



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 10, 2018 - Vigil

5:00 PM † *Joseph Heberlein -
(Jeff and Cindy Heberlein)*

Sunday, March 11, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † *Living and Deceased Members of St Philip
Altar Rosary Society -
(St Philip Altar Rosary Society)*

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

Monday, March 12, 2018 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † *Walter and Sophia Torba -
(John and Jeanne Torba)*

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*
8:00 AM † *For our Deceased Parishioners
(at St. Philip)*

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - Lenten Weekday

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

Thursday, March 15, 2018 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*
8:00 AM † *For all those Serving in the Military
(at St. Philip)*

Friday, March 16, 2018 - Lenten Weekday

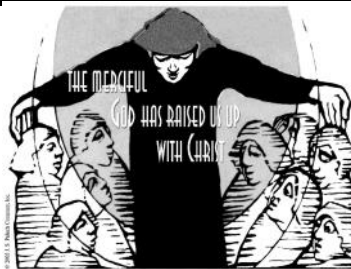
8:00 AM † *Harold Madden-
(Renae Mihalak & Family)*

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - Vigil

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

Sunday, March 18, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † *Nancy Worley- (Janet and Family)
(at St. Philip)*
10:00 AM † *For the People of St Lawrence and St Philip*



**Fourth
Sunday of
Lent**

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD”

Today’s Gospel contains the best known and most often quoted passage in the New Testament. Who has not seen *John 3:16* at a televised sporting event? Who has not heard and read the familiar and comforting words?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Like an old song or a soft blanket, the words comfort us.

The image of Moses holding up the bronze serpent is a stark reminder of the purpose of the Crucifixion. The Son of Man will be “lifted up”—but first he will suffer a painful death on the cross. We are saved through his suffering love—if we will let him love us. “Whoever lives the truth comes to the light” (John 3:21). To “live the truth” is to accept ourselves as we are—good, bad, and ugly. Love can only enter when our defenses are down. Jesus does not condemn; we condemn ourselves by our non-belief in our own essential goodness. It’s an internal condemnation removed only by his gift—the gift of love. Jesus is love. We are saved by love. We save others through love. Love is the only thing worth living—or dying—for.



**Finance
Council**

**Joint Finance
Council Meeting**

**Thursday March 15th at 7:00pm
At St Lawrence Cen-
ter in the
7th & 8th grade classroom**

Discussion will consist of moving forward with recommendations from the Diocese.

A Cursillo Meeting

A Cursillo meeting will be held following the 10:00am Mass on March 11th in the St. Lawrence



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 17/18, 2018

	5:00 PM	10:00 AM
Lectors	C. Sawin	M. Salisbury
Servers	C. Sawin	R. Kulyk
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	S. Sawin / C. Rotko / S. Muetzel	D. Paradise / M. Paradise / K. Kulyk

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



Dear Friends in Christ:

God's son, Jesus, came into the world to "save it" not to "condemn it." The New Covenant and the last Covenant between humanity and the eternal God was crafted by Jesus who absorbed all of the suffering of humankind onto his shoulders as he embraced the Holy Cross. It was a one way trip for Him! Even though He is quoted in scripture as predicting He would rise in 3 days, did he really know fully the implications of that? Probably not. It would only be the full immersion into the Father's Will, completely embracing the Cross, suffering 'unto death' that the experience brought full reality to Jesus as He was removed from the Cross and placed into the tomb.

What happened during those exhaustive three days? What was Jesus' experience of Resurrection? As Jesus called the Magdalene by name, "Mary" what was that experience like for Him and for her? God's Plan is **so** different from *anything* that could come from human imagination! If you and I commit to 'saving others' as a way of life, we become true 'signs of God's Presence' in human form. Look for ways to express more 'random acts of kindness' and practice your faith in imitation of Jesus, the Christ.

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is a 'turning point' in the Season. It gives us the opportunity to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation by turning from every form of evil in our lives and searching for specific ways in which we can express good. Come together to Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, Walk the Way of the Cross, Honor God and search out ways to personalize our faith in charitable 'good works.' Help to lighten the load in the lives of others one by one. Begin a chain reaction of 'random good works' that can make the world a happier place for those who suffer.

May Lent be a holy experience of reconciliation and restoration in your life and that of your family,

Fr. Jim

March 6, 2018

<u>Catholic Services Appeal 2018</u>		
	Parish Goal	\$29,029
	St. Lawrence	St. Philip
Parish Goals	\$19,353.00	\$9,676.00
# Pledges	55	22
Amount Pledged	\$24,670.00	\$7,190.00
Amount Collected	\$13,205.00	\$4,085.00
Amount for Parish	\$0.00	\$0.00

St. Philip March 4th Collection	
Weekly Offertory amount needed to reach budget goals \$673.	
Offertory	\$ 750.00
Rent	\$ 731.88
Food Bank.....	\$ 25.00
Interest.....	\$ 8.43
TOTAL	\$ 1,515.31

St. Lawrence March 4th Collection	
Weekly Offertory amount needed to reach budget goal \$2,048.	
Offertory	\$ 2,277.00
Rent.....	\$ 200.00
Utilities.....	\$ 153.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,630.00

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

- Mon., Mar. 12** Mass 8:00 am St Lawrence Church
St. Philip Altar Society Meeting 2:00pm
 St. Philip Social Hall
AA Meeting 8:00 pm St Lawrence Center
- Tues., Mar. 13** Mass 8:00 am St. Philip Church
Communion Service St. Lawrence Church
Adult Education 7:00pm St Lawrence Center
- Wed., Mar. 14** Mass 8:00 am St. Lawrence Church
Adoration/Confession 6:00 pm St Lawrence Church
Stations of the Cross / Closing Benediction
 6:30 St Lawrence Church
Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm St. Lawrence Church
AA Meeting 8:00pm St. Lawrence Center
- Thur., Mar. 15** Mass 8:00 am St. Philip Church
Communion Service St. Lawrence Church
NW Girls Basketball Booster Banquet
 6:00pm St Lawrence Center
Joint Finance Meeting 7:00pm Classroom
 St. Lawrence Center
- Fri., Mar. 16** Mass 8:00 am St. Lawrence Church
Adoration/Confession 6:00 pm St. Philip Church
Stations of the Cross / Closing Benediction
 6:30 St Philip Church
- Sat., Mar. 17** **Middle School Girls Retreat** St Lawrence Center

Students, please continue to work on your Lenten Books daily.

Faith Formation

Parents, we hope that you are enjoying your Lenten Books also.
If you have not received one, please stop by the Faith Formation Office on Sunday.

March 11

Class

All Parents Class

Reconciliation for Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Continuation of Living as a Young Woman/Man of God Program for 7th & 8th Grades

Saturday, March 17th, 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Continuation of Living as a Young Woman of God Program for 7th & 8th Grades Retreat.

March 18

Class

Reconciliation for 11th Grade

Confirmation Interviews with Father.

Grades 3rd & 4th – Stations of the Cross – Sts. Cyril & Methodius (Meet in your classroom following the 10:00 am Mass and we will travel to Girard from there.)

Continuation of Living as a Young Man of God Program for 7th & 8th Grades (Young Men Only)

Saturday March 24th, Students in the 2nd Grade will be participating in their First Reconciliation.

March 25

Class



The Ladies of the Rosary Annual Trash to Treasure Sale

Saturday April 21, 2018

9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the
St. Lawrence Center

The fee is \$10.00 per table to be paid in advance.

Please contact Tammy Maskrey at 572-1054 to reserve your tables.

A Salvation Army truck will arrive at the end of the sale to take any items you wish to donate.

Easter Flower Memorials — Orders must be in by March 18th



Lily

6 inch pot

Number ordered

\$10.00



Mum

6 inch pot

Number ordered

\$10.00



Ladies Retreat

Sister Natalie, front row-center, presented a firm message of Jesus' call to holiness to these women from St. Lawrence and St. Philip last Sunday. One of the key messages is how important it is to have a healthy sense of 'self-care' in which we invite Jesus and the Holy Spirit into our lives as personal friends and take time to communicate intimately and meaningfully with God. Lent is a special time of 'letting go' of negativity and welcoming positive experiences of faith, hope and love. Overcoming obstacles to God's divine grace takes private time in which we share the warmth of God's love with ourselves in order to pass it on in true ministry of the heart to others.

Kitchen Supervisor

It would really help our parish to have a 'certified supervisor' who would oversee the successful operation of our rental hall and kitchen facilities. The position would be a 'paid' one by receiving a percentage of rental costs per event. This person or persons would be the contact ones for renting the facility, overseeing the proper use and security of the facility by parish members or outside renters. They ought to have successfully completed the Food Safety Course and assure compliance for state requirements as well as completely sanitary operations of all activities and equipment.

The next dates available to take the two day Food Safety Course is Monday, April 23 and April 30. The parish will cover the \$155 cost for the course and examination. Fr. Jim is planning to attend the course and will welcome one or two additional people to participate as well. Please contact the office and sign up to help your parish with this important ministry. This is the first of several steps we need to take in order to continue to provide parish and community dinners and to rent the hall for parish fund-raising events.

Contact the Parish Office if you are interested 814-756-3623.