



Gospel Reflection
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 6-7, 2016
Luke 12:32-48

Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M., was a personal friend of mine. His was the first dead body carried out of the rubble of the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001. Some hail him as courageous. Others suggest that he should be considered a saint. Knowing Mychal, I can hear him laughing heartily at the latter suggestion. He was very aware of his own faults and sins. He aspired to holiness most certainly, but he'd be the first to say, "I am no saint," perhaps adding "at least not yet".

Was he a courageous man? Yes. Knowing many of the details of Fr. Mychal's life before 9/11, I can say that he was consistently courageous and bold in his convictions. He understood the need for courage. On trips to northern Ireland during "the troubles", Fr. Mychal had the courage to march resolutely into crowds on the edge of violence to encourage Gospel peace.

Was it any surprise to me that when I invited Fr. Mychal to preach a retreat to our Trinitarian friars in Pikesville that he chose to speak of moral courage or the courage which is faith? No, it wasn't a surprise at all.

At that retreat in Pikesville, Fr. Mychal used the word "courage" so often that afterwards I teased him that he sounded like Bert Lahr who played in the Wizard of Oz. But Fr. Mychal's message was right on target. None of us can be committed to living the Gospel without a serious measure of courage.

All three readings today speak of courage. The Israelites chose not to fear on the night of the Passover. Abraham too abandoned fear in favor of faith or unshakable trust in God. The first followers of Jesus laid aside all fear and even embraced the helplessness of being a little flock in the face of what seemed a world aligned against them.

This message of faith and courage, often repeated by Jesus, is both timeless and timely in our modern world and present circumstances: "Little flock, do not be afraid any longer." (Luke 12:32)

~Fr. Victor Scocco, O.S.S.T.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS—TUESDAYS AT 6:00PM

Please join SIT St. Lawrence for a weekly praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet for Persecuted Christians every Tuesday in the church at 6:00pm.

Please contact the Parish Office or Flint and Jan Sibayan at flintjan@gmail.com with any questions.

PARISH DIRECTORY 2016

For those who did not sign up for a photo shoot for the Parish Directory, you will be contacted by parish staff or volunteers confirming your information and asking if you'd like your information included. You can also send in your own photo.

PARKING LOT

Regarding our parking lot: Due to the unique placement of a new utility pole in the parking exit, we recommend that you exit the parking lot using Sellner Road to the rear of the Parish Center. Some of you may think your pastor is a fool, presuming that he must have consented to erecting what could eventually be a Maypole for spring celebrations. The fact is, the property is no longer ours. It belongs to Elm Tree developers from whom we lease. They had the sole right and responsibility to negotiate with the State Highway Administration regarding the development of Rt. 175 along their property. It doesn't belong to us, so I, your pastor, can't take credit for this one. Please drive safely.

ELLCOTT CITY FLOODING

From Howard County Government:

We have received many inquiries about the best way to help the businesses and residents of Ellicott City. The United Way has generously agreed to accept the community's outpourings of monetary support to assist Ellicott City. You can go to www.uwcm.org/ecstrong to make a donation for the humanitarian relief needed in Ellicott City. The Community Action Council, which coordinates the Howard County Food Bank, is also accepting food donations for displaced residents. This entire effort will mean a great deal to the businesses and residents who are hurting from this tremendous loss.

The Ellicott City Partnership is collecting funds to be used to help residents and merchants. You can visit them at www.HelpEllicottCity.com

DO YOU LIKE TO WORK OUTDOORS?

The **Church Grounds Crew** needs volunteers to help cut grass. There are two crews: Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening. For further information, please contact Michael Levesque via email michaelrlevesque@yahoo.com or by calling him at 410-262-6751.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult who has never received First Communion or Confirmation? Consider the RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The RCIA program consists of a series of sessions; a spiritual journey for those wishing to join our faith community. We typically meet on Mondays at 7:00pm. Our next meeting is Monday, August 29th.

To find out more information, you can contact Jim Leddy at adultfaithslm@gmail.com or call 410-799-5907.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 6th: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm **Mass for the Unborn** req by K of C Council #12180
 6:30pm + **Amanda Delawder** req by K of C Council #12180

Sunday, August 7th: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **Luis Ladines** req by the Morning Rosary Group
 10:00am + **Francisco Quintero** req by Angela Tovar Quintero and Angela Quintero Prieto
 11:30am **Special Intention** req by Maria Egudu & family
 5:30pm **Mass for the People**

Monday, August 8th:

9:00am* + **Regina Echetuba** req by Philomena Onwuegbule

Tuesday, August 9th:

9:00am* + **Rosa Le Trinh** req by her daughter

Wednesday, August 10th:

9:00am* + **Deceased members of the Trinitarian Community** req by the Trinitarians

Thursday, August 11th:

9:00am*

Friday, August 12th:

9:00am* + **Letty Alvarez** req by Kevin & Imelda Gabel

Saturday, August 13th: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + **Barbara Dorsey Prisco** req by Jim Prisco Jr.
 6:30pm + **Hipolita Malinilla** req by Elnora Guzman & family

Sunday, August 14th: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **John Eggerl** req by his family
 10:00am + **Luis Ladines** req by the Magnuson family
 11:30am + **Rose Marie, Alorance, and Allan Gates** req by the Gates family
 5:30pm **Mass for the People**
 * *Rosary following Mass*

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a Special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. Masses are offered for many reasons: in remembrance for the deceased, or for the living, in honor of a birthday or other special occasion.

If you'd like to have a Mass celebrated for someone, contact the Parish Office at office@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call 410-799-1970. It is a free will offering, but typically people donate \$5 to \$10 a Mass.

August 13th – 14th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Josef F	Rick B	Elizabeth V	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Emily R Catie W	John M	Joan M	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Andrew S	Ken W	Rocco D	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Daniel P	Michael J	Tom L	Darryl B Help Needed	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Karey R	Elnora G	Ray T	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Micayla N	Kathy F	Steve F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- JULY 30-31, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,458.00	2,933.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,689.00	1,747.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,440.00	2,255.00
Poor Box:	363.50	186.00
Total	\$7,950.50	\$7,121.00

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

This week, our parish will take up the 132nd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



Aug. 6th: **2nd Collection: Black & Indian Mission Birthday/Anniversary Blessings**
 3:00pm Teens return from Philadelphia
 6:00pm Directory Pictures (until 8:00pm)

Aug. 7th: **2nd Collection: Black & Indian Mission Birthday/Anniversary Blessings**
 10:00am Directory Pictures (until noon)
 11:15am Prayer Ministry (McKennas)
 1:00pm Baptismal Prep (Sacristy)

Aug. 9th: 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 7:30pm 4th Degree K of C (Parish Ctr)

Aug. 10th: 6:15pm Life Teen – Bowie Bay Sox

Aug. 13th: **2nd Collection: Catholic Schools**
 Young Adult – 8 Door Tour
 7:30am Beans and Bread (Parish Ctr)
 9:00am 3rd Order Mtg (Parish Ctr)

Aug. 14th: **2nd Collection: Catholic Schools**
Donut Social after AM Masses (Parish Ctr)
Religious Education Sign up (Parish Ctr)
Life Teen sells water bottles (Parish Ctr)
 10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry (until noon)

HELP US FEED THE POOR /BEANS & BREAD

Come to our Parish Center on August 13th at 7:30am to help prepare 450 lunches for distribution to the poor in Baltimore at Beans and Bread and the Franciscan Center.



This is a good opportunity to earn service hours.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR DONUTS & COFFEE

Join fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after all morning Masses next Sunday.



Please also join the Prayer Shawl ministry from 10am -12pm in the Parish Center. You can get your blood pressure screened by Parish Nurse Christine Magnuson, R.N., B.S.N.

Life Teen will be selling St. Lawrence water bottles and you can register your children for Religious Education classes for this school year.

THE SIT-UATION

The SIT St. Lawrence Ministry focuses on our fellow Christians who suffer persecution because of their commitment to Christ and His Church.

The three pillars for SIT St. Lawrence are prayer, action, and awareness. In order to facilitate awareness of persecuted Christians, we will be informing everyone of persecution around the world as well as awareness events.

Muslim attacks on Christians have increased in Turkey since the July 15 coup. There has been a resurgence of Sunni religious fervor, Protestant church windows broken out. Mosques are state supported. Last year, a Catholic priest was shot in the head as he knelt in prayer. *Catholic Online*

GABRIEL NETWORK – HELP PREGNANT WOMEN

St. Lawrence Parish Gabriel Network program, which supports practical, emotional, and spiritual care to pregnant women in crisis situations, is going strong.

We have an immediate need for wipes and diapers sized 3, 4, and 5, as well as newborn diapers and girl's clothes size 0-3 months. Thank you very much!

If you'd like to help with the program, contact Joe Toher by email at joetoher@gmail.com or call 443-850-6207.

ANNAPOLIS 101

Why, When, and How to be a Faithful Citizen in the State of Maryland. Do you know how many life, justice, and social concerns decisions happen on the state and local level? Do you feel that your values aren't adequately reflected in Maryland's laws and policies, but you're not sure what to do about it?

Come join us for an informative and practical workshop that will familiarize you with the legislative process in the state of Maryland and introduce you to the best practices of advocating for your values—all within a Christian vision of fulfilling our call to be leaven in society! Annapolis 101 will be held at multiple locations throughout the state now through October.

Please see www.marylandmarchforlife.org for dates and locations and to register. Sponsored by the Maryland March for Life. Contact info@marylandmarchforlife.org with any questions.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Department of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Basilica of the National Shrine will offer three sessions to assist with the immediate preparation of adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This formation series will take place at the Catholic Center on Saturdays, Sep 17th, Sep 24th, and Oct 1st from 3-5:00pm. To register for these sessions or for more information, please call Kathy Wandishin at (410) 727-3565, extension 204, or email kwandishin@baltimorebasilica.org

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

To Listen: Answering Common Objections: Mary As a former Protestant minister, Dr. Scott Hahn knows all too well the disputes between Catholic and non-Catholic Christians. In this series, he carefully examines the most widely held objections and explains how and why they have arisen.

Dr. Hahn's powerful presentations will not only show you how to use the Bible to defend the truths of Catholic teaching but will also give you an invaluable tool for sharing the Faith with others.

Found in AUDIOS under Catechesis

To Read: The World's First Love by Bishop Fulton Sheen. Venerable Sheen emphasizes the unique dignity, strength, and gifts of women and their ability to help heal the world's problems. He stresses mankind's need of the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children. He also gives profound insights into all the Marian beliefs ranging from the Immaculate Conception to the Assumption to the miracle of Our Lady of Fatima.

All the major aspects and events of Mary's life are lovingly portrayed in this world portrait that is a never failing source of information, consolation, and inspiration

To Access: Go to www.formed.org and click "Sign Up", located in the upper right hand corner. Then choose the middle option "Does your parish already have FORMED?" and enter the Parish Access Code, which is ed1783.

FORMED truly is the Catholic faith—on demand. A parishioner likened it to "You Tube for Catholics". Every parishioner is able to have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device with internet access, including your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

RETREAT FOR SINGLE PARENTS

The Catholic Community of Ascension & St. Augustine Parishes are presenting "Finding Time With Our God", a Single Parent's retreat on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00am – noon. The cost will be \$15 and free child care is available by advance registration.

For more information, email bob@staugustinechurch.org or call St. Augustine Church at 410-796-1520.

ST. LAWRENCE WATER BOTTLES



Life Teen will be selling St. Lawrence water bottles for \$10 each at the Donut Social next weekend.

This fundraiser will help subsidize events such as their trip to Philadelphia for Service Camp.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Koinonia—St. Lawrence's Young Adult Ministry—is looking to collect school supplies, such as book bags, pencils, markers, paper, tissues, rulers, etc., for people in the local prisons to give to their children for the upcoming school year.

There is a container in the Parish Center foyer where you can donate school supplies of all types to help children in need. The last day for donations is August 21st. The Young Adults will be assembling and delivering the supplies the following week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

TASTE PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

Looking for ways to grow closer to Jesus? Do you want to learn more about your Faith? You're invited to join women from over 65 parishes every Thursday morning.

Come relax and be fed! The TASTE Program (Taste And See Take...Eat) is a Catholic Women's Program dedicated to bringing women closer to Jesus AND the Church He founded. For more information on our speakers, topics, or to register please go to: www.TasteProgram.com

Join us for faith, fun, and fellowship in the Pallotti Chapel at 113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, Maryland 20707. First class begins September 15th. Classes continue EVERY Thursday morning until May 11th from, 9:00 - 11:30am. Babysitting available. Please register online!

YEAR OF MERCY: AUGUST MOMENTS OF MERCY

Mercy is more than just forgiving people; it is about considering the needs of others and responding to them in a loving and compassionate manner. It is a call to look beyond ourselves to the way in which we interact with the world as Christians. Pope Francis encourages us to "return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope" (*MV, no. 10*). We have hope in our salvation by our faith in Christ. However, not everyone shares in this hope, so we need to spread this hope by becoming "merciful like the Father" (*MV, no. 13*).

1. Sometimes, having hope can be challenging when we are faced with difficulties in life. This month, pray for someone who is going through a difficult time, that they might find hope and peace in God.

2. Back to school time! Though it is nice to have new clothes and new supplies each year, consider reusing what you already have. Instead of buying new things for yourself, use that money to buy school supplies for those who are in need. (St. Lawrence Martyr is currently doing a school supply drive).
(<http://www.usccb.org/>)

LIFE LINE SCREENING – SEPTEMBER 7TH

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St. Lawrence Parish on Wednesday, Sept. 7th.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners or please call 1-888-653-6441.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: The Diocese of Baltimore became an Archdiocese in 1808.

This week's question: Who donated our current Stations of the Cross?



This Week In Youth Ministry: There will be no Life Night this Sunday as many of us are returning from an amazing yet long week in Philadelphia serving the community. We will be heading to the Bowie Baysox game on Wednesday August 10th, leaving from St. Lawrence at 6:15pm. Tickets will be \$10. Be sure to bring extra money for food and drinks.

Upcoming Events:

August 10th: Bowie Baysox Game
August 14th: Ice Skating
August 28th: Bowling

Contact us with questions about any of these upcoming events!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with Life Teen. Please feel free to email or call me if you're interested in helping!

Topher@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call 443-765-8200.

Be sure to follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat! @SLMLifeTeen

Secular Quote of the Week:

"You could be a kid for as long as you want when you play baseball." ~Cal Ripken, Jr.