



Gospel Reflection
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 3-4, 2016
 Luke 14:25-33

You may have read about the massive protests spreading across India these past few months. The “Dalits”, once known as the “untouchables”, are rising up and demanding justice and equality.

In our own country these past couple of years, we have been reminded how real racial inequality and exclusion still runs very deep. In Biblical times, class segregation and slavery were accepted and ingrained practices. While we can never support or applaud the marginalization and separation of people and races, it may be that such tendencies are part of human nature, dehumanizing as they are.

In today’s second reading, however, St. Paul overcomes and supersedes these tendencies. He calls Onesimus, who was a slave, his child and beloved brother. It is Christ-built love which binds their hearts and minds together and makes them equal, not separate.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta allowed the power and truth of love to bridge all gaps between her and the poorest of the poor, Dalits included. Doing so took courage, if not a radical conversion of her heart.

She and Paul remind us all that love alone conquers all hatred, exclusion, and injustice. These two saints, each giants in the Faith, serve as stellar models of a love that can and does change the world, no matter how torn, separate, and unjust things may, in fact, be.

~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 for the Mass. In addition, **Fr. Victor, Fr. Binoy, Fr. Bill Axe, Fr. Ed Owens, Fr. Stan DeBoe, and Fr. Juan Jose Molina** 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 18TH

Regular Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 18th. Pre-K through 3rd grade is from 9:30am – 11:00am; 4th grade through 8th grade is from 11:15am – 12:45pm.

You can still register the day of the classes.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 410-799-1970 or email office@saintlawrencemartyr.org

THANK YOU TO GABRIEL NETWORK



Thank you, Saint Lawrence Martyr. In the past year, your Angel Friend Team has directly served seven mothers and children in need through Gabriel Network!

You made the love of Christ real to the vulnerable and the afraid. As you were there for the least of these, you were there for our Lord. Thank you for your continued generosity and service, and we look forward to another year of serving with you.

~ God bless, *Stephen Wallace*, Executive Director

NEW CATHOLIC MEN’S STUDY GROUP

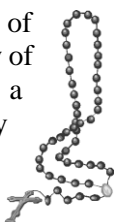
Have you ever been asked about Catholic beliefs concerning Mary, the Pope, saints, Eucharist, confession, marriage, etc.? We would like to form a Men’s group for study of the Bible, Catholic Catechism, and other sources so we can better understand, not just the doctrines themselves, but the Biblical and historical reasons for these beliefs.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 13th in the Sacristy at 6:30pm, right after the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer.

If interested, contact Ray Ogden after the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the church or (almost) anytime at home at 410-551-8364.

LIVING ROSARY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Father Harding Council #12180 Knights of Columbus will commemorate the 15th 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 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 moving event. Refreshments will be served.

SODA TABS

Sister Doris Ouelette, a Sister of Holy Cross, who has been collecting soda can tabs, says, “Thank you to all at St. Lawrence for your generous gift of soda can tabs. May God bless you all.”

The tabs can be left at the back of the church in a plastic bag or at the Parish Center.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 3rd: 23rd 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, Sept. 4th: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am **Mass for the People**

10:00am + **Francisco Quintero** req by Angela Tovar and the Prieto family

11:30am **Marie Holderness** req by her family

5:30pm + **Jessica Watsula** req by Christine Magnuson

Monday, Sept. 5th:

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

Tuesday, Sept. 6th:

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

Wednesday, Sept. 7th:

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

Thursday, Sept. 8th:

9:00am* + **Dorothy Scruggs** req by Judy & Dick Boivin

Friday, Sept. 9th:

9:00am*

Saturday, Sept. 10th: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + **Barbara Dorsey Prisco** req by Jim Prisco Jr.
 6:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 11th: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **Barb DeFronzo** req by her husband

10:00am **Mass for the People**

11:30am

5:30pm **Emergency Responders** req by the parish

* *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.

Sept. 10th – 11th Ministry Schedule

Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Help Needed	Larry B	Jeff F	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Emily R Catie W	John M	Help Needed	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Andrew S	Maggie P	Deacon John	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Daniel P	Alan A	Deacon John	Darryl B Help Needed	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Karey R	Mike A	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Help Needed	Kathy F	Steve F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- AUGUST 27-28, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	3,005.50	\$3,880.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,408.00	2,034.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,050.00	1,435.00
Poor Box:	244.00	370.00
Total	\$6,707.50	\$7,719.00

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sept. 3rd: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings

Sept. 4th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
 1:00pm Baptismal Prep
 No Life Night

Sept. 5th: Parish Office is Closed

Sept. 6th: 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study (Parish Ctr)

Sept. 7th: 8:30am Life Line Screening (until 5:30pm)

Sept. 10th: 2nd Collection: Rest and Maintenance

7:30am Beans and Bread
 9:00am 3rd Order Meeting
 2:30pm Young Adult – 8-Door Tour
 7:30pm K of C Installation of Officers

Sept. 11th: 2nd Collection: Rest and Maintenance

Donut Social after all AM Masses
 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (until noon)
 6:30pm Living Rosary (K of C/Life Teen)

HELP US FEED THE POOR /BEANS & BREAD

Come to our Parish Center on September 10th 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 also get your blood pressure screened by Parish Nurse Christine Magnuson, R.N., B.S.N.

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.

A Catholic priest was stabbed during Mass in Medan, Indonesia. A young man approached Fr. Albert Pandiangan, stabbed his left arm, and then tried to set off an explosive device. *Arab News, Reuters*

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.

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

In honor of Mother Teresa of Calcutta's canonization this weekend, we suggest:

To Watch: MOVIES- *Mother Teresa*

To Listen: AUDIOS- *The Face of God Hear from Mother Teresa herself in this audio!!* Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta is known throughout the world as a woman totally committed to the Gospel. In the first presentation, she explains the infinite value of God's gift of life; in the second presentation, she emphasizes the Eucharist and our call to imitate Christ by loving each other unconditionally.

To Read: BOOKS - *The Kiss of Jesus: How Mother Teresa and the Saints Helped Me to Discover the Beauty of the Cross*

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.

MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA – SEPTEMBER 4TH

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

Mother Teresa has Baltimore connections: She visited the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore in 1996. A bust of her likeness is on permanent display inside the Basilica. The pew, on which she sat and prayed during her visit 20 years earlier, is on display in the undercroft.

St. Wenceslaus Parish will hold a special Mass on Saturday, Sept. 10th at 11:00am! On that day the Missionaries of Charity will host the Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop William Lori. Please join the Sisters, invited clergy members, friends, and parishioners for this special Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta.

After the Mass, the celebration will continue with a luncheon in the Lyceum during which a short film presentation on the life of Mother Teresa will be presented. Please plan to come as we celebrate the canonization of St. Teresa of Calcutta! The Mass and the luncheon are open to all who come! For more information, please call the Sisters at Gift of Hope Convent at 410-732-6056.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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, September 12th.**

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

CHECK OUT OUR CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

If you want to see how the construction on our new Parish Complex is coming along, visit our Facebook page (search for "Saint Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church") or our website at www.saintlawrencemartyr.org

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, Sept. 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.

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

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.

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.

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 TRIVIA

Last week's answer: Per St. Leo the Great, Patriarch of Rome, St. Lawrence was buried in the cemetery at Cyriaca in the Veran field on the road to Tiber. The Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, one of the Seven Churches of Rome, was built on top of the grave site.

This week's question: What does *Ecce Thesaurus Ecclesiae* mean and how is this related to St. Lawrence (the saint)?



This Week In Youth Ministry: It's Labor Day weekend! Go out and enjoy your last weekend of Summer! Cya next week!

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 11th: Living Rosary
Sept. 14th: Confirmation Info Session
Sept. 17th: 150th Anniversary Mass – 5pm
Oct. 28th: Halloween BINGO
Nov. 18th-20th: Baltimore Youth Catholic Conference
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:

"Nobody can think straight who does not work. Idleness warps the mind" ~Henry Ford