



Gospel Reflection
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13-14, 2016
Luke 12:49-53

I am writing this reflection on August 9th, the feast day of St. Benedicta of the Cross, whose secular name was Edith Stein. She was a young convert from Judaism to Catholicism. She became not only a Catholic but later decided to enter a Carmelite monastery embracing the call to be a contemplative nun.

Her mother was never reconciled to either of these choices. St. Benedicta of the Cross embodied in her life today's Gospel in which Jesus predicted that a "mother will stand against her daughter and daughter against mother" (Luke 12:53).

St. Benedicta wrote "the call for decision is often the call for division." In a world torn apart by the evils of Nazism, St. Benedicta would die like millions of other Jews in the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

As Pope Francis stood in silence during a papal visit to Auschwitz a couple of weeks ago, I am certain he must have been conscious of the sword of division which is rending our world today.

Our only choice can be a Gospel choice, in every decision big or small. The consequences, however, may well be division. Are we as ready as St. Benedicta was to live out the difficult or painful choice of discipleship no matter the cost? Again, we might ask ourselves, is there really any other option, if in fact we are His?

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

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR DONUTS & COFFEE

Join fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after all morning Masses this Sunday. **Please note, we will have special donuts this month**, donated by Joe and Cathy Stegmaier, in honor of their first wedding anniversary.



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 for \$10 each, and you can register your children for Religious Education classes for this school year.

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.

150TH ANNIVERSARY MASS – SEPT. 17TH AT 5:00PM

The 150th Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Lori will be here at St. Lawrence at 5:00pm on Saturday, September 17th.

Seating in the church will be first-come, first-seated but there will be plenty of seating in the Parish Center, where we will livestream the Mass. The Eucharist will be available in the Parish Center as well.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Koinonia—St. Lawrence's Young Adult Ministry—is collecting school supplies, such as book bags, pencils, markers, paper, tissues, 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!

ASSUMPTION OF MARY – AUGUST 15TH

Since the Assumption of Mary falls on a Monday this year, the Holy Day of Obligation is abrogated (temporarily waived).



Even though it is not an obligation this year, please consider reciting a decade of the Rosary in Our Lady's honor.

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!

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 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

Monday, August 15th:

9:00am* + **Shirley Kravitz** req by Dick & Judy Boivin

Tuesday, August 16th:

9:00am* **Increase in vocations for the priesthood** req by Aida Rabenhorst

Wednesday, August 17th:

9:00am* + **Mary Durr** req by Ed & Mary Allen

Thursday, August 18th:

9:00am* + **Maria Lanh Trinh** req by her niece

Friday, August 19th:

9:00am* **Susan Nouvet, for healing** req by her family

Saturday, August 20th: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + **James Prisco III** req by Jim Prisco Jr.
 6:30pm

Sunday, August 21st: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **Emy Soriano Harvey** req by Trina Ngayan & family
 10:00am + **Tom Vaughn** req by Donna & Jeni Ford
 11:30am **Mass for the People**

5:30pm
 * 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 20 th – 21 st Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C Josef F	Mary J	Rick B	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	John M	Debra W	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Amanda S	Miki B	Ed A	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Hannah L	Alan A	Bev A	Darryl B Help Needed	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Michael K	Bob S	Maureen M	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Allie D	Kathy F	Steve F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- AUGUST 6-7, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,335.00	\$3,331.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,314.00	1,056.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	1,880.00	2,183.00
Black & Indian Mission:	838.00	809.00
Poor Box:	256.00	338.00
Total	\$7,623.00	\$7,717.00

ONLINE GIVING

Saint Lawrence Martyr provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy visit our website at <http://www.saintlawrencemartyr.org> and click the Online Giving link.

When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on the weekend! If you still want to place something in the offertory basket, pick up one of our "I gave On-Line" cards on your way into church and use that at offertory time.



- 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)
- Aug. 15th:** 6:00pm SIT ST. Lawrence (Church)
- Aug. 16th:** 11:00am TLC (Olive Garden)
 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
- Aug. 17th:** 7:00pm 150th Anniversary Committee
- Aug. 18th:** 6:00pm Finance Committee
 7:30pm K of C Social Mtg
- Aug. 20th:** **2nd Collection: Rest. & Maintenance Fund**
 10:00am PPC Mtg (Parish Ctr)
- Aug. 21st:** **2nd Collection: Rest. & Maintenance Fund**

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.

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.

LIVING ROSARY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Father Harding Council #12180 Knights of Columbus will commemorate the 15th Anniversary of "9/11" by hosting a recitation of the "Living Rosary" immediately following the 5:30pm Mass on September 11th, in the Parish Center.

Local law enforcement, fire, and emergency personnel will also be honored as the "Unsung Heroes in Our Midst". All parishioners are welcome to participate in the Living Rosary, which can be a very moving event. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Ebrahim Firouzi, a Christian convert, has been in and out of prison in Iran since 2011; crimes listed include administering a Christian website and organizing evangelistic activities. *Worthy news, Christian Today*

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.

CAR RAFFLE – SEPTEMBER 24TH-25TH

The Fr. Harding Council of the Knights of Columbus will be selling Car raffle tickets after all Masses September 24th and 25th. The Grand Prize is a 2017 Ford Mustang, second prize is an iPad Air 2, and third prize is a \$200 gift card. The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 8th at the annual Columbus Day Ball.

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

To Watch: Use *Opening the Word* to reflect on the Sunday readings all week long. Use them individually or with a family or friend group to grow in deeper appreciation and application of the Sunday readings to our lives.

Found in PROGRAMS under Exploring the Catholic Faith

To Watch: *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith- The Last Things* What happens after we die? What does the Church really teach about death, judgment, heaven, and hell? It's time to separate the myths from the reality.

Found in PROGRAMS under Exploring the Catholic Faith

To Listen: *Beyond Belief, Following Christ Today* by Fr. Michael Schmitz. Fr. Mike tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today with humor, clarity, and theological truth. In this talk, he challenges us to not settle for mediocrity and to allow Christ to change our lives. Fr. Mike goes on to explain that once we are changed by the love of Jesus, then together we can change the world.

Found in AUDIOS under Prayer and Spirituality

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 "YouTube 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.

FATHER CAPODANNO MEMORIAL MASS

The Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, will take place at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 6th, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D.C. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the United States Military Services, will be the main celebrant.

This annual Mass is celebrated in memory of Fr. Capodanno, killed in Vietnam on Sept. 4, 1967, as he aided embattled Marines. Fr. Capodanno posthumously received the Medal of Honor, and in May 2006 the Catholic Church officially proclaimed him a Servant of God, formally initiating his cause for beatification. The Fr. Vincent Capodanno Guild is the only official organization set up to promote the cause for canonization of Fr. Capodanno.

For more information, visit www.CapodannoGuild.org. All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on the 49th anniversary of his death. There will be open seating, so please plan to arrive early. If reserved parking is necessary for our disabled attendees, please email mpreece@milarch.org. Military members are encouraged to wear uniform of the day, and business attire is appropriate for civilians.

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.



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.

YEAR OF MERCY: JESUS IS THE "FACE" OF THE FATHER'S MERCY

Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Francis writes in *Misericordia Vultus, the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*, is the "face" of the Father's mercy — He reveals the mercy of God by His words, action and person. We follow Jesus' example when we open ourselves to the Father's mercy by looking "sincerely" into the eyes of our brothers and sisters, including those "who are denied their dignity."

How have you experienced the Father's mercy in your own life? How might Jesus be calling you to look "sincerely" into the eyes of those who are denied their dignity? (<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.

SIT ST. LAWRENCE MEETING – AUGUST 15TH

SIT St. Lawrence, our ministry focused on bringing prayer, awareness, and action to Persecuted Christians, will be meeting at 6:00pm on August 15th in the church.

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

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: According to the plaque, the Stations of the Cross were given in memory of John and Crescentia Blob, the parents of Katherine Eggerl Peters, by Mr. and Mrs. John Eggerl Sr. and family.

This week's question: While taking pictures for the photo directory, we noticed that our parish has many sets of twins. How many do we have, according to our parish registry?



This Week In Youth Ministry: We'll be meeting after Life Teen Mass to save ourselves from the heat by going ice skating. After Mass, we will meet in the Parish Center to enjoy some dinner and then head out to go skate.

It will be \$10 per person and you will need to fill out a permission form if you wish to go. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events:

August 14th: Ice Skating

August 28th: Bowling

Sept. 11th: Living Rosary

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 can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get." ~ Michael Phelps