

Scriptural Reflection – Nov. 12-13, 2016

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

We have all been short-timers at one time or another. When exams are over and the grades most likely recorded and only two or three days of class remain; when enlistment is nearly up; when our term of office is about to expire. Many, if not most, tend to slack off and kick back a bit in those circumstances.



That seems to be what happened to some of the Thessalonians to whom Paul writes in today's second reading. They had stopped working and earning their keep because they were convinced that Christ's return was imminent and the end was near. They weren't exactly being lazy, but rather they had miscalculated God's timetable. They were misled and lulled into idleness. They acted in a disorderly way because they failed to understand the need to contribute to the "New Order" which God was establishing in the Kingdom now.

There can be no short-timers nor slackers in the Kingdom. The nearer the Kingdom is, the more diligently we must work in order to quicken its advent.

So, following Paul's advice, let all of us work quietly and responsibly. For yes, the Lord's return is near.

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

BRIDGE CLOSED

If you are coming from the Jessup/Columbia area, please note that per the State Highway Association, the bridge on Maryland Route 175 that is on the border of Howard and Anne Arundel County will be closed next weekend from the 18th – 20th. Please find another way other than Route 175 to travel to St. Lawrence.

ST. LAWRENCE ORNAMENTS

150th Celebration!! Our Commemorative Ornaments have arrived ahead of schedule! Please stop in the Parish Center after Masses this weekend to pick up your pre-ordered ornament(s) or to purchase an ornament.

While supplies last, each ornament is just \$10.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES

The Pastoral Parish Council is seeking parishioners to serve on the Parish Council. Parishioners in good standing with the Catholic Church and interested in serving should contact the Parish Office at 410-799-1970, in order to have their names included on the ballot.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next regular Religious Education class meets on November 20th. First Reconciliation will meet on November 13th at 9:15am and Reception of the Sacrament will take place Thursday, November 17th at 7:00pm.

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

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR DONUTS & COFFEE

Join fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after all morning Masses this 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.

CHRISTMAS CARD/ORNAMENT SALE

This Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards, ornaments, and religious puzzles after all Masses in the Parish Center during Donut Sunday. Proceeds go to support the Knights' youth activities in the parish.

THANKSGIVING GIFT BASKETS

We continue to collect for the Thanksgiving Gift Baskets to provide to our less fortunate friends and neighbors. If you know of anyone who needs some help this year, please call the Parish Office. We are looking for:

- Grocery store gift cards for turkey/other perishables
- Boxes of stuffing mix and/or instant mashed potatoes
- Cans of green beans, corn, or sweet potatoes/yams
- Cans of fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, or pears)
- Cans/jars/packets of gravy
- Cans of cranberry sauce
- Brown-and-serve rolls
- Additional items that may be appropriate

All food items can be placed in the collection box in the Parish Center foyer. Please place gift cards in a marked envelope into the Poor Box or Collection basket.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH - 6:30PM



St. Lawrence will hold our 6th International Food Festival on Wednesday, December 7th beginning at 6:30pm. We want to feature tables from a variety of cultures. Each table can be decorated with national flags, colors, items, and pictures. We also ask that each team donate and cook food from their ethnicity to share.

If you're interested, please contact Fr. Binoy at (410) 799-1970, ext. 52 or email binoyosst@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 12th: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + Gregory Grove req by Janet Grove
6:30pm + Mr. Emmanuel Chukwu req by Euriel Chukwu
8:30am + John Eggerl req by Henline & Mangubat families
10:00am + James Esposito III req by Jimmy Depfer
11:30am David Chigoze Igboanugo req by Mr. & Mrs. Edet
5:30pm Mass for the People

Monday, Nov. 14th:

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

Tuesday, Nov. 15th:

9:00am** Susan Montoya req by her family

Wednesday, Nov. 16th:

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

Thursday, Nov. 17th:

9:00am* + Daniel H. Redding req by Deacon Ed Kernan

Friday, Nov. 18th:

9:00am* + James Lambiasi, Jr; James Lambiasi III; Eleanor Lambiasi; and Mary Glowacki req by Richard Lambiasi Sr.

Saturday, Nov. 19th: Solemnity of Christ Our King

5:00pm Mass for the People
6:30pm + Patricia Ann Frances Dowd req by the Naymick family

Sunday, Nov. 20th: Solemnity of Christ Our King

8:30am + Barbara Murply req by Anna & Jerry Henline
10:00am + Mr. Emmanuel Chukwu req by Euriel Chukwu
11:30am Mass for the Unborn req by K of C Council #12180
5:30pm

* 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.

Nov. 19 th – 20 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Mary J	Rick B	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Emily R Catie W	Joan M	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Andrew S	Alan A	Ed A	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B	Carla D	Bev A	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	Mike R	Kathy F	Help Needed	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- NOVEMBER 5-6, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	4,342.00	\$3,715.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,817.00	1,621.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,570.50	2,040.00
Catholic Schools:	882.00	507.00
All Souls'/All Saints':	1,625.00	1,017.00
Poor Box:	701.00	524.00
TOTAL	\$11,937.50	\$9,424.00

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The annual collection in support of the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Baltimore takes place this weekend. A Seminarian is someone who is studying and preparing to be a priest. Please remember in your prayers all of the Seminarians in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

CCHD COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection.



Nov. 12th: 2nd Collection: Seminarians

7:30am Beans and Bread (Parish Ctr)
9:00am 3rd Order Meeting (Parish Ctr)

Nov. 13th: 2nd Collection: Seminarians

Donut Social after All Morning Masses
9:15am 1st Reconciliation Class/Practice
10:30am Prayer Shawl (until noon)
3:30pm Confirmation Class (Parish Ctr)
6:30pm Life Night

Nov. 14th: 7:00pm RCIA

Nov. 15th: 11:00am TLC Lunch (Red Lobster)
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
7:00pm PPC Mtg (Sacristy)

Nov. 16th: 7:30pm K of C Social Mtg (Parish Ctr)

Nov. 17th: 6:00pm Finance Council
7:00pm First Reconciliation (Church)

Nov. 19th: 2nd Collection: CCHD

Nov. 20th: 2nd Collection: CCHD
9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3rd (Parish Ctr)
11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th – 8th (Parish Ctr)
11:15am Prayer Ministry (McKennas)
No Life Night

ENJOY FORMED.ORG FOR FREE “YOUTUBE FOR CATHOLICS”

One of our parishioners described FORMED as “YouTube for Catholics”. If you have a question about your faith, you can check the site to find it out. And once you start watching, you can’t stop!

To Read: *The Restless Flame* by Louis de Wohl

This is a stirring novel which deals reverently but realistically with the fascinating life and era of St. Augustine, one of the most remarkable men of all time. Here is a novel that glistens with the imaginative and vivid drama that epitomized St. Augustine’s tumultuous life, presented with a master storyteller’s characteristic flair for graphic description, sensitive portraiture, and fascinating historical lore.

Found under RECENTLY ADDED on the homepage.



To Watch: *Footprints of God: Over Holy Ground*

Get a bird’s-eye view as you take to the skies above the Holy Land and beyond. See the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, the pyramids of Egypt, St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, and many, many more locations that impacted the salvation story. Complemented by relevant passages of Scripture and backed by a musical score, this is an inspiring and moving experience. 30 minutes.

Found in PROGRAMS under Exploring the Catholic Faith

To Listen: *Walk the Walk: Following Christ as His Disciple* by Dr. Tim Gray

Being a disciple of Jesus has always been synonymous with being a Christian. From the Scriptures and from his own experience, biblical scholar Dr. Tim Gray explains how Christian discipleship calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ as engaged participants in God’s plan, ordering our lives to bear witness to the Lord in our families, workplaces, communities, and to the world.

Found in AUDIOS under Featured

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.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PROGRAM

Each year around this time, the Apostleship of the Sea partners with local parishes and organizations to prepare gift boxes for seafarers that will be distributed to them “dockside” during their calls in the Port of Baltimore during the holiday season.

The Knights of Columbus Council #12180 and the Fourth Degree Knights Assembly #3245 are joining together to do the Christmas Shoebox Program. They have already provided plastic shoe boxes, so we just need to collect items to go into the shoeboxes.

Suggested donations (**travel-sized is best**): Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, combs, nail clippers, mouthwash, shampoos, conditioners, soap, shaving cream, deodorant, q-tips, disposable razors, socks, gloves, scarves, caps, pens, pencils, writing supplies, English dictionaries, 2017 calendars, pocket-sized address books/planners, scotch tape, playing cards, travel-sized games, reading materials (magazines, paperbacks), non-perishable foods/snacks/candy, a small signed Christmas card or blessing (personal notes and blessings are always appreciated). Telephone calling cards are also appreciated.

The donation box is located in the Parish Center foyer.

WINTER WONDERLAND BAZAAR – DEC. 2-3

Resurrection of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church at 8402 Brock Bridge Road, Laurel, MD, is excited to announce their Winter Wonderland Bazaar to be held on December 2nd and 3rd, and they invite St. Lawrence parishioners to join them for fun and great food. The famous Baltimore chef, John Walsh, will once again cook his delicious food.

There will also be a silent auction, new and unopened gifts for children and adults, and of course, a visit from the North Pole.

The hours are Friday, December 2nd, from 5pm-8pm and Saturday, December 3rd, from 8am– 2pm.

KNOTT SCHOLARSHIP

Knott Scholarship Funds announce the availability of four-year, full-tuition scholarships for the next academic year. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Catholic students now in grade 4 or grade 8, living in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, or Howard counties may apply. Scholarships may be used to attend a Catholic parish elementary school or a Catholic high school within these geographic areas of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Information regarding qualifications and an application form describing eligibility requirements and deadlines may be obtained from our web site at: www.knottscholar.org.

For additional information, please call 443-325-7884 or write to us at knottscholars@gmail.com.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Being an Altar Server provides our female & male youth (*Grade 3 or above, received First Communion*) with an opportunity to participate in the Liturgy, serve the Lord, and develop leadership skills. The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the Liturgy. Altar servers help the priest and the entire congregation praise God through active participation in the Liturgy.

Please contact Diane Baldwin at 443-679-6241 or [dnboct4@hotmail.com](mailto:dnboc4@hotmail.com) for more information and so a training session can be arranged.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR CEMETERY

On Thursday, November 10th, we had a beautiful prayer service for those in our cemetery. More than twenty people carried candles to shine light into the darkness and traveled from headstone to headstone, naming the families in our cemetery, and praying for their souls.

Please continue to pray for our deceased and for their families. If you have information on those in our cemetery, please contact the Parish Office or Michael Levesque, our parish historian, who did a wonderful job gathering information on our beloved dead.

CATHOLIC MEN’S STUDY GROUP

The purpose of this group is to better understand biblical and historical basis for Catholic doctrines. The group meets in the Sacristy (room behind the altar) on most Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm (following Divine Mercy chaplet at 6:00pm). Dates and topics for November are: Nov. 22nd (Early Church people and ideas); 29th (Popes—how it began). Topics for December are: 6th (Popes in history: Good and Bad); 13th (Jesus: Divine and HUMAN!).

If interested, contact Ray Ogden at 410-551-8364.

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.

Lebanon has recently become the only nation throughout the Middle East and North Africa with a Christian head of state. The Lebanese parliament elected 81-year-old former army general Michel Aoun (a Maronite Catholic) as president Oct. 31, ending a power vacuum that had lasted two and a half years.
~ *National Catholic Register*

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.

LECTORS

The workbooks for next liturgical year are now available for your convenience in the Sacristy. Please be sure to stop by and pick up your copy.

Thank you to all of our lectors for their hard work each week proclaiming the Word of God.

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.

PERSEVERE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” Let us persevere in the love of God as manifested by our marriages. Attend a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on 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.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week’s answer: Saint Jerome is best known for translating the Bible from Hebrew into Latin.

This week’s question: What saint prayed for the deaths of her two sons before they could commit the mortal sin of murder?



This Week In Youth Ministry: We’ll be looking at Mary as our Queen of Heaven and how we can get there with her! And we’ll be welcoming back one of our teens to be a guest speaker. Be sure to invite your friends!

Upcoming Events:

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:

“Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another steppingstone to greatness.” ~Oprah Winfrey