

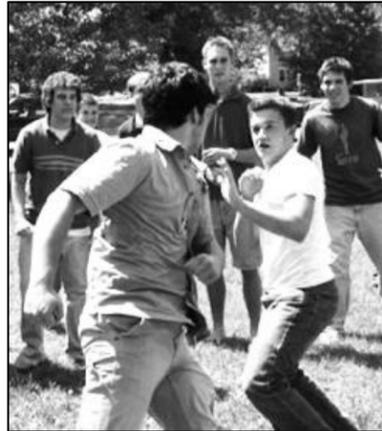
Gospel Reflection

Feb. 18-19, 2017

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:38-48

Call it urban culture or attribute it to environment, the fact is that in my childhood there was no small measure of fists thrown and blood spilt. I wore many a black eye and bruised lip as a kind of badge of courage and valor. They were the result of what seemed like weekly fights that somebody picked with me or I with them and could only be settled on the street corner or staged in lots filled with litter and glass.



I am not proud of these brawls and I can't excuse them now, but I did learn to refuse them once, when I was in eighth grade. I haven't swung a punch since. I remember the day clearly. I stood in front of my nemesis—his name was Riley—and he threw the first punch and landed one square across my chin. I literally turned the other cheek. He never threw the second punch. He wouldn't fight me, if I wouldn't fight back. Despite the scoffing of my fellow students who were disappointed that we didn't fight that day, I think I walked away a victor. Actually, I think both Riley and I were stronger than ever that day.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "If I hit you and you hit me and I hit you back and you hit me back and go on, you see, that goes on ad infinitum. It just never ends. Somewhere somebody must have a little sense, and that's the strong person."

So the next time we are ready to throw the next punch or hurl the next insult, let's have a little sense—Gospel sense—and exercise the strength of restraint.

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

NEW WORSHIP SPACE DEDICATION - JUNE 3RD

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 Saturday, June 3, 2017.** Please join us!

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2016

The statements for 2016 were mailed out on February 7, 2017. If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office at Office@SaintLawrenceMartyr.org or call 410-799-1970.

NEW BUILDING SITE

We appreciate your interest in the new building, but for safety and security purposes, we ask that you not enter the building or the property.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th for Presidents' Day.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME BREAKFAST

On Sunday, February 26th at 10:00am, we will have a Welcome Breakfast for all new parishioners. If you have not registered, this is the perfect time so you can enjoy a delicious breakfast and get to know parish staff and your fellow new members.

You can pick up a registration form from the rack in the back of the church, ask an usher or greeter, or register online at <http://www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/join-us>

THANK YOU FOR SCARVES

The Trinitarian 3rd Order wishes to thank the Sew Hopeful ministry for the 187 scarves which they made on February 4th in honor of our 150th Anniversary.

Thank you to: Carmen Agueda; Judy Boivin; Joyce Cuffley; Theresa Donnelly; Kathy & Steve Furth; Daisy, Luke, Reine, and Roxanne Lemley; Maureen McCart; Dione Meinhardt; Trina Ngayan; Celia and Christian Rico; Karey Ruchak; and Moira Sanford.

The Franciscan Center, a homeless shelter in Baltimore, also wishes to express their thanks for the delivery of these scarves, which will help bring a little brightness and warmth to the homeless.

DIRECTORIES ARE IN

The 150th Anniversary Directories are in! For all those who participated in having your family picture included, there is no cost for one copy.

To pick up your copy, please either contact the Parish Office, or see Valerie Magnuson in the Religious Education office during classes. If you would like an additional copy of the Directory, or if you didn't have your photo included but would like a copy, the cost is \$5.00 each.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

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

Feb. 24th - **Monster Mini Golf**

March 10th - **Game Night**

Please join our **Bible Study for Young Adults** which meets the first, third, and fifth Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Sacristy. The next session will be March 2nd.

For more information on Bible Study or our social activities, please email youngadult@saintlawrencemartyr.org



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb. 18th: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + **Barbara Dorsey Prisco** req by Jim Prisco Jr.
6:30pm **Mass for the People**

Sunday, Feb. 19th: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **Barb DeFronzo** req by her husband
10:00am + **Bernarda C. Orque** req by Trina Ngayan & family
11:30am + **Valentine Scheurich on his 150th birthday** req by Michael Levesque

5:30pm

Monday, Feb. 20th:

9:00am* + **Rogelio Nouvet** req by his family

Tuesday, Feb. 21st:

9:00am** + **Rosemarie Kasnic** req by Tim & Margaret Brennan

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd:

9:00am*** + **Alfred & Anna Schur** req by Terry & Barbara Schur

Thursday, Feb. 23rd:

9:00am* **Phil McGarvey** req by Gordon Hasenei

Friday, Feb. 24th:

9:00am* + **Fr. Aaron Dowdell O.S.S.T.** req by the Trinitarians

Saturday, Feb. 25th: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm **Mass for the People**
6:30pm

Sunday, Feb. 26th: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **James Prisco III** req by Jim Prisco Jr.
10:00am + **Josefina Pérez** req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman
11:30am + **Jim Fisher** req by his wife and daughter
5:30pm **Armando DeDios** req by his family

*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.

Feb. 25th – 26th Ministry Schedule

Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Cassie B	Daniel S	Elizabeth V	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	John B	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Amanda S	Alan A	Rocco D	Dwayne G <i>Help Needed</i>	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	<i>Help Needed</i>
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Courtney D	Lola R	Steve F Drew F	<i>Help Needed</i>

CHURCH SUPPORT- FEB 11-12, 2017

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,811.00	\$3,826.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,415.00	1,450.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	1,315.50	1,905.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$6,541.50	\$7,181.00
Poor Box:	195.50	294.00

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.



When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on the weekend! If you still want to place something in the offertory basket, pick up one of our "I gave On-Line" cards on your way into church and use that at offertory time.



Feb. 18th: 2nd Coll: **Restoration & Maintenance**
6:00pm **Friendship Dinner/Dance** (til 10)

Feb. 19th: 2nd Coll: **Restoration & Maintenance**
9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3rd (Parish Ctr)
11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th-8th (Parish Ctr)
11:15am Prayer Ministry (Andrysiaks')
1:00pm Baptism
6:30pm Life Night (Parish Ctr)

Feb. 20th: 7:00pm RCIA (Sacristy)

Feb. 21st: 11:00am TLC Lunch (Denny's)
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
7:00pm PPC (Sacristy)

Feb. 23rd: 6:00pm Finance Council
7:00pm Rosary for the Unborn (Church)

Feb. 24th: 7:00pm Young Adult "Monster Mini-Golf"
(meet at the Parish Center at 7:00pm)

Feb. 25th: 2nd Coll: **Capital Campaign**

Feb. 26th: 2nd Coll: **Capital Campaign**
9:30am 1st Eucharist Class (Parish Ctr)
10:00am Welcome Breakfast (Parish Ctr)
11:15am Prayer Ministry (Andrysiaks')
3:30pm Confirmation Class (Parish Ctr)
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 25th— 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:

www.catholicmensfellowship.com/ If anyone would like to carpool, please call the Parish Office.

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 21-23, 2017 or October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, Maryland.



For more information and to apply online visit welovematrimony.org, or call 301-541-7007, or email at applications@welovematrimony.org

RADIO MASS & TELEVISION MASS

Listen to the Radio Mass of Baltimore on its new stations and times: Sundays at 9am on Q1370 AM and WCBM 680 AM and WCBM 690 AM, and 6pm on WCBM 680 AM.

The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), which offers Catholic-themed programming and is available on Verizon, DirecTV, and other television service providers, also broadcasts the Mass at various times each day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our next Religious Education class will be February 19th. For 1st Eucharist class, we will meet on February 26th at 9:30am.

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

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.

They truly appreciate all our support. Thank you very much! We have a need for diapers and toiletries for new babies. If you'd like to help out with the program, please contact Joe Toher by email at joetoher@gmail.com or by calling 443-850-6207.

REST IN PEACE



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Fisher, who passed away on February 12th and for consolation of his family.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Aaron Dowdell, O.S.S.T., who resided within our parish, who passed away on February 13, 2017, and for the comfort of his family and Trinitarian Brothers.

By his own wishes, Fr. Aaron was cremated after his death, and his funeral with interment of his cremains is scheduled for June 13, 2017 at Holy Trinity Spiritual Center in Pikesville, MD at 11:00am. The late date chosen for his Funeral and Burial Rites allows all the Trinitarians from the US to be present since they will be gathering in Pikesville.

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seeking a caring, compassionate, creative, Catholic academic environment for your child? Monsignor Slade Catholic School welcomes children in Pre-K2 - 8th grade. Learn more at information nights for prospective families.

Middle School Information Night

February 23, 2017, 6:30-7:30pm

Seeking a new or different option for your middle school student? Your son or daughter will receive an education driven by strong values and concern for others. At Monsignor Slade, we present a well-rounded curriculum guided by Catholic values while offering individual access to technology for each of our students.

If you would like more information please visit: www.msladeschool.com or call 410-766-7130.

ARCHDIOCESAN SCOUT MASS

The Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will host the annual Scout Mass on Saturday, **February 25, 2017** at 11:00am at St. John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park. For more information, visit the Youth and Young Adult page on www.archbalt.org.

PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

Call Gabriel Network at 1-800-ANGEL OK or visit www.gabrielnetwork.org

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

With St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) falling on a Friday during Lent this year, Archbishop William E. Lori has granted Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore a dispensation from abstinence from eating meat that day. Catholics practice fasting and abstinence as penitential practices which unite Catholics to the redemptive suffering and death of Jesus.

Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent in remembrance of the day Christ died. In lieu of abstaining from meat on St. Patrick's Day, the Archbishop encourages those members of the faithful of the Archdiocese to engage in some additional act of prayer, service to the poor, or almsgiving.

DONATIONS

Thank you so much for everyone who stepped up and donated. **We are at almost 50% of the chairs donated!** There is still time to donate, but the opportunities are going quickly!

Again, you can donate these items in memory or in honor of loved ones.

- **Prie Dieu** (stand alone kneeler) - \$900 each (2)
- **Chairs** - \$200 each or \$375 for two (See envelope in back of church)



Just to clarify, the price of the chair does include a kneeler and a hymnal rack. We ask for a pledge and deposit by Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and final payment by May 1st.

Your intentions will be memorialized in a special bronze

book to be displayed in our Gathering Area.

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Parish Office by email at office@saintlawrencemartyr.org, visit our website at <http://saintlawrencemartyr.org/donor>, or call 410-799-1970.

SHROVE TUESDAY

In many cultures, pancakes are associated with the day preceding Ash Wednesday as a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.

Join us for a feast of pancakes prepared by Maggie Petza at no cost to you at 6:00pm, February 28th in the Parish Center.

ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS MAR. 1ST

Ashes will be distributed during the 9:00am, 12:00pm, and 6:30pm Masses on Wednesday, March 1st.

There will be a collection taken for Central and Eastern Europe at the Masses. Your donation to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe provides support for basic pastoral programs, scholarships for students who will return to serve their local churches, and help to build parishes to restore the Church—and build the future of the Church—in Central and Eastern Europe.

JOIN FLOCKNOTES!

As the winter weather season is still giving us surprises, we encourage everyone to join Flocknotes so they can be alerted to any cancellations. You can either go online to:

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend at parishes across the Archdiocese of Baltimore, parishioners will be asked to pledge support to the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Forward in Faith*. Ministries supported by the Appeal include the Office of Religious Education, which provides oversight and assistance to our Religious Education program, and Catholic Charities, where funds collected are used to support programs like *My Sister's Place* and *Our Daily Bread Employment Center*.

In advance of next weekend, please prayerfully consider how you will support the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Making a pledge, which can be paid in monthly installments through December 31, 2017, is a powerful way to maximize your contribution.

For more information on the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please visit www.archbalt.org/appeal. Thank you for your prayers and support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent (other than Good Friday), join Deacon John Sedlevicius for Stations of the Cross from 7:00-7:30pm. Take the time to experience Jesus' love in a powerful way.

Adoration follows with Benediction at 8:00pm.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: Archbishop Neale was only Archbishop of Baltimore from 1815-1817, when he died.

This week's question: Which Archbishop of Baltimore had the longest term of service?



This Week In Youth Ministry: At Life Night this week, it's our monthly Social and birthday celebration!

And this time, we'll be doing an Escape Room! Well, in our case, it's more of an Escape Building. Do you have the patience and cleverness to figure out the puzzles and clues in order to *Escape from the Parish Center*?

If you have any questions, please email AnnaMarie Link: annamarielink@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:
Steubenville NYC: July 21-23, 2017

We are always looking for volunteers to help with Life Teen. Please feel free to email or call me at 410-799-1970, ex 55 if you're interested in helping.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram! @SLMLifeTeen