

**Gospel Reflection – Oct. 1-2, 2016**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Luke 17:5-10**



I used to live with a religious who, when frustrated with the foolish things others would do, would turn to me and say, “If they only had a brain the size of a pea.” It seemed an unkind,

though sometimes accurate thing to say, given the foolish and ill-thought-out choices that some supposedly intelligent adult friends and acquaintances made. Often, just a little bit of thought could have prevented a lot of misfortune and pain. Though true, my friend’s comment about brains the size of peas was anything but flattering.

In a way, Jesus’ critique of his closest disciples’ faith in today’s Gospel is equally unflattering. A mustard seed, by the way, is significantly smaller than a pea. Are the disciples offended by Our Lord’s “faith the size of a mustard seed” comment? I think I might be since I’d like to think my faith is bigger than that.

To uproot a mulberry tree and transplant it to the sea, simply by saying “let it be done,” is unnecessary and, at best, mere spectacle. As Jesus uses this image, it represents what is humanly impossible.

Most works of faith—belief and accomplishing things unheard of—do not depend on the amount of faith we have but on its depth and God’s power at work within us. So, Jesus’ comment isn’t really a put-down, as much as it is a proclamation of what God can and will do for those who trust Him.

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

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CELEBRATE MARY – OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

Plan to join us in our Parish Center on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, our new Coordinator of Altar Servers, 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.

We want to thank Paul and Susan Nakasone for their hard work as the Altar Server coordinators for the past few years and to all four Nakasone children for volunteering as altar servers. Sadly, they are leaving St. Lawrence since they are moving to Virginia. We wish “Team Nakasone” all the best in their new neighborhood and church.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT/BONFIRE**

In celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Life Teen is sponsoring a Family Movie Night and Bonfire on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. By popular vote, we will be showing “The Jungle Book” (2016).



Refreshments will be available for purchase.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

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

**SPAGHETTI DINNER – OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**



Mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Sister Parish Committee will hold its annual 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 Amelia Rose Smith, daughter of Elizabeth Marie Smith, baptized on September 25, 2016. May she and her family continue to grow in God’s love and grace.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm + Michelle Stevens Skaggs req by her family  
 6:30pm

**Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 27<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\* + Dot Scruggs req by her friends at TLC

**Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\*\* Thanksgiving & God patience for Innocent & Philomena Onwuegbule req by Mr. & Mrs. Edet

**Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* God’s Divine Healing for Bolanle Justina Edet

**Friday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* Special Intentions for Ursula Nze req by Mr. & Mrs. Edet

**Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm + James Prisco III req by Jim Prisco Jr.  
 6:30pm For members of the Trinitarian Community, Hanover, req by the Trinitarians

**Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am + John Eggerl req by his family  
 10:00am + Maria Elena Tovar req by Angela Tovar  
 11:30am + Melanie Welzel req by her friend  
 5:30pm Mass for the People

\* 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. 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Larry B	Larry B	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Emily R Catie W	Debra W	Joan M	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Andrew S	Mike A	Deacon John	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Daniel P	Ken W	Deacon John	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Karey R	Holly W	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Courtney D	Help Needed	Steve F	Help Needed

**CHURCH SUPPORT- SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2016**

Category	This year	Last year
<b>Envelopes:</b> Regular Weekly	\$3,447.00	\$2,563.00
<b>Loose:</b> Regular Weekly	1,518.00	1,965.00
<b>E-giving:</b> Regular Weekly	1,415.00	1,520.00
<b>Poor Box:</b>	247.00	251.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,627.00</b>	<b>\$6,299.50</b>

**SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

A second collection for Catholic schools will be taken up this weekend 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.



- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings Life Teen selling St. Lawrence water bottles
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings Life Teen selling St. Lawrence water bottles  
 9:30am RE PreK- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Parish Ctr)  
 11:15am RE 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade (Parish Ctr)  
 12:30pm Baptism Class (Sacristy)  
 6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 7:00pm RCIA (Sacristy)
- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>:** 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)
- Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>:** 6:00pm SIT St. Lawrence (Church)  
 7:30pm K of C Business Mtg (Parish Ctr)
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30am 1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30pm)
- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Knights selling Christmas Cards after Mass  
 7:30am Beans and Bread (Parish Ctr)  
 9:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Mtg (Offsite)  
 4:00pm 8-Door-Tour (Young Adult Min.)  
 6:30pm Celebrate Mary - Meal (Parish Ctr)  
 7:15pm Celebrate Mary -Presentation
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>:** Knights selling Christmas Cards after Mass Donut Social after AM Masses  
 9:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Recon Child Class  
 10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry (until 12)  
 3:30pm Confirmation Class  
 6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Please stop by the church this Friday, October 7<sup>th</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.

### CHRISTMAS CARD/ORNAMENT SALE

On October 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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 **this Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 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>

### HALLOWEEN FAMILY BINGO – OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

Join us for family bingo on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:00pm and Bingo is at 6:30pm. Regular Bingo is \$5.00 for 12 games and special games are \$1.00 each.

There will be a costume parade. Food and drinks will be available for sale. For more info, please contact Topherr Darragh at 410-799-1970, ext. 55.

### TRINITY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Trinity School**, a Catholic, accredited, coeducational school for PreK3 through grade 8 is hosting an Open House on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.trinityschoolmd.org).

For more information or to schedule a private tour call 443-498-5040 or email [admintrin@trinityschoolmd.org](mailto:admintrin@trinityschoolmd.org).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ROCCO AND HELEN!

At the Trinitarian 3<sup>rd</sup> Order National Assembly last weekend, our own Rocco DeFronzo was named National Director, Trinitarian 3<sup>rd</sup> Order, American Province. Helen Chatham was named Secretary for the same.

### HELP US FEED THE POOR /BEANS & BREAD

Come to our Parish Center on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am to help make 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.

### 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.

### 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 get your blood pressure screened by Parish Nurse Christine Magnuson, R.N., B.S.N.

### SIT ST. LAWRENCE

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.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Church. ***One of our parishioners will present a very personal story on how her family were victims of persecution at the hands of Boko Haram.***

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE IN MINISTRY?

We welcome volunteers, and since we are committed to protecting the safety of our children and our volunteers, and in compliance with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church requires ALL who volunteer at St. Lawrence to complete Shield the Vulnerable (STAND) training.

In order to do so, please go to [www.shieldthevulnerable.org](http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org) and sign up as a St. Lawrence/Hanover volunteer after selecting *First-Time*, then *Catholic Dioceses*, then *Baltimore Archdiocese*, then select *Confirm*. Please follow the directions afterward.

If you have any questions, go to our website at [www.saintlawrencemartyr.org](http://www.saintlawrencemartyr.org), choose the STAND page under the Service tab, and follow the step-by-step directions. For more information, call Valerie Magnuson, our screening coordinator, at 410-799-1970, ext. 54.

### CATHOLIC REVIEW THIS MONTH

With the feast of St. Francis of Assisi this week, the patron saint of animals has followers in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, including several priests who share their lives with dogs. Be sure to pick up a copy of the October issue of the Catholic Review, which is available from the ushers as you leave Mass today, to read about these lovable pets, including Archbishop William Lori's dog, Bayley, on the cover. There are eight pages of information about the issues and candidates in the upcoming November election. And look for additional information about how the ongoing parish planning process helps us in our mission to help others get to know Christ.

### 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 newborn size diapers and newborn girl's clothing. Thanks!

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.

### FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

FORMED now has a new look and new features! Updates:

- Home page now automatically opens to "Opening the Word" so you can immediately listen to reflection on next Sunday's readings.
- Home page features a strip of "featured" content that changes weekly and "recently added" strip
- Movies and books now organized by topic

**To Watch:** *St. Francis of Assisi* This new docu-drama on the life and miracles of St. Francis is based on the official writings of Brother Thomas Celano, a close companion and friar with St. Francis who spent many years with the saint. The film uses many famous works of medieval art by Giotto and other Italian artists to illustrate the life of Francis. Various historians, professors, priests, and friars offer insightful commentary about the life and times of this greatly loved saint. Found in MOVIES under Male Saints

**To Listen:** *Mary The Indispensable Mother of God* Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ, and empowers us to say "Yes" to God! Found in AUDIOS under Featured

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### CATHOLIC MEN'S STUDY GROUP

We have formed 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 meet in the Sacristy 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 at home at 410-551-8364.

### REALIZE THE PROMISE OF YOUR MARRIAGE

"We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do." Have we really done all that we could do to realize the promise of our marriages? Explore more by participating in one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Nov. 11-13, 2016, Apr. 21-23, 2017 or Oct. 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD.

For more information and to apply online, visit [welovematrimony.org](http://welovematrimony.org), or call 301-541-7007, or email at [applications@welovematrimony.org](mailto:applications@welovematrimony.org).

### ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

**Last week's answer:** When we showed Archbishop Lori the question, he mentioned that he and Archbishop Spalding also attended the same high school in Kentucky.

**This week's question:** October is traditionally the month of the Rosary in the Catholic Church. Why October?



**This Week In Youth Ministry:** We'll be starting our new semester all about our loving mother, Mary. We'll be talking about how opening ourselves up to God can open us up to great things! Be sure to invite a friend!

### Upcoming Events:

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| Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> :                    | BYCC Registration Due      |
| Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> :                    | Confirmation Class         |
| Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> :                   | Family Movie Night/Bonfire |
| Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup> :                   | Halloween BINGO            |
| Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> : | BYCC (Ocean City, MD)      |

Contact us with questions about any of these 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!

[Topherr@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:Topherr@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call 443-765-8200.

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

### Secular Quote of the Week:

"There's just some magic in truth and honesty and openness." ~Frank Ocean