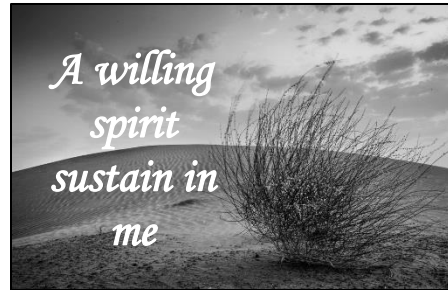


Gospel Reflection

March 4-5, 2017

1st Sunday of Lent

Psalm 51:14 Matthew 4:1-11



“A willing spirit sustain in me...”

These are the words of the last verse of the Psalm in today’s Liturgy of the Word. They seem to me to be well-suited as a

Lenten prayer during our forty day journey.

A priest-friend of mine used to remind me that a person converted against his will is not converted.

This liturgical season is intended to help all of us experience a true conversion of heart, mind, and spirit.

Jesus had no need of such conversion, yet during His forty-day desert stay, His spirit was tested as He was tempted by the Devil. All the artillery of hell could not pierce the strength of His will which was heavenward in its aim. His will was to accomplish only what the Father desired.

Isn’t that our intention or hope, especially throughout Lent? Given our weak and fragile wills and knowing that we are all prone to sin, I recommend we all pray the words of the Psalm repeatedly for forty days “...a willing spirit sustain in me”.

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

ENCOUNTER LENT - RICE BOWLS

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s Rice Bowl from the back of the church and don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors, and our God.

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.

LENTEN DINNERS

The Fr. Bernard Harding O.S.S.T Knights of Columbus Council #12180 invites you to join them in the Parish Center for Friday Night Lenten Dinners from 6-8:00pm.

They will be selling delicious crab cakes, shrimp, pizza, salad, and other items.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Life is never without need of repair. This is true in our relationships with society and others, as it is in our relationship with the created world. Lent is the perfect time to mend these relationships.

March 8, 2017	Mending Society Fr. Stan DeBoe, O.S.S.T.
March 15, 2017	Mending Relationships Dr. Lauri Przybysz, Exec. Director of Christian Family Movement, former Coordinator of Marriage & Family Life for the Archdiocese of Baltimore
March 22, 2017	Mending the Universe Fr. Bill Axe, O.S.S.T.

The Parish Center will be open for set up at 6:00pm. Please bring your choice of soup in a crock pot. The Soup Supper begins at 6:30pm and the presentation starts at 7:00pm.

We look forward to having you join us for this time of food, fellowship, and faith.

SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

Join us on Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:00pm for an extraordinary presentation on the Shroud of Turin (a length of linen cloth bearing the image of a man, believed by some to be the burial shroud of Jesus of Nazareth).

Several of our parishioners have seen this presentation elsewhere and have been talking about it ever since. According to parishioner Jim Leddy, “This is a beautiful opportunity to relive the Passion of Jesus, historically and spiritually.”

Join us on Wednesday, April 5th and bring a friend or two.

PANCAKE DINNER THANK YOU

Thank you very much to Maggie Petza for her hard work in preparing the food for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Thank you also to her helpers: Jim Leddy, Jon & Val Magnuson, and her husband, Bob Petza.

THANK YOU FROM FRIENDSHIP DINNER/DANCE

Our first Dance in years was a wonderful event. Over 90 St. Lawrence parishioners danced the night away after eating delicious food.

A very special thanks to Kathy Furth, the chairperson and main chef. Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen, including Drew Furth, Meghan Furth, Kevin Gabel, Imelda Gabel, Mary Jo Hogan, Michael Levesque, Val Magnuson, Trina Ngayan, Christian Rico, and Sally Rico.

Thank to Jim & Kathy Leddy, and Paula Ann Noll, for collecting many of the auction items. Thank you also to those who donated other items, and those who purchased!

Thank you to Cathy & Joe Stegmaier, who staffed the registration table, and to the many people who helped with set-up and teardown.

We also extend our gratitude to Steve Furth and to the Knights of Columbus for staffing the bar.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar. 4th: 1st Sunday of Lent

5:00pm + **Stephany Mallicotte** req by the Harvey family
6:30pm + **Francisco Quintero, on the 1-year anniversary of his death**, req by the Quintero family

Sunday, Mar. 5th: 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am + **Anna Daly** req by Anna & Jerry Henline
10:00am + **Francisco Quintero** req by Angela Tovar Quintero and the Prieto Family
11:30am + **Sr. Jeannette Levesque, D.H.S.**, req by Trudy & Joe Levesque
5:30pm + **Mitchel Estevez Agular** req by the Rivera family

Monday, Mar. 6th:

9:00am* + **Barbara Mutter** req by the Ruiz family

Tuesday, Mar. 7th:

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

Wednesday, Mar. 8th:

9:00am*** + **Jerry Maggio** req by Melissa Kovalick

Thursday, Mar. 9th:

9:00am* + **Patricia Ann Frances Dowd** req by the Naymick family

Friday, Mar. 10th:

9:00am* **Annette Sottile** req by Richard Lambiasi, Jr.

Saturday, Mar. 11th: 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:00pm + **Patricia Gos** req by McGovern & Stakem families
6:30pm **Mass for the People**

Sunday, Mar. 12th: 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30am + **Anna Daly** req the Mangubat family
10:00am **Anthony-Mary Edet**, thanking God for his birth and growth
11:30am + **Mary Tobitsch** req by her family
5:30pm + **Rafael Martin Garrido** req by Rivera family
*Rosary following Mass **Rosary and Novena to St. Agatha
***Rosary and Novena to St. Michael of the Saints

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Offering Mass for a Special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for someone, please contact the Parish Office via email at office@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call 410-799-1970.

Mar. 11 th – 12 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Rick B	Jeff F	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	John M	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Amanda S	Alan A	Deacon John	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Jahiem S Jason S	Mike J	Deacon John	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Angela G Rhea G	Elnora G	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Micayla N	Kathy F	Steve F Drew F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- FEB 25-26, 2017

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,354.00	\$2,933.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,630.00	1,497.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	1,824.50	1,810.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$6,808.50	\$6,240.00
Poor Box:	291.00	387.00



- Mar. 4th:** 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
- Mar. 5th:** 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3rd (Parish Ctr)
10:00am Rite of Sending for RCIA
11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th – 8th (Parish Ctr)
12:30pm Baptism Class (Sacristy)
6:30pm Life Night
- Mar. 6th:** 7:00pm No RCIA
- Mar. 7th:** 10:30am TLC Lunch & Bingo (Parish Ctr)
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
6:30pm Women’s Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
6:30pm Men’s Bible Study (Sacristy)
- Mar. 8th:** 6:00pm Gabriel Network
6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (Parish Ctr)
7:00pm Presentation: **Mending Society** Fr. Stan DeBoe, O.S.S.T.
- Mar. 10th:** 6:00pm Lenten Dinner (until 8pm)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Young Adult Game Night (Ctr)
8:00pm ME Meeting (Parish Ctr)
- Mar. 11th:** 2nd Collection: Restoration & Maintenance
7:30am Beans and Bread (Parish Ctr)
9:00am 3rd Order Mtg (Parish Ctr)

Remember to change your clock!

- Mar. 12th:** 2nd Collection: Restoration & Maintenance Donut Social after all Morning Masses
9:30am 1st Eucharist Class (Parish Ctr)
10:00am Prayer Shawl (until noon)
3:30pm Confirmation Class (Parish Ctr)
6:30pm Life Night

PLEASE JOIN US...



If you would like to join us for Lauds, our morning prayers, please join us in the church at 8:30 every weekday morning.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Prophet, son of parishioner Rosemary Prophet, who passed away on March 1st, and for consolation of his family.

HELP US FEED THE POOR /BEANS & BREAD

Come to the Parish Center next Saturday, Mar. 11th at 7:30am to help the Trinitarian 3rd Order make 510 lunches for distribution to the poor.

This is a good opportunity to earn service hours.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who participated in St. Lawrence's 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you give to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, you support archdiocesan ministries that directly impact our parish's administration and evangelization efforts. Additionally, through the generosity of Catholics like you, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal strengthens ministries that serve our Archdiocese. Please take a moment to reflect how the Lord is calling you to support the mission and ministries of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. To make a pledge to our parish Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please visit www.archbalt.org/appeal or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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. 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.

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

"Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us comfort our spouses and ourselves by celebrating the love of God in our marriages 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

SIT COMMUNITY NEED

Our SIT group is trying to help a local victim of persecution who is looking for area rental housing for her family. Parish friend, Faith McDonnell of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, and speaker at our most recent SIT vigil, informed us that Jehan Deng, a government minister from South Sudan, is here with her five children because of medical leave and due to the situation in South Sudan, she wishes to stay local for the time being and possibly continue her leave from government service or find an option to continue serving her government from the US. Her husband removed her children from school in Africa and sent them all here to her.

Now she is looking for a place. Ms. Deng thinks she can afford about \$1800/month. The family could most likely use furnishings for the residence as well if not already furnished. If you know of a property that is available for rent, and/or have items you are interested in donating to assist this family, please contact Matt Behum at mbehum@gmail.com, or call the rectory. Thank you for your assistance.

~ Matt Behum (SIT Leader)

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Attention Young Adults! Young Adult Social Ministry is on the second and fourth Fridays or Saturdays of the month.

Friday, March 10th - **Game Night** - Join us in the Parish Center starting at 7:00pm (late arrivals welcome).

Saturday, March 25th - 11:00am - **Brunch and Hiking** - bring your favorite dish to the Parish Center, then hiking at Patapso State Pike. Children Welcome!

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 16th.

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

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.

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, we will be informing everyone of persecution around the world.

Several hundred Coptic Christians have fled to northern Egypt as at least 29 have been killed in recent weeks. One refugee said that they took his father from his clinic at 2:00pm and forced him to kneel in the street. When he refused to confess to Islam, the attackers shot and killed him. www.christiantoday.com

CATHOLIC MEN'S STUDY GROUP

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 6:30-8:00pm.

March topics are: Mar. 7th and Mar. 14th (Morality: Ten Commandments, Mar. 28th (Reconciliation: Why?))

NEW WORSHIP SPACE DEDICATION - JUNE 3RD

We will be moving into the new location at 7850 Parkside Blvd. with a **Dedication Ceremony at 5:00pm on Saturday, June 3, 2017.** Please plan now to join us!

DONATIONS

We have such incredibly generous parishioners. Thank you!

We are at almost 70% of the chairs donated. **There is still time if you'd like to donate these items in memory or in honor of loved ones.**

- **Chairs** - \$200 each or \$375 for two (See envelope in back of church)
- **Prie Dieu** (standalone kneeler) - One left - \$900

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

DIRECTORIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

The 150th Anniversary Directories are still available! 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March classes for Religious Education are on March 5th and 19th. For 1st Eucharist class, we will meet on March 12th at 9:30am for a Child Class, and March 26th at 9:30am for a Child Class followed by a Parent/Child Project at 10:15am.

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.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: The Archdiocese of Baltimore is one of only four United States dioceses that has two churches serving as cathedrals in the same city, the others being the Diocese of Honolulu, the Diocese of Burlington, and the Diocese of Brooklyn. Other dioceses with two cathedrals have them in separate cities

This week's question: How many Shrines are located in the Archdiocese of Baltimore?



This Week In Youth Ministry: Teens! We need your input!

This Sunday at Life Teen we will be having a teaching night, but we will also be looking for feedback on the program. Please come and be a part of the change.

Next Week will be an Issue Night...you gave us some great topics and we are going to be discussing some of them.

If you are interested in going to the Steubenville NYC conference this summer (July 21-23) please let AnnaMarie know so we can get our numbers in.

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

Upcoming Events:

- **Service Hours available- Fridays During Lent at the Lenten Dinner (6-7pm)**
- **Steubenville NYC: July 21-23, 2017**

We are always looking for adult 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