

Gospel Reflection - Sept. 24-25

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Luke 16:19-31



The rich man in today's Gospel passage is nameless. The poor man is not. That's not the way things typically are in our modern world or, for that matter, historically. It's the rich and powerful who make a name for themselves. They are the ones whom history remembers. Has any history book or chronicle ever told us the names of those born

poor, who lived as beggars and died in rags?

Jesus names Lazarus in His parable for several reasons. Not least of all to remind us that the poor and needy are *not* nameless.

I wonder, would it make a difference in our response if we knew the names of those who beg on the streets of Baltimore or hold cardboard placards on Rt. 1 here in Jessup? When they stop me, I might conveniently slip them a \$5 or \$10. Maybe I should ask, "Please tell me your name." On the Last Day, God may well ask me, "Do you remember that fellow? What was his name?"

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

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Anyone grade 3 and above who has celebrated their First Communion is welcome to join this ministry and serve at the Table of the Lord.

Please contact Diane Baldwin at 443-679-6241 or dnboct4@hotmail.com for more information and so a training session can be arranged. We've lost many Altar Servers over the summer due to moves and those going off to college. Your participation in this ministry would be greatly appreciated.

CELEBRATE MARY - OCTOBER 8TH

Plan to join us in our Parish Center on Saturday, October 8th at 6:30pm for a meal followed by a Presentation on Mary from 7:15-8:30pm. Please take this opportunity to explore this important woman in our faith, Mary, our Mother.

Join us as we find out who she is. Among some popular names she is known as *Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Lourdes, Black Madonna, Mother of God, Queen of Peace*, but what do Catholics believe about her?

As with most celebrations, there will be food. For our Presentation on Mary, we would like our meal to be one that Mary would have prepared and shared with her family, friends, and neighbors. This would be similar to today's Pot Luck style meal. If you would like to donate a dish that you think Mary would have prepared, please call Kathleen Leddy at 410-799-1970 x 53. She will also have some suggestions of food you could prepare or purchase, if you need ideas.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Regular Religious Education classes began on Sunday, Sept. 18th. Registration is still open.

Religious Education meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. Pre-K through 3rd grade meets from 9:30am - 11:00am; 4th through 8th grade is from 11:15am - 12:45pm.

If your child is in at least 2nd grade and attended a Catholic school or a religious education program during the 2015-2016 school year; they will be eligible to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist during the 2016-2017 school year which begins this Sunday.

The First Reconciliation Inscription Mass will take place this Sunday at the 8:30am Mass. Valerie Magnuson, Director of Religious Education, will be conducting a parent meeting and the children will have their first class immediately following the Mass.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Magnuson by emailing val@saintlawrencemartyr.org or calling 410-799-1970, ext. 54.

SPAGHETTI DINNER - OCTOBER 29TH



Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 29th. The Sister Parish Committee will hold its Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Center.

It will take place from 4:00 - 7:30pm. Prices are Adults: \$8.00; Children (6-12): \$4.00; 5 and under: Free.

You can get your spaghetti to go, and there will be a bake sale so you can purchase dessert as well!

The Spaghetti Dinner benefits the Sister Parish Committee, which sends financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our sister parish in Sucre, Bolivia.

WELCOME

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Milton Guevara Jr., son of Milton Guevara Sr. and Ana Pena, baptized on September 18, 2016.

May he and his family continue to grow in God's love and grace.

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 this Monday, September 26th.**

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 24th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

6:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 25th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Anna & Jerry Henline req by the Mangubat family

10:00am + Teruka Dub req by Patty Dieterich

11:30am Mass for the People

5:30pm + Joan Roll req by the Magnuson family

Monday, Sept. 26th:

9:00am* + Luis Ladines, Regina Echetebe, & Madam

Agnes Ejimkonye by John & Bolanle Edet

Tuesday, Sept. 27th:

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

Wednesday, Sept. 28th:

9:00am*** Thanksgiving for Anthony-Mary's growth &

God knowledge req by John & Bolanle Edet

Thursday, Sept. 29th:

9:00am* + Barbara Dorsey Prisco req by Jim Prisco Jr.

Friday, Sept. 30th:

9:00am* + Doris Buckreus req by her family

Saturday, Oct. 1st: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + Michelle Stevens Skaggs req by her family

6:30pm

Sunday, Oct. 2nd: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + William Durr req by Ed & Mary Allen

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

11:30am Mass for the People

5:30pm + Mary Lavin req by the Magnuson family

* Rosary following Mass

** Rosary and Novena to St. Agatha

*** Rosary and Novena to St. Michael of the Saints

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.

Oct. 1 st - 2 nd Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Maggie P	Elizabeth V	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	Joan M	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Amanda S	Mary J	Rocco D	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B	Mike J	Donna F	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Michael K	Elnora G	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Courtney D	Help Needed	Steve F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$2,605.00	\$2,743.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,640.00	2,029.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,240.00	2,055.00
Poor Box:	145.00	165.00
Total:	\$6,630.00	\$6,992.00
Louisiana Flood Victims:	1,426.00	N/A

SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

A second collection for Catholic schools will be taken up the weekend of **October 1-2, 2016** for the benefit of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the children they serve. Catholic schools help students "Rise Above" by providing them with an academically-excellent education in a faith-filled environment that prepares them for success in the classroom and in life. Students in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore are excelling: 99% graduate, 98% attend college, students score in the top third nationally, making Catholic schools an outstanding value.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep. 24th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign

K of C selling car raffle tickets

9:00am 3rd Order Trip to NJ

Sep. 25th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign

K of C selling car raffle tickets

6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)

Sep. 26th: 7:00pm RCIA (Sacristy)

Sep. 27th: 10:30am TLC Bingo (Parish Ctr)

6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)

6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Sacristy)

Sep. 29th: 7:00pm Rosary for the Unborn

Oct. 1st: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools

Birthday/Anniversary Blessings

Oct. 2nd: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools

Birthday/Anniversary Blessings

12:30pm Baptism Class (Sacristy)

6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)

CAR RAFFLE SALES

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.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND ANNULMENTS

The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be giving a presentation in our area concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process, and any others who may have an interest because of family or friends.

Our closest session will be held on **Monday, October 4th at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville in the Parish Hall.** No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 410-547-5533.

Other dates and locations can be found at:
<http://www.archbalt.org/about-us/marriage-tribunal/upload/TribunalFall2016.pdf>

PRAYERS TO ST. AGATHA OF SICILY

St. Agatha is the patron saint for those who suffer from breast cancer, those who suffer from sterility, and of rape victims and nurses. Please join us as we pray a perpetual novena to St. Agatha on Tuesdays after our Daily Mass.

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.

25 August 2016: Mar Del Plata, Argentina

Three men entered the House of Missionaries of Charity, beat and gagged the five sisters, ransacked the house until they found the equivalent of \$3.30 They emptied the tabernacle of consecrated hosts, but left the ciborium when they realized it wasn't gold. *Catholic News Agency/EWTN*

MONSIGNOR SLADE FAIR – SEPT. 27TH

There will be an Archdiocesan High School Fair at Monsignor Slade School on September 27th for students in sixth, seventh and eighth grade. The event will begin at 6:30pm and families will have the opportunity to visit with area Catholic high schools in an open fair format until 7:00pm. Students will then have the opportunity to hear three 25-minute sessions from 7:00pm to 8:35pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Nick Brownlee, the Director of Admissions at Archbishop Curley High School, at 410-485-5000 x289 or at nbrownlee@archbishopcurley.org. The High School Fair is a great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore!

150TH ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU!

Fr. Victor and Fr. Binoy would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on last week's 150th Anniversary Mass.

Thank you to Archbishop William Lori for celebrating with us and for his presence here. Thank you to Fr. Louis Bianco for his service as Master of Ceremonies.

Thank you to Deacon John, Pastoral Associate Joe Toher, the Grounds Committee, Liturgical Environment Committee, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Lectors, and 4th Degree Knights for their contribution to our worship. Thank you to Kyle Lyons and the Auxiliary Police for parking lot control.

Thank you to the 150th Anniversary Committee: Kathy Furth, Mary Jo Hogan, Judy Kurtz, Joe Levesque, Michael Levesque, Kathleen Leddy, Val Magnuson, Jan Sibayan, and Cathy & Joe Stegmaier for their hard work.

Thank you to Pat Hogan for contacting government offices requesting the Proclamations honoring St. Lawrence.

Thank you to Joe Eble & the 11:30am Choir for their vocal and musical talents and to Dan Baker for composing and playing the Mass Parts dedicated to St. Lawrence.

Thank you also to Kathy Furth and the Hospitality Crew for hosting our reception and to Bob Petza for set-up. Thank you to Frankie Cerquetti, Topher Darragh, Christine Magnuson, and Kevin Meier for providing livestream.

A special thank you to Barney Gomez & Larry Bowers, both of whom gave of their time & talent to photograph parishioners and ministries for our upcoming 150th Anniversary Directory.

Thank you also to Larry Bowers & Rene Cerquetti for providing photography and video coverage for the Mass.

And we all thank the former pastors and priests—many of whom joined us—who have worked so hard over the years to shepherd St. Lawrence Parish and her parishioners.

Finally, thank you to all the parishioners who attended the Mass and throughout the past 150 years. We know St. Lawrence wouldn't be such a warm and welcoming church without you.

TRINITY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Trinity School, a Catholic, accredited, coeducational school for PreK3 through grade 8 is hosting an Open House on Thursday, October 6th at 9:00am for all grades. Trinity School, twice the recipient of the Exemplary School Award designated by the U.S. Department of Education, is located at 4985 Ilchester Road in Ellicott City.

Come see why Trinity School is a place where children learn to love learning. Visit our web site at www.trinityschoolmd.org.

For more information or to schedule a private tour call 443-498-5040 or email admintrin@trinityschoolmd.org.

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.

We will meet in the Sacristy after the Divine Mercy Chaplet, at 6:30pm every Tuesday, other than the third Tuesday of the month. If interested, contact Ray Ogden after the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the church or (almost) anytime at home at 410-551-8364.

THIRD ORDER TRAVELS TO NJ

Please pray for our Trinitarian Third Order Members this weekend as they travel to Asbury Park, NJ. Fr. Binoy will be accompanying ten of St. Lawrence's Third Order members to their National Assembly.

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

FORMED now has a new look and new features!

To Watch: *Love is a Choice: The Life of St. Gianna Molla*
This video documents the heroic life of St. Gianna Molla through interviews with her husband, children, friends, letters, and family mementos. St. Gianna, who sacrificed her life to save her unborn baby, was a mother, a medical doctor, a lover of opera, art, and culture; one who can speak much to our present day especially when family life is threatened on so many fronts. Found in MOVIES

To Listen: *Praying the Rosary Like Never Before* by Dr. Ted Sri. Dr. Edward Sri is a nationally sought Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN, and is a founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). In this discussion of his book *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries* (Servant Books), Dr. Sri shares Saint John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer. Found in AUDIOS under Featured

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CHRISTMAS CARD/ORNAMENT SALE

On October 8th-9th, the Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards, ornaments, religious all-occasion cards and thank-you notes after all Masses Saturday evening and Sunday morning, both in front of Church and during Donut Sunday in the Parish Center. Proceeds go to support the Knights' youth activities in the parish.

STRENGTHEN & RENEW YOUR MARRIAGE

As men and women of God, we are to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness." We are called to keep His commandment to love one another as He has loved us. Is this evident in your lives and marriages?

Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on November 11-13, 2016, April 21-23, 2017 or October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information and to apply online, visit welovematrimony.org, or call 301-541-7007, or email at applications@welovematrimony.org.

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.** 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.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: Bishop William Newman celebrated the 125th Anniversary Mass in 1991.

This week's question: Last weekend, when we showed Archbishop Lori the bulletin and the previous trivia question regarding connections between him & Archbishop Spalding, he knew of one more connection, related to them both being born in Kentucky. What other connection do they have?



This Week In Youth Ministry: We'll be talking all about love and relationships with *Created To Love*. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 28th: Halloween BINGO
Nov. 18th-20th: BYCC (Ocean City, MD)

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:

"Never above you. Never below you. Always beside you." ~Walter Winchell