/St. Lawrence Church)

Wednesday, August 30, 2023
Weekday

8:00 AM † Jane Conner
(St. Philip/St. Lawrence Church)

Thursday, August 31, 2023
Weekday

At St. Philip Church
12:00 PM † Louis Kwatkowski
(Kathleen Levis)

Friday, September 1, 2023 - First Friday
Weekday

4:00 - 5:00 Adoration
5:15 PM † James & Virginia Fratalia
(Estate)

Saturday, September 2, 2023
Weekday

Sunday Vigil Mass
5:00 PM † For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Lawrence and St. Philip Church

Sunday, September 3, 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Kathleen Heffren
(Charlotte Lowery)

10:00 AM † John Rotko
(John & Criss Rotko)

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 Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

This week, on Tuesday, August 29th, the Church commemorates one of the oldest feasts within the Church, the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist.

John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was born about six months before Jesus. He was likely born in the small, rural Jewish town of Ein Karem, located in the hill country about five miles west of Jerusalem. The surrounding land would have been utilized for agriculture and herding, centered around a town hub and water well. Saint Thomas Aquinas believed that while John was conceived in Original Sin, he was sanctified in the womb immediately after the Blessed Virgin Mary greeted his mother, Elizabeth, several months before John's birth. "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb..." (Luke 1:41). This leap in the womb has been interpreted as John's sanctification by grace before he was born.

Scripture tells us, "The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel" (Luke 1:80). John eventually entered the desert, about twenty miles east of his hometown, to live as a hermit, praying, practicing penance, and preparing for his mission. He bridges the gap to Christ as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the first of the New Testament prophets. John's mission was to precede Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord" (Luke 1:17).

John's life reached its earthly climax when he saw Jesus, the Son of God, approaching him in the desert while he was baptizing. John immediately exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel...Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:29-31; 34). John reluctantly baptized Jesus, after which the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in a visible form. The Voice of the Father thundered, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). With that, John's life began to recede into the background, "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

In the Gospel reading for August 29th, we will hear how Herod imprisons John the Baptist. Later on Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter, Salome, danced for Herod and his guests that so pleased him that he promised her anything she asked of him, up to half of his kingdom. Her mother saw her opportunity for revenge and convinced her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. In his weakness, Herod complied.

John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving the people who came to be baptized for his own glory. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart.

John never wavered and willingly accepted even death, rather than shy away from God's will. It is the role of every Christian to witness to Jesus. Where you see hesitancy in your own life, take inspiration from Saint John the Baptist, praying that you will exemplify his courage and resolve to fulfill the will of God.

Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for me, that I will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost. Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Deacon Paul

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

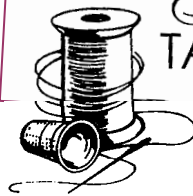
A CATHOLIC
FAMILY FRATERNAL
SERVICE ORGANIZATION

CALL: JOHN SHADE - 756-4512

Mattera Funeral Home

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188 East State Street
Albion, PA 16401
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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

~ Monday Night Bingo ~
St. Lawrence Center

Doors will open at 5:30
Concessions open at 5:30
Games will begin at 6:30
Jackpot...\$1,100.00
in 54 balls or less
Come Join The Fun!!



Please Note

**Holy Hour on Tuesday August 29th
has been moved to Thursday,
August 31st at 6pm**

**Also, Daily Mass on
Thursday, August 31st
will be celebrated at Noon.
at St. Philip Church**

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". A lot of information can be found there concerning Mass Schedules, Reminders and Faith Formation Information.

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

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The Knights of Columbus will be holding a raffle for a Polywood Bench to support the annual Chalice Dinner. The dinner is held each year to memorialize deceased Fourth Degree Knights.

Tickets for the bench will be available after Labor Day for \$1.00 each, after all Masses. The winner will be announced on October 1st.

A Family Perspective

**Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are
seen by others in different ways. But
those who know us best are usually
our own family. Who do they say you
are?**

52-200 Club Weekly Winners
~ August 2023 ~

Week 1 - Aug 6	Ron Salisbury
Week 2 - Aug 13	Janet Groszkiewicz
Week 3 - Aug 20	Elaine Melquist
Week 4 - Aug 27	Rose Teed

**Congratulations
To Our Winners!**

There are tickets available
for the 2023 - 2024 Season.

If you would like to purchase one,
please contact Tammy Maskrey
or any member of The Ladies of the Rosary.

This Week
at St. Lawrence/St. Philip

Monday, August 28	Bingo - 6:30 pm Doors Open 5:30 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
	AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Wednesday, August 30	AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Thursday, August 31	Holy Hour - 6 pm St. Lawrence Church



First Friday
Friday, September 1
Adoration - 4:00-5:00
Mass - 5:15



Lector Schedule

Saturday, September 2 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer
Sunday, September 3 - 0:00 am - Carl Pry

Saturday, September 9 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson
Sunday, September 10 - 10:00 am -----

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

~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 Betle
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
Our Homebound Parishioners



To add a prayer request,
please contact
Cathy Wojtecki 756-5961

Financial Information

Sacrificial Giving For The Weekend Of
August 19 & 20

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal
\$ 3,750.00

Amount Collected
\$ 1,706.00



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—\$20,403.00