

Gospel Reflection – Oct. 15-16, 2016
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus loved to teach by using parables—made-up stories that teach about life. Sometimes real-life stories can teach us about parables.



One such real-life story appeared in the *Washington Post* two months ago. It was about a woman named Wanda Witter. She was an eighty-year-old woman who simply wouldn't give up on what she knew the government owed her, namely, more than \$100,000 in Social Security benefits.

For 16 long years, she lived on the streets of DC, collected all the documentary evidence needed (which she carried in three suitcases), and tried to get the Social Security Administration, or for that matter, anyone, to listen to her plea for justice. Many dismissed her. Some thought she must be crazy. But persistent she was and finally Julie Turner, a church-based social worker, heard her story. She sorted through all the paperwork filed in Wanda's suitcase and helped her convince Uncle Sam that he owed her big time. In August, SSA cut Wanda a check for \$99,999.00, with the promise that other checks will likely follow in the future.

It would seem that the corrupt judge in today's parable was swifter in delivering justice than Uncle Sam was in Witter's case. What was, in justice, due to the widow and Wanda was in the end awarded to both. In Wanda's case, bureaucracy impeded the hearing of her plea. Justice for the widow in the parable was delayed by corruption.

God's time may not always be our time, so when we pray we persist in faith, confident that He is neither a bureaucrat nor corrupt, but rather, our Father. If prayer is, at one and the same time, the faith-filled plea of a child in need and the Father's response in love, then we should never lose hope nor ever stop praying.

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

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Parents, please talk to your children about the importance of serving the Lord in the ministry as an altar server. Anyone Grade 3 and above who has celebrated their First Communion is welcome to serve at the Table of the Lord.

Please contact Diane Baldwin at 443-679-6241 or dnboc4@hotmail.com for more information and so a training session can be arranged.

Your participation in this ministry would be greatly appreciated since we've lost many Altar Servers over the summer due to moves and those going off to college.

LECTOR MEETING/TRAINING – OCTOBER 22ND

A Lector Training and Meeting is scheduled for next Saturday, October 22nd at 1:00pm at the Parish Center.

This is also a good time for anyone who would like to volunteer to be a lector. The proclamation of the Word of God is truly a ministry in the Church. Lectors bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly.

CPR TRAINING – OCTOBER 22ND

Next Saturday, October 22nd from 3:00-5:00pm in the Parish Center, our very own Chris Phillips will be hosting a free Family and Friends CPR & AED training.

All ministry heads, ushers, & lectors are recommended to attend so that we will be well prepared for our move to the new church. Please RSVP by contacting the Rectory or emailing our parish nurse, Christine Magnuson at cmmrn1028@gmail.com.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY BINGO – OCTOBER 28TH

Join us for family bingo in two weeks on Friday, October 28th. 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 Topher Darragh at 410-799-1970, ext. 55.

15th Anniversary SPAGHETTI DINNER – OCTOBER 29TH

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 29th. The 3rd Order 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 also get your spaghetti to go, and there will be a bake sale so you can purchase dessert as well! We are also seeking donations of baked goods.

Proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner benefit the children's tutoring program at our Trinitarians' Sister Parish in Sucre, Bolivia.

CATHOLIC MEN'S STUDY GROUP

Have you ever been asked about Catholic beliefs concerning Mary, the Pope, saints, Eucharist, confession, marriage, etc.? We have recently formed a men's group that will study the Bible, Catholic Catechism, and various 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 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 15th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + Della Rico Martinez req by Dr. David F. Rico & family

6:30pm +Patricia Ann Frances Dowd req by the Naymick family

Sunday, Oct. 16th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Thanksgiving for safe arrival of Uche & Chukwuma Onwuegbule to USA req by Mr. & Mrs. Edet

10:00am Mass for the Unborn req by K of C Council #12180

11:30am + Bill Keefe req by his friend

5:30pm Mass for the People

Monday, Oct. 17th:

9:00am* + Jan Kowalski req by the Kowalski family

Tuesday, Oct. 18th:

9:00am** + Dot Scruggs req by Valerie Magnuson

Wednesday, Oct. 19th:

9:00am*** + Milton E. Wiley, Jr. req by his family

Thursday, Oct. 20th:

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

Friday, Oct. 21st:

9:00am* John Martin Family req by the Gates family

Saturday, Oct. 22nd: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

6:30pm + Alex Stewart req by Grandma Judy Kurtz

Sunday, Oct. 23rd: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Chuck Cole req by Miriam Heil

10:00am + Luis Francisco Quintero V req by Angela Tovar

11:30am + Grace Howlin req by Sheila, Jim, and Debra

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 FOR THE PEOPLE

Have you ever wondered what "Mass for the People" means in our Mass Intentions list or wondered what it meant when the lector announced that the Mass was for the "People of St. Lawrence"?

Mass for the People, or in Latin *missa pro populo*, is a requirement by Canon Law where the Pastor is obliged to have a Mass celebrated for the people entrusted to him on each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

Oct. 22 nd -23 rd Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Cassie B	Rick B	Jeff F	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Emily R Catie W	Maggie P	Liz V	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Andrew S	Mary J	Ed A	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Daniel P	Ken W	Donna F	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Karey R	Bob S	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Mike R	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- OCTOBER 8-9, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,227.00	\$3,116.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	\$1,302.00	1,348.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	1,035.00	1,778.00
Poor Box:	633.50	1,003.00
Restoration & Maintenance:	1,009.00	298.00
Total:	\$7,206.50	\$7,543.00

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Every year, something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October—World Mission Sunday joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries! And it provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.



Oct. 15th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign

Oct. 16th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign

9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3rd (Parish Ctr)
 11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th – 8th (Parish Ctr)
 11:15am Prayer Ministry
 6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)

Oct. 17th: 7:00pm RCIA (Sacristy)

Oct. 18th: 11:00am TLC Lunch (Ma's Kettle, Savage)
 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council (Sacristy)

Oct. 20th: 7:30pm K of C Social Mtg (Parish Ctr)

Oct. 22nd: 2nd Collection: Mission Sunday
 1:00pm Lector Training/Mtg (Parish Ctr)
 3:00pm CPR Training (Parish Ctr)

Oct. 23rd: 2nd Collection: Mission Sunday

9:30am Welcome Breakfast
 9:30am 1st Recon - Class
 10:15am 1st Recon Parent/Child Project
 3:30pm Confirmation Class
 6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)

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.

SIT-UATION

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

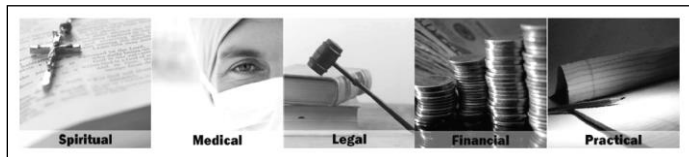
The three pillars for SIT St. Lawrence are prayer, action, and awareness. In order to facilitate awareness of persecuted Christians, we will be informing everyone of persecution around the world as well as awareness events.

“Many argue North Korea is the most difficult place for Christians to live in the world. Evangelization is illegal and punishable by placement in oppressive labor camps. Amidst decades of persecution, the underground church in North Korea grows with many of its members saying, ‘Don’t pray for us, pray *with* us.’”
The Gospel Herald

FREE CONCERT AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception Church is pleased to welcome Flutopia as they present “*Celestial Journey*”. Flutopia Baltimore is a performing adult flute choir comprised of fine flutists from the Baltimore and Towson area. Members perform on a variety of flutes including piccolo, the C flute, the alto and the bass flute. Saturday, **October 29th** at 7:00pm in the Church (200 Ware Ave, Towson, MD 21204). No admission charge. Free-will offering graciously accepted. All are welcome!

IN JOYFUL HOPE: HELP FOR ESSENTIAL PLANNING



All are welcome to join us at a panel discussion of the medical, spiritual, financial, practical, and legal issues surrounding end of life care.

Speakers include a priest/theologian to address spiritual issues and Church teaching, a medical professional and/or geriatric care manager to address hospice, palliative care and other considerations, an attorney to address advanced directives, a funeral home director, and a financial planner. The final panel is on Wednesday, Oct 26th at 7pm at Holy Family ~ Randallstown.

To RSVP: johanna.coughlin@archbalt.org, (410) 547-5321, or <http://bit.ly/injoyfulhopepanels>.

WELCOME BREAKFAST

The Welcome Breakfast for New Parishioners will be next Sunday, October 23rd at **9:30am**. If you haven’t registered, please still join us for a delicious breakfast and the opportunity to learn more about St. Lawrence and your fellow parishioners.

YOUNG ADULT MISSION DAY

The Catholic Community of South Baltimore/Holy Cross *Mission Day* is Sunday, October 23rd. Gathering at 10am ending with 5pm Mass followed by a social at *Ropewalk*. Designed for all young adults, whether you are married with or without kids or still in college. The Mission Day is an opportunity to grow in your faith with your community through talks, a group service project, reflection, and Mass. The presentations will focus on Prayer & Service with an opportunity for an off site service project. Register and let us know you’re coming!
<http://www.southbalcatholic.org/home>.

More Info: Matt Bjonerud Bjonerud@gmail.com or Beth Awalt elizabeth.k.awalt@gmail.com.

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.

Simply go to 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 continue following directions given. If you have any questions, go to our website at 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

BUILD FAITH THROUGH LOVE

“But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Let us build faith through love in our marriages by participating in 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.

PARISH COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES

The Parish Council is seeking parishioners to serve on the Parish Council. Parishioners in good standing interested in serving should contact the Rectory office in order to have their name included on the ballot.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are still working on the upcoming 150th Anniversary edition of the St. Lawrence Pictorial Directory. If you have not yet replied to the email regarding photo choices, time is running out, and we’ll choose for you if you don’t hear from you.

We hope to have the Directory ready before the holidays.

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

FORMED now has a new look and new features!

To Listen: *No Price Too High* by Deacon Alex Jones

In this stunning real-life drama, discover the sacrificial yet triumphant journey of a man of deep integrity and love for Christ. Reverend Alex Jones promised his congregation a real New Testament worship service. To prepare, he studied the works of the early Church Fathers. The astonishing events that followed culminated not only in his conversion to the Catholic Faith but also that of forty-two members of his flock.

Found in AUDIOS under Conversion Stories

To Read: *The Transforming Power of Faith* by Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Benedict XVI introduced his catecheses for the Year of Faith, a series of sixteen talks given at his weekly audience from October 2012 to the end of his papacy in February 2013.

These talks explore how and why faith is relevant in the contemporary world. How can we come to certainty about things that cannot be calculated or scientifically confirmed? What does God’s revelation mean for our daily lives? How can the hunger of the human heart be fulfilled? Offering the guidance of biblical exegesis, pastoral exhortation, and brotherly encouragement, Pope Benedict seeks to answer these questions and many others.

Found in BOOKS under Exploring the Catholic Faith

To Access: Go to www.formed.org and click “Register”, located in the lower right hand corner. Then enter both the Parish Code which is ed1783 and your email address. It will then ask you for some basic information and then click “Submit”. Formed will send an email for verification to your email. Go to & open your email received from “Formed” and click on the word “Verify”. It will then take you to the Formed site.

FORMED truly is the Catholic faith—on demand. 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.

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 or call 443-850-6207.

Special Need: We are in need of a *Love seat and sofa* (in good usable condition) for one of the clients we are working with. If you have either or both, and would like to donate them, please call the Parish Office at 410-799-1970 x 50.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week’s answer: St. Lawrence Parish was built on an acre of ground deeded by Susannah Merritt to Archbishop Spalding of the Baltimore Archdiocese. Currently, a copy of that deed is on display in the Parish Center foyer.

This week’s question: This might be an urban legend, but why did St. Lawrence Parish become St. Lawrence **Martyr** Parish?



This Week In Youth Ministry: We’ll be continuing our semester on Mary and be consuming a series of unfortunate mixtures. Come join us to find out what they might be!

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 23rd: Confirmation Class
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:

“At times the world may seem an unfriendly and sinister place, but believe that there is much more good in it than bad. All you have to do is look hard enough, and what might seem to be a series of unfortunate events may in fact be the first steps of a journey.” ~Lemony Snicket