

Gospel Reflection April 8-9, 2017
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
 Matthew 21:1-11 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66



This past Tuesday morning, as I sat over my morning coffee, sudden panic struck me. I realized that the palms we had ordered had not yet been delivered. I began to wonder if, in fact, they had been ordered in the first place. I texted Cathy, our parish secretary, and she assured me that the order had been placed long ago. She said, "They'll be here; don't worry." I wanted to believe her, but nervousness and worry was getting the best of me. I just couldn't imagine a Palm Sunday with no palms. It would spell certain disaster and possibly incite revolt among you. Thankfully, they were delivered that afternoon.

But palms shouldn't be the focus today. The passion of Christ and our faithful discipleship should be. Today is not so much about waving and weaving palms but rather about our unwavering fidelity to the Passion and Cross of Christ.

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

APRIL DONUT SOCIAL DATE CHANGE

Our next donut social will take place Sunday, April 30th rather than April 9th. 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 20th- 21st.

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

ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS - RICE BOWLS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community He knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit csrcricebowl.org for more.

All Rice Bowls are due by Sunday, April 23rd.

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 7th 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 23rd to Deacon Bill Fleming at bfleming@archbalt.org or 410-547-5372.

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!

CHRISM MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP LORI

Archbishop William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, invites you to join him for the start of Holy Week at the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Chrism Mass on Monday, **April 10th** at 7:30pm at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join Deacon John and fellow parishioners for this year's final Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14th at 3:00pm.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

In European tradition, after fasting during the Lenten Season, people showed their joy by taking their food to church to be blessed. **Deacon John will bless the Easter food at 9:15am in the church on Holy Saturday, April 15th.**

EASTER EGG HUNT/BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday, April 15th
Time: Hunt is from 9:00 to 9:15 am (Be on time – it goes fast)
Breakfast: Begins at 9:15am
Cost: \$6 per person, \$12 for a family (Children under 3 eat free)



There will be special prize eggs to find as well, and all children will receive a favor bag.

And there might be a visit from the Easter Bunny!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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 for more info.

CATHOLIC MEN'S STUDY GROUP (APRIL-MAY)

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 the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm.

The topic for April and May will be various interpretations of the Book of Revelation, including Scott Hahn's "The Lamb's Supper." All are welcome.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Apr. 8th: Passion [Palm] Sunday

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

Sunday, Apr. 9th: 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

Monday, Apr. 10th:

9:00am* + **Margaret K. Sein** req by Richard Lambiasi Jr.

Tuesday, Apr. 11th:

9:00am** **Intentions of the 11:30am Choir** req by appreciative parishioners

Wednesday, Apr. 12th:

9:00am*** + **Barbara Dorsey Prisco** req by Jim Prisco Jr.

Thursday, Apr. 13th: Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, Apr. 14th: Good Friday

6:30pm Good Friday Service (No Masses permitted)

Saturday, Apr. 15th: Easter Vigil

8:30pm **All Those Receiving Sacraments** req by the Parish

Sunday, Apr. 16th: Easter Sunday

8:30am + **John Singleton & Katherine Eggerl Peters** req by Anna & Jerry Henline
 10:00am **Mass for the People**
 11:30am + **Jeanne Levesque** req by the Levesque 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.

Time	Servers	Lector	EM
Holy Thursday 7:00pm	Christian R Amanda S Andrew S Jason S	Mary J	Deacon John
Good Friday 6:30pm	Matthew C Jason S	Joan M	Deacon John
Easter Vigil 8:30pm	Katie B Timmy B Hannah L Shannon M	Jim L John M Maggie P	Deacon John
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C	Daniel S	Ed A Mary A Rocco D
Sunday 10:00am	Jason S Catie W	Debra W	Kathy F Meghan F Maureen M
Sunday 11:30am	Angel G Rhea G	Elnora G	Deacon John Mary D <i>Volunteer Needed</i>

CHURCH SUPPORT – APRIL 1ST – 2ND

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,743.50	\$3,728.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,876.00	1,387.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,610.50	3,080.00
Catholic Schools:	975.00	938.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$9,205.00	\$9,133.00
Poor Box:	\$239.00	\$877.00

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday, which helps Christians in the Holy Land by supporting local parishes and Catholic schools. The Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday



- Apr. 8th:** 2nd Collection: **Restoration & Maintenance**
 7:30am Beans & Bread (Parish Ctr)
 9:00am 3rd Order Mtg (Parish Ctr)
 9:00am Decorate Church
 6:00pm Young Adult Game Night
- Apr. 9th:** 2nd Collection: **Restoration & Maintenance**
 6:30pm Life Night Service Night
- Apr. 10th:** 7:30pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral)
- Apr. 11th:** 10:30am TLC Reflection & Lunch (Center)
 5:00pm Chairs Mtg
 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Sacristy)
 7:30pm 4th Degree K of C (Parish Ctr)
- Apr. 12th:** 9:30am Decorate Church & Parish Center
 6:00pm Gabriel Network
- Apr. 13th:** 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 9:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (til midnight)
 9:00pm Decorate Church
- Apr. 14th:** Collection: **Holy Land Shrines**
 Parish Office is Closed
 3:00pm Stations of the Cross
 6:30pm Good Friday Service
- Apr. 15th:** 9:00am Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
 9:15am Easter Food Blessing (Church)
 9:30am Decorate Church & Parish Center
 8:30pm Easter Vigil
- Apr. 16th:** 8:30am, 10am, & 11:30am Masses (Parish Ctr)
 1:00pm Baptism
 NO 5:30pm Mass or Life Night

THIRD ORDER BBQ DINNER

Join us on Saturday, April 29th 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! 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. 6th.

Young Adult Social Ministry now meets on on the second and fourth **Saturdays** of the month, usually at 6:00pm.

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

www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/youngadult

2016-2017 RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES END

We offer our heartfelt appreciation to all of those who gave of their time and talent to share the gift of our Catholic faith with the young people of our parish.

Pre-School: Annette & Micayla Nadeau

Kindergarten: Emily Raines

1st grade: Irene Ramirez

2nd grade: Angela & Reina Guzman

3rd grade: Jeff, Karina, & Marisa Faust

4th grade: Mary Jo Hicks

5th grade: Debra Ward

6th grade: Christine Magnuson

7th & 8th grade: Jim & Kathleen Leddy

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist:

Theresa Cunningham & Kathy Mangubat

Thank you also to Valerie Magnuson, for a great job running our parish Religious Education program.

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, call 410-799-1970, or visit our website at <http://saintlawrencemartyr.org/donor>

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

April 8th – 9th, Palm Sunday

Normal Weekend Schedule
Palms are blessed and distributed at all Masses

Monday, April 10th

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

Holy Thursday, April 13th

NO 9:00am MASS

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

Good Friday, April 14th

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 15th

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 16th

8:30am Mass (*Parish Center*)

10:00am Mass (*Parish Center*)

11:30am Mass (*Parish Center*)

NO 5:30PM MASS



CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

The IHM Maryland Homeschool Conference will be held at St. Michael's Parish, 1125 St. Michael's Road, in Mt. Airy, Maryland on Friday, May 12th (12:00pm-6:00pm) and on Saturday, May 13th (9:30am-3:30pm).

This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Brunch on Mother's Day, May 14th from 8:30am-12:00pm in the Parish Center.

Cost: Children under 7: Free
Ages 7-12: \$4.00
Age 13 & above: \$6.00
Family: \$20.00

Mothers and Grandmothers dine free!

There will also be a "Momelet" station and a raffle or two.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following children received the sacrament of First Eucharist on April 1, 2017:

Viviana Alarcon
Kaleb Buchholz
Ashlynn Farran
Eric Herberich
Adella Junk
Bradley Kripas
Kaitlyn Martin
Makenzie McVitty
Kylie Ostrowski
Lucas Scott
Kennedy Tapia



Erick Balestrieri
Carlo Catu
Madeline Gorman
Lillian Herter
Alexander Kilbride
Jacob Kuszniir
Kaelyn McDaniel
David Ortiz
Valery Robles
Camryn Tapia

May they all continue to grow in God's love and grace.

Thank you also to Daniel Baker, Erin Baker, Theresa Cunningham, Imelda Gabel, Jo-Ann Gorrie, Jim Leddy, Kathy Leddy, Christine Magnuson, Kathy Mangubat, Trina Ngayan, Christian Rico, and Sally Rico for all their help, and to Christian and Jake for serving at the altar.

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.

"This week Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) arrested 12 administrators and teachers at a Christian school in Khartoum, while prohibiting many others from leaving the school's premises. NISS claims that leaders at the Evangelical School of Sudan are 'interfering' with a Muslim-owned business's attempts to take over the Christian school." *aclj.org*

REST IN PEACE



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Belmore, son-in-law of parishioner Gil Meile, who passed away on March 28, 2017, and for consolation of his family.

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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As we move into the new Parish Complex in June, we will need more parishioners involved in the various ministries.

In addition to needing more altar servers, lectors, EMHCs, ushers, and greeters, we also have new ministries: Our Coffee Ministry, Parking Lot Ministry, and an Information Desk Ministry can all use new volunteers!

We will also need help with the move to the church: packing, moving (especially those with trucks), etc. Contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help.

Please take this opportunity to serve the Church.

JOIN FLOCKNOTES!

We encourage everyone to join Flocknotes so they can be alerted to any events or news from the church. 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.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of Lent.

This week's question: Attending the Stations of the Cross during Lent is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. How did it begin?



This Week In Youth Ministry: This week at Life Teen we will be stuffing Easter eggs as a service for the parish Easter Egg Hunt.

Come from 6:30-8:30 to help out and eat some Chinese food. It will be a fun night so come and bring your friends.

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

Upcoming Events:

- **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