

**Gospel Reflection**  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 August 27-28, 2016  
 Luke 14:1, 7-14



I had a truly strange experience a couple of days ago. Fr. Binoy and I went out to eat, taking advantage of a \$10 special offer at a local restaurant. After we finished the meal, a well-dressed woman came running after us complaining about the maître d's greeting as we left, which was "Have a nice day!" The woman running after us was shouting, "I'm not going to have a nice day. I'm unemployed and homeless." I wondered why she was in a restaurant if that were the case. Did she expect us to pay the bill for her meal there? She was definitely passionate, but I wondered if she was sincere. Again, I thought, "Lady, I'm not going to pay for your 'night out'".

Only later did it occur to me that if she was, in fact, honest and on the up-and-up, every night would be a night out for her—out on the street, out of luck, and maybe out of food. However, I wondered, given her unorthodox panhandling technique, if she was out of her mind.

The fact is she's not been out of my mind. Here I am still thinking about her today, as I read the Gospel about setting a banquet table for the poor and left out.

My failure to have done so—even though she never asked for anything directly—may have contributed to prolonging her not-so-nice day. Even worse, when I stand at the door of eternity, longing for a place at the Banquet, not helping her may contribute to my being left out in the darkness for longer than a few days or weeks.

Then, as now, I can only beg God's mercy and forgiveness.

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

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

Please stop by the church this Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, to visit the Blessed Sacrament any time after the 9:00am Mass until 6:30pm. Benediction will follow at 6:30pm, after which we will recite the Rosary.

All scheduled adorers, please remember to be there for your assigned hour. We also welcome anyone to stop by for an unscheduled visit any time during the day.

**BAPTISMAL PREP**

If you have an infant or child whom you wish to have baptized, there will be a Baptismal Prep class for parents and godparents on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Sacristy. Please call the Parish Office to register for the Baptismal Prep session or for more information.

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS – SEPT. 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00PM**

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be here at St. Lawrence at 5:00pm on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>. Classes continue EVERY Thursday morning until May 11<sup>th</sup> from, 9:00 - 11:30am. Babysitting available. Please register online!

**WELCOME**

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Prescott Randolph Kiser, son of Paul Kiser and Angela Foard; and Fiona Elizabeth Schmidt, daughter of Andrew Schmidt and Lee Ann Hagan, both baptized on August 21, 2016.

May they and their families continue to grow in God's love and grace.

**LABOR DAY FESTIVAL – LADY OF MT. CARMEL**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Thurmont, MD will hold its annual Labor Day festival on Monday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5:00pm on the church grounds on Church Street in downtown Thurmont. Family style fried chicken and ham dinner (adults \$14.00, children 6 to 12 - \$6.50, 5 and under free). Air-conditioned dining room and ample parking. Live music, Bingo, large White Elephant Sale, bake sale, and raffle. Carry outs available. For directions, visit their website: [www.sasolmc.org](http://www.sasolmc.org)

**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](mailto:michaelrlevesque@yahoo.com) or by calling him at 410-262-6751.



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm + **Joan Simmons** req by Patty Dieterich  
 6:30pm

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>: 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* + **Luis Ladines** req by the Morning Rosary Group

**Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* + **Robert Thomson** req by his family

**Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>:**

9:00am\* + **Robert Thomson** req by his family

**Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>:**

9:00am\* + **James Prisco III** req by Jim Prisco Jr.

**Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

9:00am\* + **Deceased members of the Nguyen family**

**Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm + **Della Rico Martinez** req by Dr. David F. Rico and family  
 6:30pm **Mass for the Unborn** req by K of C Council #12180

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am **Mass for the People**  
 10:00am + **Francisco Quintero** req by Angela Tovar Quintero and Angela Quintero Prieto  
 11:30am **Marie Holderness** req by her family  
 5:30pm + **Jessica Watsula** req by Christine Magnuson  
 \* *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](mailto:office@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call 410-799-1970. It is a free will offering, but typically people donate \$5 to \$10 a Mass.

Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Mary J	Elizabeth V	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	Debra W	Help Needed	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Amanda S	Ken W	Ed A	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Hannah L	Carla D	Donna F	Darryl B Help Needed	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Michael K	Bob S	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Help Needed	Kathy F	Steve F	Help Needed

**CHURCH SUPPORT- AUGUST 20-21, 2016**

Category	This year	Last year
<b>Envelopes:</b> Regular Weekly	4,160.00	\$2,861.00
<b>Loose:</b> Regular Weekly	2,541.83	2,003.05
<b>E-giving:</b> Regular Weekly	1,870.00	2,315.00
<b>Restoration &amp; Maintenance:</b>	1,332.00	1,005.00
<b>Poor Box:</b>	316.00	220.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,219.83</b>	<b>\$ 8,328.05</b>

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Included in the bulletin today is the Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Statement.

**ONLINE GIVING**

Saint Lawrence Martyr provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make donations. Getting started is easy; visit <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!



- Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Capital Campaign  
 9:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Mtg (Parish Center)  
 4:00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Order BBQ dinner (until 7:30pm)
- Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Capital Campaign  
 6:30pm Life Night (Bowling offsite)
- Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00pm RCIA (Sacristy)
- Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>:** 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
- Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>:** 6:00pm SIT St. Lawrence (Church)  
 7:30pm K of C – Business Mtg (Parish Ctr)
- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration (til 6:30pm)
- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Schools  
 Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Schools  
 Birthday/Anniversary Blessings  
 1:00pm Baptismal Prep  
 No Life Night

**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](mailto:flintjan@gmail.com) with any questions.

## SIT MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPT. 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 6:00PM

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

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the church.

## FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

**To Read: *Because God is Real* by Peter Kreeft.** Atheistic and agnostic writers are aggressively attacking traditional religious beliefs. Philosopher and prolific writer Peter Kreeft is up to the challenge in this work of popular apologetics aimed at both teens and adults. The masterful Kreeft tackles sixteen crucial issues about the deeper meaning of life. This book is ideal for those exploring faith for the first time, as well as for confirmation and religious education classes. “The good news of the Gospel is as exciting as a murder mystery. For at its heart there is a murder: the murder of God two thousand years ago in Jerusalem. And this God is the greatest of mysteries: who He is and why He put us here, and why He came here and what His plans are for us. The story is literally a matter of life or death—eternal life or death.” ~Peter Kreeft

Found in BOOKS available for eBooks, Android, Nook and Kindle

**BACK TO SCHOOL! Work through the YDisciple study *Who Am I?*** Every young person asks: Who am I? Every day, at home and at school, alone or with friends, they’re trying to determine the answer. This YDisciple course gets to the heart of the question and shows how the discovery of their personal identity is intertwined with their relationship with the God who has created them and loves them more than they love themselves.

Found in PROGRAMS under for For Youth

**To Access:** Go to [www.formed.org](http://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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bob@staugustinechurch.org) or call St. Augustine Church at 410-796-1520.

## FATHER CAPODANNO MEMORIAL MASS

The Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, will take place at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.CapodannoGuild.org). All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on the 49<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mpreece@milarch.org). Military members are encouraged to wear uniform of the day, and business attire is appropriate for civilians.

## 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](mailto:joetoher@gmail.com) or call 443-850-6207.

## MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA – SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

On Saturday, September 4, 2016, Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be canonized by Pope Francis at St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican.

Archbishop Lori will celebrate Mass on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am at the Basilica in celebration.

Here at St. Lawrence, we will be passing out prayer cards with information on her amazing life.

The entire Missionaries of Charity family – Sisters, Brothers, Fathers, coworkers, Corpus Christi Movement for Priests, lay associates (Lay Missionaries of Charity and I Thirst Movement), volunteers, benefactors, friends of different faiths, and especially the poorest of the poor – rejoice and is grateful to Pope Francis for this significant event in its history and in the life of the Church during this Jubilee of Mercy.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup>.**

To find out more information, you can contact Jim Leddy at [adultfaithslm@gmail.com](mailto:adultfaithslm@gmail.com) or call 410-799-5907.

## CONFIRMATION INFO SESSION: SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>, Sep 24<sup>th</sup>, and Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:kwandishin@baltimorebasilica.org)

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

## LIFE LINE SCREENING – SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

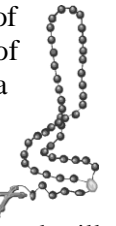
Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St. Lawrence Parish on Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners) or please call 1-888-653-6441.

## LIVING ROSARY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

Father Harding Council #12180 Knights of Columbus will commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “9/11” with the youth from Life Teen by hosting a recitation of the “Living Rosary” immediately following the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

**Last week’s answer:** August 10<sup>th</sup>—the Feast of St. Lawrence—is also the birthday of four of our parishioners... and of our Pastor. All of our August 10<sup>th</sup> birthday boys and girls should celebrate their birthday with a barbecue, since St. Lawrence is the Patron Saint of barbecues (due to the traditional belief that he was martyred by being grilled over a gridiron. He’s also the patron saint of comedians since he is rumored to have told the executioner, “turn me over, I’m done on this side”).

**This week’s question:** Where was St. Lawrence buried?



**This Week In Youth Ministry:** We’ll be capping off our social summer with an evening of bowling. We’ll be meeting at the Parish Center after 5:30pm Mass and heading to go bowling from there. Be sure to bring your socks...and a friend, but definitely don’t forget socks.

## Upcoming Events:

August 28<sup>th</sup>: Bowling  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>: Living Rosary  
Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>: 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](mailto:Topher@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call 443-765-8200.

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

## Secular Quote of the Week:

“It’s hard to find a funny or insightful quote about bowling.” ~Topher Darragh