

Gospel Reflection
 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 20-21, 2016
 Luke 13:22-30



Have you seen the humorous commercial running these days during the Olympics, which depicts a husband and wife competing with one another to be first in everything? First to wake up in the morning, first to buy the newest tablet, even first to hang up on the phone. It makes me laugh, but it reminds us of just how competitive the human spirit is. We see it not only in sports and in the Olympics. We cheer with and for the first as they “go for the gold” and soon forget the last.

The final line of today’s Gospel is the heart of the Great Reversal: Some who are last will be first and some who are first will be last. If, in fact, we first thought of the last and regarded them as first, our world would be a very different place. I dare say, peace would reign and war would cease. Oh, but that’s foolishness, you say. The world is not like that.

That’s exactly the point. The world is *not* like that, but the Kingdom of God is and will be just like that, a very, very different place indeed.

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

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

The 150th Anniversary Mass will be here at St. Lawrence at 5:00pm on Saturday, September 17th. Archbishop Lori will be the celebrant, and Fr. Victor and Fr. Binoy, as well as some former St. Lawrence priests, will be concelebrating.

Mass will be followed by a light reception at the Parish Center. Please note that the 6:30pm Mass will be cancelled on that day.

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. Communion will be available in the Parish Center as well.

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!

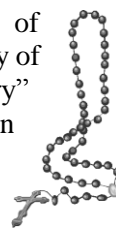
BBQ FUNDRAISER – AUGUST 27TH

The Trinitarian Third Order is having a fundraiser on Saturday, August 27th from 4pm – 7:30pm where they will be selling delicious BBQ chicken, pork, and beef sandwiches. You can purchase a drink, coleslaw, and sandwich combo for \$8, to go or to eat in.

Our St. Lawrence Trinitarian Third Order celebrated its 10th Anniversary of being a recognized fraternity of the Third Order: laypersons who share in the Charism of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of Captives (Trinitarians) and profess simplicity, chastity, and obedience in accord with their state of life. The Third Order here at St. Lawrence prepares meals for the homeless at three local shelters and is involved with many other St. Lawrence ministries.

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 Sunday, 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION INFO SESSION: SEPTEMBER 14TH

If you have a high school teen who is ready to be confirmed and have not come to a previous info session to learn about our Confirmation program, we will be having an info session on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

If you have any questions or are unable to make the meeting, feel free to contact Topher Darragh at 443-765-8200.

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.



Mass Intentions

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**

Monday, August 22nd:
 9:00am*

Tuesday, August 23rd:
 9:00am* **Paul Smith** req by his family

Wednesday, August 24th:
 9:00am* + **Deceased members of the Trinh family**

Thursday, August 25th:
 9:00am* + **Barbara Dorsey Prisco** req by Jim Prisco Jr.

Friday, August 26th:
 9:00am* **John A. Edet, for birthday blessings,** req by his wife

Saturday, August 27th: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00pm + **Joan Simmons** req by Patty Dieterich
 6:30pm

Sunday, August 28th: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30am + **Jim and Connor Hamilton** req by the Samuels family

10:00am + **Regina Echetuba** req by Philomena Onwuegbule
 11:30am + **Deceased members of the Strazik & Gates families** 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 27 th – 28 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Help Needed	Maggie P	Jeff F	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Emily R Catie W	Joan M	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Andrew S	Michael A	Rocco D	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Daniel P	Ken W	Maureen M	Darryl B Help Needed	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Karey R	Skip W	Ray T	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Courtney D	Kathy F	Steve F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- AUGUST 13-14, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$2,897.00	\$2,986.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,765.00	1,434.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,273.00	1,510.00
Catholic Schools:	783.00	929.00
Poor Box:	462.50	206.50
Total	\$8,180.50	\$7,065.50

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. 20th: 2nd Collection: Rest. & Maintenance Fund
 10:00am PPC Mtg (Parish Ctr)

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 Last Day to donate school supplies

Aug. 23rd: 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study (Parish Ctr)

Aug. 24th: 7:00pm Koinonia (Young Adult) Mtg

Aug. 25th: 7:00pm Rosary for the Unborn

Aug. 26th: 10:00am Parish Trip to see Samson

Aug. 27th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign
 9:00am 3rd Order Mtg (Parish Center)
 4:00pm 3rd Order BBQ dinner (until 7:30pm)

Aug. 28th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign
 6:30pm Life Night (Bowling offsite)

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.

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

To Watch: *Clare and Francis* This outstanding movie is unique among films on St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety Francis was known for, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with Francis. Francis renounces his inheritance of wealth to live the Gospel and serve the poor and outcasts. Clare reads deep into his heart and decides to follow him, leaving her home and family to give herself as the bride of Christ.

Both found major religious orders and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel, and their impact has even reached across the centuries to change the world.

Found in MOVIES

To Listen: *Being All In* Eric Mahl grew up in the small town of Monroeville, Ohio where he was a standout athlete. He earned a scholarship to play division one football at Kent State University and, in 2005, was signed by the Cleveland Browns. After leaving the NFL, he spent three years working in the world, where he continued his intensive focus on discerning his vocation. After this period of discernment, he sold or gave away all his belongings so as to fully give himself to the Lord and live out the message of Divine Mercy.

Found in AUDIOS under Year of Mercy

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.

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.

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 joetohher@gmail.com or call 443-850-6207.

PARISH TRIP TO SAMSON – AUGUST 26TH

Our Parish Trip to see “Samson” at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, is next Friday. The bus will leave the St. Lawrence parking lot at 10:00am, we will have lunch at 12pm, see the play at 2:45pm, and arrive back at St. Lawrence at 8:00pm.

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.

FILIPINO SAINTS CELEBRATION – SEPT. 25TH

The 6th Archdiocesan Filipino Saints Fiesta Celebration will be on Sunday, September 25th at 2:00pm in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen at 5200 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21210.

There will be three days of prayer and reflection September 20th-22nd from 6:00-6:30pm following the 5:30pm Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. The events are sponsored by the Archdiocesan Filipino Council.

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.

Suicide bombers attacked a predominantly Christian village in Lebanon June 27. Five killed plus the four bombers; 30 injured. *Cruix, Catholic News Service*

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY MEMORIAL MASS

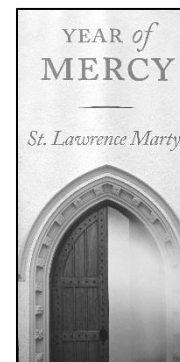
The Homebound Ministry, in addition to bringing the Blessed Sacrament to the homebound of St Lawrence, conducts weekly visits to residents in the Lorien Nursing Home in Columbia, MD, often calling on those who have no other visitors or family members.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16th, Fr. Binoy celebrated a special Mass memorializing 91 of our friends from the Lorien facility who were called home during the six years we’ve been visiting. It was a beautiful Mass. The names of each of the deceased were read aloud as they were remembered during the Mass.

Homebound Ministry member Tom Lauth had the dream for a Memorial Mass, and he and Father Binoy designed this special liturgy which has become an annual event.

If you are interested in being a part of this Ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 410-799-1970 or Pat Hogan at 410-849-3189.

YEAR OF MERCY: MERCY DEMANDS JUSTICE



“True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice, it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer,” Pope Francis notes. “It asks us, the Church, us, the City of Rome, it asks the institutions—to ensure that no one ever again stand in need of a soup-kitchen, of make-shift lodgings, of a service of legal assistance in order to have his legitimate right recognized to live and to work, to be fully a person.”

In your own life, and in your faith community, how do you work for justice? Do you seek to address the *root* causes of problems that affect those who are vulnerable? (*Pope Francis’ Address to Jesuit Refugee Services*)

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.

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

We will also have the opportunity at St. Lawrence for the instructional classes, if you can’t make the above dates.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week’s answer: We have ten pairs of twins. We have a set of 3-month old twin girls, 6-year-old twin girls, 8-year-old twin boy/girl, 10-year-old twin boy/girl, 14-year-old twin boys, 19-year-old twin females, 19-year-old twin males, 20-year-old male/female twins, 22-year-old twin males, and one set of 50-year-old twin females!

This week’s question: Of course, many of our parishioners share the same birthday... but how many share that birthday with the Feast Day of St. Lawrence (August 10th)?



This Week In Youth Ministry: We won’t be having Life Night. Big thanks to everyone that joined us last week for the baseball game and ice skating. We’ll see you next week for our last social of the summer as we go bowling!

We are also selling St. Lawrence water bottles to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. If you are interested in purchasing one, please email Topher and he will get one headed your way.

Upcoming Events:

August 28th: Bowling
Sept. 11th: Living Rosary
Sept. 14th: Confirmation Information Session

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 and Instagram! @SLMLifeTeen

Secular Quote of the Week:

“When I bet on horses, I never lose. Why? I bet on all the horses.” ~Tom Haverford