

*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 @ 5:15pm 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:

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 15, 2018 - Vigil

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

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM ✠ *Margaret Dunn - (The Dunn Family)*
(at St. Philip)

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

Monday, December 17, 2018 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM *John Hill, for good health - (the Kaleida Family)*

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

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

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM ✠ *Linda Kennedy - (Mom)*

Thursday, December 20, 2018 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

8:00 AM ✠ *Genevieve Zemplansky - (Elaine McGraw)*
(at St. Philip)

Friday, December 21, 2018 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM ✠ *Gerald and Kathy Teed - (Family)*

Saturday, December 22, 2018 - Vigil

5:00 PM *The Nick Kulyk Family - (The Kaleida Family)*

Sunday, December 23, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

10:00 AM ✠ *James and Virginia Fratalia - (Estate)*



“WHAT SHOULD WE DO?”

One way to discover what we should do this Advent is to pray the Our Father with extra sincerity and attentiveness. We pray, “Thy kingdom come; thy will be done.” We commit ourselves to a spirit of trust and forgiveness and ask to be kept from temptation. As we get ready for the coming of Christmas it is good to ask ourselves what God’s will is for us, whom we are called to forgive, and how we are tempted. What should we do so that God’s kingdom might come into our lives more fully this Christmas?

How would John the Baptist reply to us if we asked him, “What should we do?”

“THE LORD IS IN YOUR MIDST”

Both today’s reading from Zephaniah and the responsorial psalm exult that “the LORD is in your midst.” They proclaim the presence of God among the people of Israel and foretell the core of our faith in the Incarnation. God is not far off. God’s love was manifested in Jesus’ coming as a human person and is present here and now in us. John the Baptist also proclaims the coming of Christ into our midst and reminds us that our lives must change if we are to be ready to welcome the Messiah at his coming.

These scriptures are not unlike the bells that seem to surround us at this time of year. They call us to rejoice. They call us to worship. And they call us to change. One bell in particular, the Salvation Army bell, reminds us that not everyone has experienced God’s saving presence yet. There are many who suffer while others wallow in abundance. “What should we do?” John the Baptist calls us to respond to their need. He calls us to change our ways so that Christ’s saving presence can truly be manifested “in our midst.”

Special Collection for Retired Religious

St. Philip.....\$ 191.00

St. Lawrence.....\$ 698.00

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 22, 23, 24 and 25 2018

	December 22 5:00 PM	December 23 10:00 AM	December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 PM	December 25 Christmas Day 10:00AM
Lectors	S. Muetzel	M. Salisbury	Faith Formation Students	S. Muetzel
Servers			Faith Formation Students	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	E. Mundkowsky / W. Mundkowsky / K. Levis	L. Adamson / C. Niedermeyer / S. Atkinson	Faith Formation Students	C. Heberlein / J. Heberlein / A. McNally



Dear Friends in Christ:

Looking ahead to April 15, 2019, and desiring to have accumulated enough 'tax deductible donations' to benefit yourself, your family and your financial stability, it is valuable for you to consider making 'charitable year-end' donations before December 31, 2018. Early in January, our staff will prepare your annual contribution statement and mail it to you before the final week of January. All donations to St. Lawrence and to St. Philip should be listed for your convenience. If there are omissions or errors, you will have time to correct them and have a 100% accurate 'official statement' prepared for you to present for your tax deductions.

Because our weekly Offertory Donations is *obviously falling short of our 'budgeted need,'* I am appealing to all parish members to follow through with a special, personal, 'charitable year-end' donation to your parish to offset the serious short-fall.

Some observations include: A. Some people are 'just not coming to Mass' and their Offertory Donations are absent. B. Some people are coming to Mass, but not contributing their envelope offerings to the parish's financial needs. C. Some people are coming to Mass but just dropping a few dollars in cash into the baskets. D. Some people are coming to Mass but not contributing at all financially to the parish. E. Some people are coming to Mass and contributing a fair share through envelope Offerings and for this we are very grateful!

A serious target for our thinking and planning is to come up with ways to make better use of our facilities at St. Philip and St. Lawrence. Fund-raising activities are also community-building activities for those who pitch in, join the action, and enjoy supporting positive and attractive to benefit each parish site. Are our 'activity and social centers' sarcophaguses or are they active sites for community gatherings and profitable activities? Some people are very good at making excuses for inactivity – but we have to become better for creative thinking and experimentation to see what 'can' work.

The special 'year-end charitable donation' movement is, hopefully, a stop-gap measure to halt the hemorrhage of parish financial losses. Please consider your parish's best interest as you may be able. Thank you for all that you do for St. Lawrence and St. Philip.

Fr. Jim

December 16, 2018

Fr. Pete: "You're in God's care. You don't have to rush Him. Stop trying to help Him so much."

Praying with a Purpose

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	\$23,550.00	\$ 11,722.00
Amount for Parish	\$ 4,197.00	\$ 2,046.00

St. Philip
December 9th Collection

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$723.00
Amount collected..... \$410.00
Surplus / Deficit..... - 313.00

St. Lawrence
December 9th Collection

Weekly Offertory Budget Goal \$2,148.00
Amount collected..... \$1,761.87
Surplus / Deficit..... - 386.13

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 higher on your charitable list of donations.

**\$50.00 Weekly
52 - 200 Club Winner
Week # 32 12/9/2018**

**Congratulations to:
Betsy Baker**

**Next drawing is Sunday December 16, 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

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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'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



Cursillo
"making a friend, being a
friend,
and
Parish Coordinators:
Terry and Patti Bowersox 814-859-0003

PRaise AND WORSHIP CHOIR



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

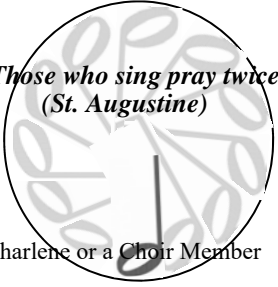
Call Carrie Sawin at 756-4658 or e-mail at
carriesawin@roadrunner.com with questions.

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**

AD

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

CHECK ONE

New

Address Change

Moving out of Parish



*Come Celebrate Christmas at
St. Lawrence and St Philip*

Mass Schedule

Penance Service and Times

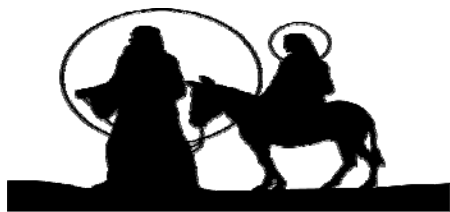
Christmas Eve ~ ~ December 24th
5:00 pm Mass St. Lawrence - Family/Children
7:00 pm Mass St. Philip

Christmas Day ~ ~ December 25th
8:00 am Mass St. Philip
10:00 am Mass St. Lawrence

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



**We will not have Bingo on
Christmas Eve,
Monday, December 23rd
nor on New Years Eve,
Monday, December 31st.**

**Bingo will resume Monday
January 7th, 2019**

Bingo Update: Dec. 17, 2018

Planned Payouts

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

Progressive Jackpot.....\$1150 in
51# or less

Consolation.....\$100

Instant games throughout the night


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

Mon., Dec., 17 Bingo 5:30 pm Doors Open, Concessions
6:30 pm Game Begins St. Lawrence Center
AA Meeting 8:00 pm St Lawrence Center

Tues., Dec., 18 Adult Education 7:00 pm Postponed until
January 9th , 2019

Wed., Dec., 19 AA Meeting 8:00 pm St. Lawrence Center

FAITH FORMATION

 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.

Dec. 30 No Class
Happy New Year!

Jan. 6 Class 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 Class 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A Caroling we did go!

A small group of carolers strolled through the Albion Borough Park last Saturday during the Christmas in the Park event sponsored by the Ministerium. Among those singing from St. Lawrence were Terry, Josh, Gayle, Juanita, Susie, Caitlynn and Larry (who also brought his music box). Also joining the group were Robin and Betsy.



March for Life

Friday, January 18, 2019.....Washington D.C.

46th Annual Bus Trip

Sponsored by People for Life

Buses chartered by People for Life will leave St George Church 5145 Peach St. Erie on Thursday evening, January 17th at 11:00 pm and return about 2 am on January 19th. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Send \$55 per seat to People for Life PO Box 1126 Erie PA 16512 For more information or to use a credit card, call (814) 882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.life/january2019

Add an Ornament !

The St. Lawrence Ladies of the Rosary have begun decorating the church and altar for the Christmas Season. They welcome you to put an ornament on a Christmas tree of your choice, representing your family and loved ones. You may begin doing this at anytime as the trees are already in place.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Keeping God's Children Protected and Safe: To know that we are children of God is to live in complete love, with deep abiding security and the ability to dream, to sing, to create, to laugh, and to play without worry. As we grow older, we face a new reality – we cannot approach all God's creation with the same trust and confidence. We learn, through sometimes hurtful and damaging experiences, that some people reject the ability that God gave them to love and respect others – they ignore God's call. The Diocese of Erie's program to safeguard children helps remind us of these very facts. With the help of this program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility of how to keep God's children protected and safe. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>
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