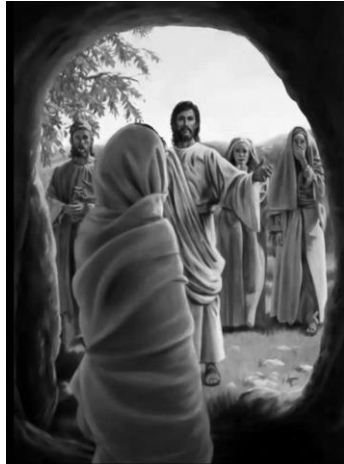


**Gospel Reflection**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

April 1-2, 2017  
John 11:1-45



A few years ago, the Indiana Dept. of Social Services wrote and mailed this letter to an individual who had died several months earlier. The letter read: "Your food stamps will be stopped in March because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

Lazarus' circumstance certainly changed. He went from four days in the tomb to presumably many more years of life. Lazarus was merely restored to life—given more time to live. Through the power of Jesus the Risen Lord, when we are called forth from our graves, God will not give us more days or years; he will give us eternity and life undying.

In today's first reading, the Lord says, "Oh my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them."

Not all the graves that we know in life are found in the cemetery. A change in circumstance may mean new life for us today, but only to the degree that we allow God's re-creative Word to call us forth from our respective tombs.

Yes, Lazarus experienced a new lease on life, but so can we this Lent. The whole purpose of Lent is to bring us to a "death-to-new-life" experience. I, for one, don't want to wait until I am truly dead to know the joy of resurrection.

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

**APRIL DONUT SOCIAL DATE CHANGE**

Our next donut social will take place Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> rather than April 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend.

**THIRD ORDER YARD SALE**

As you do your spring cleaning, please save your excess "treasures" for the Yard Sale the weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>.

The proceeds benefit our sister parish Holy Trinity in Sucre, Bolivia. We support tutoring for children unable to attend school regularly.

**ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY - RICE BOWLS**

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

All Rice Bowls are due by Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**RETREAT DAY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES**

Come join us for a day of rest and spiritual enrichment for families with special needs on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:30 pm at the O'Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, MD.

The cost is \$20 per family, which includes dinner. There are activities for parents, children, and siblings.

Please RSVP by April 23<sup>rd</sup> to Deacon Bill Fleming at [bfleming@archbalt.org](mailto:bfleming@archbalt.org) or 410-547-5372.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The last two Stations of the Cross will be Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-7:30pm and on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Take the time to experience Jesus' love in a powerful way.

**SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION – THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**



A Presentation on the Shroud of Turin will come to St. Lawrence Parish Center this Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Don't miss this great opportunity to experience the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in a way that can make this an unforgettable event in your life.

Considered one of the greatest mysteries of our time, the Shroud of Turin continues to amaze and baffle scientists, doctors, historians, artists, and theologians. Scientists cannot explain the source of the image which contains photographic and 3-D properties on a cloth centuries old. But is this the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ?

Bill Wingard, a speaker for the Shroud, will present the case for authenticity, and you can be the judge. Come see a full size replica of the Shroud and the photographic negative images that sparked an explosion of scientific interest and debate over a century ago which continues to today. What message does the Shroud have for each of us?

Bring others—including teens on up—and your cameras.

**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 6:00-8:00pm. April 7<sup>th</sup> is your last chance this year to enjoy their delicious crab cakes, shrimp, pizza, salad, and other items.

**MUSICIANS NEEDED**

Serious musicians needed for our Praise Band for the Sunday 5:30pm Mass. Bassist, guitarist, keyboardist, drummer, and singers, playing Praise and Worship music by artists such as Tomlin, Maher, Blakesley.

The group rehearses Sundays at 4:30pm. Contact Dan Baker at 410-242-5741 or [keytardan@aol.com](mailto:keytardan@aol.com) for more info.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

5:00pm + **Mary Durr** req by Ed & Mary Allen  
6:30pm **Mass for the People**

**Sunday, Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8:30am + **Charles Prophet** req by Valerie Magnuson  
10:00am + **Francisco Quintero** req by Angela Tovar Quintero & the Prieto family  
11:30am **Reina Guzman for her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and for healing** req by the Guzman family

5:30pm

**Monday, Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

9:00am\* **Anthony-Mary Edet** thanking God for his birth and growth req by Mr. & Mrs. John Edet

**Tuesday, Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\* + **Betty Lambiasi-Szuba** req by Richard Lambiasi Jr.

**Wednesday, Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\*\* **A lost friend** req by Richard Lambiasi Jr.

**Thursday, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* + **Barbara Painter** req by Dick & Judy Boivin

**Friday, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* + **Steven Singleton** req by the Mangubat family

**Saturday, Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>: Passion [Palm] Sunday**

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

**Sunday, Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>: Passion [Palm] Sunday**

8:30am + **John Eggerl** req by Jo Eggerl  
10:00am + **Josefina Pérez** req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman  
11:30am + **Alex Stewart** req by Grandma Judy Kurtz  
5:30pm + **John Janak** req by Patty Dieterich

\*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](mailto:office@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call 410-799-1970.

Apr. 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> 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	Catie W	Debra W	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Andrew S	Mike A	Deacon John	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Jason S	Ken W	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- MAR. 25-26, 2017**

Category	This year	Last year
<b>Envelopes:</b> Regular Weekly	\$3,067.31	\$2,047.00
<b>Loose:</b> Regular Weekly	1,457.00	2,876.00
<b>E-giving:</b> Regular Weekly	1,759.50	2,710.00
<b>Catholic Relief Service:</b>	\$611.00	977.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$6,894.81</b>	<b>\$8,610.00</b>
<b>Poor Box:</b>	\$313.00	\$153.50

**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.



**Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Schools Anniversary/Birthday Blessings  
8:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Mass (Group 1)  
10:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Mass (Group 2)

**Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Schools Anniversary/Birthday Blessings  
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)  
11:30am RCIA – 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny  
1:00pm Baptism Class  
6:30pm Life Night

**Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 6:00pm SIT St. Lawrence Mtg (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Sacristy)

**Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>:** 10:30am TLC Bingo & Lunch (Parish Ctr)  
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)  
6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Sacristy)

**Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>:** 4:30pm Lenten Reconciliation (until 8:30)  
7:00pm **Shroud of Turin Presentation**

**Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study  
7:30pm K of C Business Mtg

**Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30pm)  
6:00pm Lenten Dinner (until 8pm)  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

**Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Restoration & Maintenance  
7:30am Beans & Bread (Parish Ctr)  
9:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Mtg (Parish Ctr)  
9:00am Decorate Church  
6:00pm Young Adult Game Night

**Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Restoration & Maintenance  
6:30pm Life Night Service Night

### THIRD ORDER BBQ DINNER

Join us on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm. Menu includes a beef, pork, or chicken barbeque sandwich with cole slaw and baked beans.



Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Beer, wine, and soda available for purchase. Proceeds support our sister parish in Bolivia.

There will also a Dessert Bake Sale that same night. Donations are needed.

### YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Attention Young Adults! Young Adult Social Ministry is now meeting on the second and fourth **Saturdays** of the month. The next Social Activity is: 6:00pm, Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – **Potluck Dinner & 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 Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

[www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/youngadult](http://www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/youngadult)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The last class for Religious Education is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. For 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist class, congratulations to those who are receiving our Savior for the first time this weekend.

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

### THANK YOU

We'd like to thank all the children who participated in the Children's Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:

- ✠ Anthony Alarcon      ✠ Viviana Alarcon
- ✠ Kaleb Buchholz      ✠ Melody Chatham
- ✠ Zoey Chatham      ✠ Boden Lemley
- ✠ Daisy Lemley      ✠ Luke Lemley
- ✠ Reine Lemley      ✠ Kaitlyn Martin
- ✠ Sophia Martin      ✠ Isaiah Roach
- ✠ Xavier Roach      ✠ Catie Ward

### DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

We are at almost 80% 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)

If you are interested in making a donation, please email to [office@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:office@saintlawrencemartyr.org), call 410-799-1970, or visit our website at <http://saintlawrencemartyr.org/donor>

### HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Evening of Reconciliation**

Drop in any time between 4:30 – 8:30pm (*Church*)

**Shroud of Turin Presentation** – 7:00pm (*Parish Center*)

#### April 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday

Normal Weekend Schedule

Palms are blessed and distributed at all Masses

#### Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm Chrism Mass (*Cathedral of Mary Our Queen*)

#### Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **NO 9:00am MASS**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*Eucharistic Adoration until midnight*

#### Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **NO 9:00am MASS**

3:00pm Stations of the Cross  
6:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion,  
Veneration of the Cross (*followed by communion*)

#### Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Easter Egg Hunt/Breakfast (*Parish Center*)

9:15am Blessing of the Food (*Church*)

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass (*Church*)

#### **NO OTHER SATURDAY MASSES**

#### Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Mass (*Parish Center*)

10:00am Mass (*Parish Center*)

11:30am Mass (*Parish Center*)

#### **NO 5:30PM MASS**



### DO YOU HOMESCHOOL?

Are you a homeschooling family looking to add extra enrichment, support, or structure to your week? Academia Bedae Cooperativa (St. Bede's Academic Cooperative) is a Catholic, classical homeschool program run and taught exclusively by parent volunteers. St. Bede's meets Tuesday mornings in Columbia, MD.

Our program offers classes for preschool (3's and 4's) and grammar stage (K-5) children, as well as a nursery for siblings age two and under.

We are currently registering for the 2017-2018 academic year and invite you to visit our website: [saintbedehomeschool.org](http://saintbedehomeschool.org).

Contact Laura Sullivan ([laurasullivan821@gmail.com](mailto:laurasullivan821@gmail.com)) or Janet Yaceczko ([mrs.lionel.yaceczko@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.lionel.yaceczko@gmail.com)) for more information.

### PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

The Parish Pastoral Council newly elected officers are:

Chairperson: **Donna Ford**  
Vice-Chairperson: **Maureen McCart**  
Secretary: **Tim Lorello**

Congratulations to our new board.

### SIT REFLECTION

*"If Christianity in Egypt falls, Christianity in the Middle East will fall."*

This comment from Samuel Tadros, Senior Fellow at the Hudson Research Institute, and lifelong Coptic Christian, illustrates how the precarious nature of Christianity within this region of the world extends well beyond the oft-shelled borders of Iraq and Syria. Indeed Coptic Christians (Egyptian Christians of both Orthodox and Catholic rites) represent the largest portion of Christians in the Middle East – 10% of Egypt's population is Christian. Coptic Christians have become the heightened target of ISIS militants that are refocusing their efforts away from Raqqa and Mosul, and more towards the Sinai Peninsula.

Police officers, random villagers, and yes, even women and children have been slaughtered over the past few months, as most vividly illustrated by the St. Mark Cathedral bombing in Cairo on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Persecution facing Copts has resulted in a flooding of Egyptians into the United States over the years where Coptic churches have been erected by the dozens (there is even an orthodox church nearby in Savage, Maryland).

At this week's meeting on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm, SIT St. Lawrence is learning about the variety of reasons Copts face the persecution they do—but these Christians can serve as examples for all of us. We are building a new parish because we have outgrown our old one (a very good thing); Copts in the United States and other nations erect their churches out of necessity.

Do we always appreciate our religious freedoms? How engaged are we and all our family members in the Mass? It is so easy to get distracted (like I often do), and forget that the best gift conceivable lives within that lovely Tabernacle we visit every time we set foot both inside our humble little church, or within our comfortable worship space to be. Let us not forget that the reason events like December 11, 2016 in Cairo ever happen is because people (our brothers and sisters) cherish that gift of Jesus as part of whom they are, above all else, even to the death. *We are Christians*, above all else ... and it is our duty to walk in His footsteps, remembering our family along the way.

God bless you and your families, and God bless the persecuted.

~Matt Behum, SIT St. Lawrence Director  
[mbehum@gmail.com](mailto:mbehum@gmail.com)

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Please stop by the church this Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, to visit the Blessed Sacrament any time after the 9:00am Mass until 6:30pm. Since Stations of the Cross are at 7:00pm, there will not be a Rosary.

All scheduled adorers, please remember to be there for your assigned hour. We also welcome anyone to stop by for an unscheduled visit any time during the day.

### HELP US FEED THE POOR /BEANS & BREAD

Come to the Parish Center next Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am to help the Trinitarian 3<sup>rd</sup> Order make 510 lunches for distribution to the poor.

This is a good opportunity to earn service hours.

### ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

**Last week's answer:** Colonel Tony Naples, a long-time St. Lawrence parishioner, was the one who suggested naming K of C Council 12180 after Fr. Bernard Harding. Then, when a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly was formed in 2010, they chose to name the assembly after Col. Naples, who had died that year.

**This week's question:** Back to Lenten trivia: When is the last Sunday of Lent?



**This Week In Youth Ministry:** This week at Life Teen we will be talking about the Church's view of homosexuality. We also will be answering YOUR questions regarding the Church's teaching. Come with an open mind and lots of questions.

Next week we will have our service night, come even if you don't need the hours! It'll be a fun night!!!!

In Him through her,

AnnaMarie

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](mailto: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