



# *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 4:15 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 @ 5:15pm 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:**

**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**

**Center and Religious Education Office: 814-756-4840**

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21, 2019- Vigil

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

Sunday, December 22, 2019 –Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM † *Rita Bernoski - ( Elaine Schmidt )  
(at St. Philip)*

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

Monday, December 23, 2019 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † *Robert Arnold Jones - ( Rose Teed )*

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve

5:00 PM *For the People of St. Lawrence and St. Philip  
(at St. Philip)*

7:00 PM † *For the People of St. Lawrence and St. Philip*

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - Christmas Day - The  
Nativity of the Lord

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

10:00 AM † *Dave Diehl - ( The Kaleida Family )*

Thursday, December 26, 2019 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM † *All Souls  
(at St. Philip)*

Friday, December 27, 2019 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † *Thomas Thompson - ( Jim & MaryJo Jordano )*

Saturday, December 28, 2019 - Vigil

5:00 PM † *Deceased Members of the Gage Family -  
( Diana Mooney )*

Sunday, December 29, 2019 - The Holy Family of Jesus Mary  
and Joseph

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

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



*Fourth  
Sunday of  
Advent*

**INTO OUR HOMES**

Since the beginning of Advent the Church has turned our attention to Matthew’s Gospel. Today Matthew opens the doors of Saint Joseph’s house, as well as his dreams, and tells the story of the events leading up to Jesus’ birth. The final line of today’s Gospel is worth noting: “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home” (Matthew 1:24). Today is a day to consider our devotion to and appreciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our faith lives. Today is a day for us to take her into our homes.

Mary stands as a reminder that nothing is impossible with God. This young woman’s life was thrown into confusion when the angel announced that she, although a virgin, would be the mother of God’s Son. She is the one to whom we can look when our lives are thrown into confusion. She gave herself over to the power of God. This did not mean that she would live her life free from fear and pain. We all know the rest of the story—how she would watch her son suffer and die. Mary is a source of comfort for all who have lost children. We can look to her for comfort in times of grief and pain. How fitting that we focus on the Virgin Mary on this final Sunday of Advent. When we open the doors of our hearts and welcome Mary into our lives, what we really do is prepare a place where the Lord is born to us again.

*Christmas Mass*  
*Servers- Lectors - Eucharistic Ministers*

*\*Christmas Eve 5:00 pm*  
*G. Seneta*  
*M. Salisbury*  
*C. Rotko / I. Hosey / J. Hosey*

*\*Christmas Day 10:00 am*  
*A. Rimel*  
*S. Muetzel*  
*K. Levis / A. McNally / S. McNally*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC 28 / 29 2019**

	5:00 PM	10:00 AM
<b>Lectors</b>	C. Sawin	R. Adamczk
<b>Servers</b>	C. Sawin	volunteer
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	S. Sawin C. Hudacky / P Thompson	J. Aldridge C. Mackey / J. Mackey

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**



Dear Friends in Christ:

In these few days before our Christmas Celebration, let us be grateful for having the opportunity to do charitable work for so many people over the past year. We bring the love of Christ into hearts and homes that hunger for signs of their personal worth and respect as the Beatitudes of Jesus teach us so strongly.

We contribute to *Love, Inc.*, the charitable resource that helps Albion area poor with utilities, rent and other necessities throughout the year. We provide support and commitment to the *Northwestern Food Pantry* by the Annual Community Dinner and by special utilities collections for Christmas gifts, toiletries, and special items throughout the year. Independently, through our 10% share of the Community Dinner, we help people who come directly to our parish for emergency assistance. Ours is a generous community that contributes time, talent and service for many throughout the year.

When we ‘embody’ the teachings of Sacred Scripture, we make ‘little incarnations’ that reflect Jesus’ Presence in our daily lives. When there is true ‘evidence of our faith’ in our church, we are signs of the Mystical Presence of Christ in the Albion community. This gives many reasons for us to be ‘merry, happy’ people – people who celebrate their personal self-worth as being living signs of Christ’s Presence in life experiences!

In concert with so many other religious groups that celebrate the Presence of God in so many positive and meaningful ways, “*Happy Holidays!*” Let us become living signs of God’s love in our world!

Fr. Jim  
December 17, 2019



**Catholic Services Appeal 2019**

	St. Lawrence	St. Philip
<b>Parish Goals</b>	<b>\$18,377.00</b>	<b>\$9,188.00</b>
<b># Pledges</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$19,460.00</b>	<b>\$4,970.00</b>
<b>Amount Collected</b>	<b>\$20,475.00</b>	<b>\$8,990.00</b>
<b>Amount for Parish</b>	<b>+ \$2,098.00</b>	<b>- \$198.00</b>

**St. Philip  
December 15th Collection**

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal	\$723.00
Amount collected.....	\$688.00
Surplus / Deficit.....	- \$ 35.00

**St. Lawrence  
December 15th Collection**

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal	\$2,148.00
Amount collected.....	\$1,765.00
Surplus / Deficit.....	- \$383.00

***Praying with a Purpose***

Cathy Wojtecki 756-5961, Norma Jafko 756-3889,  
or Jim Pellegrino.

Among those we are praying for  
*Kylie Allen-Kulyk, Tom Lascek,  
Justin Lascek, Jim and Julia Zurinsky,  
Judy Diehl, Michael Lavor, Glen Black*



**December, 2019**

**\$50.00 Weekly**

**52 - 200 Club Winners**

***Congratulations to the December Winners!***

- Week 1 Betty Jo Leicht Dec. 1, 2019**
- Week 2 Christina Golden Dec. 8, 2019**
- Week 3 Lucy Fuller Dec. 15, 2019**
- Week 4 Rose Beverage Dec. 22, 2019**
- Week 5 Bob Kaleida Dec. 29, 2019**

**January winners will be drawn at the next  
Ladies of the Rosary Meeting.  
December 5th, 2019 ~ 6:00 pm  
Valenza's Restaurant**

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




JOIN THE  
KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #3979

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:  
Terry 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

Contact Parish Office for



Irene's  
TAILORING  
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

Springfield Monument Company  
Cemetery Memorial Specialists

Jim & Rosa Youschak  
Owner / Memorial Designer


PO Box 247  
11885 Main Street  
East Springfield PA 16411

1-800-729-3516  
Local: 922-3596



www.springfieldmonument.com

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  
Parish



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

- Mon., Dec. 23     **Bingo No Bingo - Merry Christmas**  
                             Bingo will return on Monday Dec. 30th  
                             AA Meeting 8:00 pm St Lawrence Center
- Tue., Dec. 24     **Christmas Eve Masses**  
                             5:00 PM St. Lawrence  
                             7:00 PM St. Philip
- Wed., Dec. 25     **Christmas Day Masses**  
                             8:00 AM St. Philip  
                             10:00 AM St. Lawrence  
                             AA Meeting 8:00 pm St. Lawrence Center



## Faith Formation

December 22 ~ Class / Faith Formation  
 Christmas Party

December 29 ~ No Class  
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

January 5 ~ Class

\*Contact Info: Susie Muetzel Office hours Tues/Thur 9 - 2  
 Office~ 756-4840 Home~ 756-0624

## New Years Masses

### Servers - Lectors - Eucharistic Ministers

\*New Years Eve ~ 7:00 PM

G. Seneta

P. Thompson

S. Atkinson / M. Salisbury / R. Salisbury

\*New Years Day ~ 10:00 AM

A. Teed

M. Mayer

S. Muetzel/E. Mundkowsky/W. Mundkowsky

### Year End Donations – Reminder – We have until the

end of December to have a 'special year-end' donation made for St. Lawrence or St. Philip Church that can be tax deductible for 2019!!

Above and beyond your weekly Offertory Donation, this special 'Year-End Donation' is intended to help the parish balance budget for the calendar year and narrow the gap from our budgeted weekly goal and actual Offertory receipts. Our normal weekly Offertory is in the negative for both parishes as noted in the bulletin.

Your Year End Donation can make a difference...and it is a reasonable tax deduction for you as well. Better to 'keep it local' rather than losing our benefits. Thank you.

Fr. Jim

**No Bingo**  
**Monday, December 23rd.**  
*We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!*  
**Bingo will return**  
**Monday, December 30th**

### Bingo Update: Dec. 30, 2019

#### Planned Payouts

- 8 Regular games..... \$35
- 6 Doubles..... \$40
- 3 Specials..... 50/50
- Early Bird Jackpot..... \$250 in  
 61 #s or less  
 Consolation..... \$75
- Progressive Jackpot..... \$1100 in  
 55#s or less  
 Consolation..... \$150
- Instant games throughout the night

## Gift Certificates for Bingo!

We have Gift Certificates available for Bingo. What a great way to invite a friend to join you for a night out. The certificates are available for purchase every Monday night at Bingo. They are not just for Christmas.



*Merry Christmas*

We are asking for your help in selling tickets for the John Deere lawnmower that we will be giving away on March 14th, 2020. Jim Mitchell and Renae Mihalak have tickets for you to sell to family, friends, strangers, co-workers...everyone!



If you have tickets that you've sold please put ticket stubs and money in an envelope with your name on the envelope and turn it into Jim, Renae or you can put the envelope into the collection basket at Mass.

### St Patrick's Party

Saturday,  
March 14, 2020



An organizational meeting will be held for this party on January 7th at 6:30pm in the St. Lawrence Center. Anyone wanting to help is welcome and so are all of your ideas!

**Reminder:** The weekly bulletin is also available to you online. It can be found on the church's webpage:

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