

**Scriptural Reflection** Jan 14-15, 2017  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Cor. 1:1-3



As we begin Ordinary Time on our liturgical calendar, St. Paul reminds us that we have been “sanctified in Christ Jesus” and “called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”. (1 Cor. 1:2)

It would seem that sanctity is, or should be, as common as our shared baptism. At least in Paul’s mind, it’s the ordinary and universal vocation of every Christian.

There are no accidental saints, however. Sanctity doesn’t just happen to us. It’s not a matter of chance but, rather, decision! The grace of holiness is already in us through Christ; He’s just waiting for us to cooperate. What are we waiting for? It’s time for us all to be saints!

One of our Trinitarian saints, Blessed Dominic Iturrate, did absolutely nothing extraordinary. He dreamed of being a missionary in South America but, for reasons of ill health, was never sent there. His younger brother, Fr. Ignatius Iturrate, also a Trinitarian, was sent to minister there, but Dominic wasn’t given such an adventurous opportunity to evangelize. No, he was simply a young priest and friar in our monasteries in Rome and Belmonte, Spain. He was not a teacher, preacher, or scholar. He did nothing extraordinary. He simply prayed before the Blessed Sacrament often and treated everyone he met with great kindness. The secret of Dominic’s sanctity was this: as a thirteen-year-old aspirant in our Trinitarian community, he would tell his peers and superiors, “I’ve decided to become a saint.”

Some undoubtedly laughed at him. They began to tease him and call him “the little saint”, until they realized just how quickly the ordinary holiness of great love was actually blossoming in his life. He died at the age of 25 in 1927. His brother and I and many other Trinitarians were privileged to be at his beatification in Rome on October 30, 1983.

Dominic, like St. Paul, reminds us that we are all called to holiness. Remember, there are no accidental saints. If we simply choose to become God’s best-version-of-ourselves, we can all be ordinary, but nonetheless wonderful saints.

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

**SHRIMP & CRABCAKE DINNER CANCELLED**

The Shrimp & Crabcake Dinner, originally scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>, is cancelled. Our next 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event will be a Friendship Shrimp & Beef Dinner on February 18, 2017 from 6pm – 10pm.

Mark your calendar now. Tickets will be available soon.

**DEDICATION DATE & DONOR OPPORTUNITIES**

Our new Worship Space is quickly taking shape! We should be moving into the new location at 7850 Parkside Blvd. with a **Dedication Ceremony at 5:00pm on June 3, 2017.**

We couldn’t have gotten this far without the generosity of our parishioners to the Capital Campaign. However, we still need to furnish our worship space. Again, thanks to the kindness of our parishioners, many of the liturgical furnishings have already been donated.

But there are still some opportunities for you to make a specific gift In Honor or In Memory of a loved one. We hope that you will consider offering a gift to help us make the new building as beautiful as possible.

If you are able to sponsor one of these items completely on your own, we would be deeply grateful. However, we also have opportunities for parishioners to join together to purchase our items. The total cost of an item is shared by individuals or families.

- **Ambo** (pulpit) - \$3,000
- **Crucifix** – \$3,000 (\$2,000 remaining)
- **Prie Dieu** (stand alone kneeler) - \$900 each (2)
- **Tabernacle Stand** - \$3,500
- **Chairs** - \$200 each (See envelope in back of church)

Your intentions will be memorialized in a special bronze plaque/book that we will display prominently in our Gathering Area. If you are interested in making a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit <http://saintlawrencemartyr.org/donor> or you can contact Cathy Stegmaier at [cstegmaier@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:cstegmaier@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call (410) 799-1970, ext. 50.

**YOUNG ADULT EVENTS**

Attention Young Adults! We have started a **Bible Study for Young Adults** which meets the first, third, and fifth Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Sacristy (area behind the altar). The next session will be January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Young Adult Social Ministry will be on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Join us in the Parish Center starting at 7:00pm (late arrivals welcome).

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - **Wine Tasting...with a Biblical slant!**

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - **Escape Room:** Escape from the Parish Center

For more information on Bible Study or our social activities, please email [youngadult@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:youngadult@saintlawrencemartyr.org)

**MARCH FOR LIFE - FRIDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

Please join fellow parishioners and the Knights of Columbus on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the March for Life in Washington D.C.

Please call Tom Lauth at 410-551-8166 for details.



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm + **Louis Davenport** req by Mary & Michael Januk  
 6:30pm **Mass for the People**

**Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am + **Joseph McDonald** req by the Henry family  
 10:00am **Debbie Krajick** req by the Clark family & Margie Verkamp  
 11:30am + **Diane Campbell** req by Joe & Cathy Stegmaier  
 5:30pm

**Monday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* **Stoudemayer family** req by Richard Lambiasi, Jr.

**Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\* **Carol Tobitsch** req by her husband

**Wednesday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\*\* **Norman Vitrano** req by his friends at St. Lawrence

**Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* **Carol Lambiasi** req by Richard Lambiasi, Jr.

**Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm + **Louis Davenport** req by Mark & Barbara Hipp  
 6:30pm **Mass for the People**

**Sunday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am + **Barbara Murphy** req by the parents & children of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation class  
 10:00am + **Mary Duvall** req by Debbie & Sheila  
 11:30am + **Cathy Plants** req by Rosemarie Wiley  
 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](mailto:office@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call 410-799-1970. It is a free will offering, but typically people donate \$5 to \$10 a Mass.

<b>Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Ministry Schedule</b>					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Jaheim S Jason S	Larry B	Larry B	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	John B	Joan M	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Andrew S	Mike A	Ed A	Dwayne G <i>Help Needed</i>	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Daniel P	Ken A	Donna F	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Karey R	Bob S	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	<i>Help Needed</i>
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Mike R	Kathy F	Steve F Drew F	<i>Help Needed</i>

**CHURCH SUPPORT- JAN 7-8, 2017**

Category	This year	Last year
<b>Envelopes:</b> Regular Weekly	\$2,954.00	\$3,550.50
<b>Loose:</b> Regular Weekly	1,689.00	1,427.00
<b>E-giving:</b> Regular Weekly	1,740.50	1,740.00
<b>Catholic Schools:</b>	800.00	772.00
<b>Poor Box:</b>	499.00	285.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,682.50</b>	<b>\$7,775.00</b>

**SPECIAL CARE FOR ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS**

This week, the second collection is for the Special Care for Archdiocesan Priests. The total proceeds from this collection will be used for the sole purpose of supporting those Archdiocesan priests in need of special medical attention, including those in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, convalescent, or rehabilitation centers.

**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.



**Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>:** **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Diocesan Priests**  
 7:30am Beans and Bread (Parish Ctr)  
 9:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Mtg (Parish Ctr)  
 1:00pm Lectors’ Mtg (Parish Ctr)

**Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>:** **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Diocesan Priests**  
 9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK - 3<sup>rd</sup> (Parish Ctr)  
 11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> (Parish Ctr)  
 2:00pm Chili Cook-Off (until 4pm)  
 6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)

**Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>:** Parish Office Closed  
 7:00pm RCIA (Sacristy)

**Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>:** 11:00am TLC Lunch (Cantina Mamma Lucia)  
 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study (Parish Ctr)  
 7:00pm PPC (Sacristy)

**Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (Sacristy)  
 7:30pm K of C Social Mtg (Parish Ctr)

**Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>:** **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Restoration & Maintenance**

**Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Restoration & Maintenance**  
 8:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Inscription Mass  
 9:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent/Child Class  
 11:15am Prayer Ministry (McKennas)  
 3:30pm Confirmation Class  
 6:30pm Life Night (Parish Ctr)

## CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND

The Mission of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland is to strengthen men's spirituality in the Archdiocese of Baltimore through evangelization and discipleship. One of the ways they do this is through their annual conference.

The theme of this year's conference—taking place on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>— is: **“Rise Up, O Men of God”: Mobilizing for the New Evangelization.** The conference will take place at Morgan State University.

They are hosting these amazing Guest Speakers: Scott Hahn (author of the book that was handed out at Christmas), Deacon Paul Shelton, and Alex Zunca.

To find out more information and to register, go to: <http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com/> If anyone would like to carpool, please call the Parish Office.

## 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.

**Open Doors**, an organization founded in 1955 by a Dutch Bible smuggler, released its annual World Watch List on the state of global persecution of Christians. Overall persecution of Christians has risen from last year and Christians are being killed for their faith in more countries than before.

Matt Hadro, CNA/EWTN News, 12 January 2017

## MINISTRY FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED

It takes a long time and a lot of work to heal the pain that comes with the breakup of a relationship. Now there is a safe place where you can be around people who truly understand how you are feeling. **REBUILDING** is a Christian-based support group for separated and divorced people, sponsored by St. Bernadette Parish.

Our current session is on-going running **every Wednesday from 7-9:00 pm** in the St. Bernadette's Conference Room at 801 Stevenson Rd, Severn, MD 21144. **REBUILDING** is a 13-week program and participants can join at any time since each session is standalone. There is a one-time fee of \$15 for materials. For additional information call Andrea Montrose at 410-969-2782 or email us at [rebuildingsevern@gmail.com](mailto:rebuildingsevern@gmail.com).

## RETIRED FLAG COLLECTION

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #3245 is collecting retired US flags for proper disposal. If you have flags that you need to retire, please drop them in the box in the Parish Foyer.

At the end of January, all that have been collected will be disposed of properly.

## 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.

Please contact Diane Baldwin at 443-679-6241 or [dnboct4@hotmail.com](mailto:dnboct4@hotmail.com) for more information.

## CORPORATORS – COMING AND GOING

The Parish Corporation is the legal vehicle for managing the affairs of the Parish and for establishing specific legal accountability for those affairs. Corporators are responsible for managing the assets of a Parish.

We want to welcome Frank Aucella as our new Corporator (joining Milt McKenna) and thank outgoing Corporator Alan Andrysiak for his service.



Alan Andrysiak

Many thanks to **Alan Andrysiak** for having served as a Corporator for roughly a decade. Alan's love of the Parish is always obvious. His attention to detail is certainly a skill which was so helpful to us in his role as a Corporator.

His availability and service to the Parish in many areas of parish life and ministry continues, and we are grateful to him and his wife Bev.

Alan, thank you for your diligence and hard work as a Corporator. God bless you abundantly.

**Frank Aucella** was born and raised in Massachusetts and has degrees in History and American Studies from the George Washington University and a Master's Degree in Museum Studies. He worked at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery and then spent 25 years as Director of the Woodrow Wilson House in Washington DC.



Frank Aucella

He is married to Catherine and will be celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. They have two wonderful daughters, Claire and Grace.

He's been a parishioner at St Lawrence since 1993 (recently having spent three years in the UK) and coordinated the Altar Server Program for many years.

## SISTER FLIPS FOR “TOP” FUNDRAISER

We are collecting soda can tabs to be given to Sister Doris Ouelette, a Sister of Holy Cross. She has collected more than 250 pounds of tabs each month to help people in need.

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



## ARE YOU READY FOR SUPER SUBS?

Life Teen will be having a take-out Sub Day on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, offering turkey, ham, or turkey and ham subs for \$8.

We are taking pre-orders so that your sub will be waiting for you after your designated Mass. Or just come over to the Parish Center and purchase available subs. Order forms are in the back of the church and in the foyer. Place completed forms in the offertory basket or in the large envelope in the back. For more info, call (410) 799-1970 ext. 55.

## NEEDED: SOCKS

The Trinitarian Third Order is looking for new white tube socks to give to the homeless in the Baltimore and Glen Burnie areas.

We will be collecting the socks through March. The donations can be placed in the container in the Parish Center.

## JOIN FLOCKNOTES!

As bad weather season is here, we encourage everyone to join Flocknotes so they can be instantly alerted on any cancellations. You can either go online to:

[www.flocknote.com/saintlawrencemartyr](http://www.flocknote.com/saintlawrencemartyr)  
or text SLM to the number 84576

from your phone to subscribe to updates. Regular texting rates apply.

Once you sign up, please follow the steps to complete the sign-up process. You can also sign up for various ministries in which you are interested or active.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This month, Religious Education classes will be on January 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. First Eucharist classes begin with an Inscription Mass on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30am, followed by a parent/child class.

If you have any questions, please contact Val Magnuson: [val@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:val@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or 410-799-1970, ext. 54.

## BIMONTHLY EMHC TRAINING

St. Lawrence Martyr is pleased to announce the upcoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) training on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am. You must attend this training session if you are a current EMHC. RSVP to Lola Rivera at [lolarivera@ymail.com](mailto:lolarivera@ymail.com). Please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and enjoy some coffee and donuts!

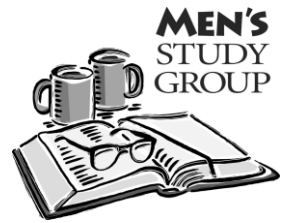
As we are preparing for our new worship space, we will need more EMHCs. **This is a good opportunity to serve the Lord and serve St. Lawrence Martyr Parish. Anyone who is interested in becoming an EMHC is welcome to attend the training to learn more.**

If you aren't able to make this meeting, there will be another opportunity on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

## CATHOLIC MEN'S STUDY GROUP (JANUARY 2017)

The purpose of this group is to better understand the biblical and historical basis for Catholic doctrines.

The group meets in the Sacristy (room behind the altar) on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Topics are: 24<sup>th</sup> (Mass-origin); 31<sup>st</sup> (Eucharist-Real Presence).



## Information from the January 10<sup>th</sup> session on Priests:

Trends for U.S. Priests and Sisters:

Priests: 1965 – 58,632	2016 – 37,192
Sisters: 1965 - 179,954	2016 – 47,170

## ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

**Last week's answer:** The visit of the Wise Men (Magi) appears in the Gospel of Matthew.

The reading actually never says how many there were. Early tradition said there were as many as twelve.

The current tradition of three wise men comes from the presentation of three gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**This week's question:** How many priests are buried in our cemetery?



**This Week In Youth Ministry:** This Sunday is our Chili Cook-Off from 2-4:00pm, please come and support our Life Teen ministry and sample some tasty chili.

We will also have a Life Night on Sunday from 6:30-8:30pm. We invite all high school aged teens to stop by.

“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold” ~-Unknown

If you have any questions please email AnnaMarie Link: [annamaried.link@gmail.com](mailto:annamaried.link@gmail.com)

In Him, through her.

## Upcoming Events:

**Super Sub Fundraiser:** February 5<sup>th</sup> (Teens, your help in pre-sales and preparation of the subs is the key to the success of this event. Plus it's fun!)

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.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram! @SLMLifeTeen