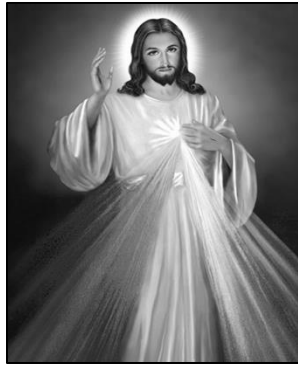


Gospel Reflection April 22-23, 2017
Divine Mercy Sunday
 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



For about a decade, this Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

You and I live in a world where many want to make their power known. I need not list the rulers, politicians, businesses, and entities that are fiercely vying for power now-a-days. You know them well.

The Resurrection of Jesus reveals and shows forth a different kind of power than we are accustomed to. It is the power of mercy.

One writer, Fr. John Mole, O.M.I., writes, "What is the power, above which there exists none greater? It is the power to be merciful, clement, forbearing. Such power is the attribute of perfect Fatherhood which is only in God. All other kinds of power are weakness in comparison."

As our Scripture readings remind us today, it was for mercy's sake that Christ died on the Cross and rose from the dead. Saint Peter makes that clear in today's second reading. He writes: "Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His great mercy, gave us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." (1 Peter 1:3). The same Apostle addresses the crowd in Jerusalem after Pentecost proclaiming that "everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of their sins in His name" (Acts 10:43).

Imagine what a different world we would live in, if we all submitted ourselves to the power of God's mercy and readily extended it to all, friend and foe, near and far, unconditionally. That's the only power capable of healing and mending our world.

"Dear Lord Jesus...Have mercy on us and on the whole world." (from the Chaplet of Divine Mercy).

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

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 THE RISEN CHRIST - RICE BOWLS

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you!

Don't forget, all Rice Bowls are due by this Sunday. Please contact the Parish Office if you still need to drop yours off.

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!

EASTER FLOWERS

Many thanks to all who helped with our liturgical environment and to those who donated toward the beautiful Easter flowers in honor of Our Risen Lord. The Intentions can be found on the flyer enclosed.

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.

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.

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)
- **Communion Cups** (\$265 each, 4 needed)



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

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS – JUN. 23

SIT St. Lawrence will be holding a Prayer Vigil supporting Persecuted Christians around the world on Friday, June 23rd, from 6:30-8:30pm in the church.

Let us come together to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, and pray, sing, and reflect on why it is important to remember our brothers and sisters who embody galvanized faith in the face of evil.

Please contact Matt Behum with any questions at mbehum@gmail.com, or call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Apr. 22nd: Divine Mercy / 2nd Sunday of Easter
 5:00pm Mass for the Unborn req by K of C Council #12180
 6:30pm Mass for the People

Sunday, Apr. 23rd: Divine Mercy / 2nd Sunday of Easter
 8:30am + John Singleton & Katherine Eggerl Peters req the Mangubat family

10:00am + Josefina Pérez req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman
 11:30am + Oretha Carman Cooper req by Judy Kurtz
 5:30pm Joaquina Gonzales Maza req by the Rivera family

Monday, Apr. 24th:
 9:00am* Aurora Markey req by Linda Brown

Tuesday, Apr. 25th:
 9:00am** Colin Cook req by Carol & Mel

Wednesday, Apr. 26th:
 9:00am*** Holy Souls in Purgatory req by those who pray for them

Thursday, Apr. 27th:
 9:00am* Barbara Hare, for her recovery req by Jack & Jo-Ann Gorrie

Friday, Apr. 28th:
 9:00am* Melvin Smith req by his wife

Saturday, Apr. 29th: 3rd Sunday of Easter
 5:00pm + Oretha Carman Cooper req by Maggie & Bob Petza

6:30pm Mass for the People

Sunday, Apr. 30th: 3rd Sunday of Easter
 8:30am + Charles Prophet req TLC
 10:00am + Francisco Quintero req by Angela Tovar Quintero and the Prieto family
 11:30am Reina Marie Guzman req by a friend
 5:30pm + Eileen Moffa req by Norb Balint

*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.

Apr. 29 th -30 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Daniel S	Rick B	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Catie W	Debra W	Joan M	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C	Mike A	Ed A	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Jason S	Mike J	Donna F	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Michael K	Skip W	Help Needed	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Allie D	Kathy F	Steve F Drew F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT – APRIL 15TH-16TH

Category	This Easter	Last Easter
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$7,209.50	\$6,524.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	2,890.00	2,876.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	1,815.50	2,710.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$11,915.00	\$12,110.00
Poor Box:	\$157.00	\$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 button.

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.



Apr. 22nd: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign
 8:00am Confirmation Retreat (until 5pm)
 6:00pm Young Adult Soc. (Outdoor Games)

Apr. 23rd: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign
 9:30am Sew Hopeful (Parish Ctr)
 No Life Night

Apr. 24th: 9:30am Sew Hopeful (Parish Ctr)

Apr. 25th: 9:30am Sew Hopeful (Parish Ctr)
 11:00am TLC Lunch (Golden Corral)
 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Sacristy)

Apr. 27th: 7:00pm Evangelization Mtg (Parish Ctr)
 7:00pm Rosary for the Unborn

Apr. 29th: 2nd Collection: Restoration & Maintenance
 9:00am Sew Hopeful (Parish Ctr)
 4:00pm Sister Parish BBQ (until 8pm)

Apr. 30th: 2nd Collection: Restoration & Maintenance
 Donut Social after All Masses
 11:15am Prayer Ministry
 6:30pm Life Night Social Night

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

The Knights of Columbus will host 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.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR OUR FUTURE

In the next issue of the Catholic Review, the Archdiocese will announce its final plan for the implementation of new pastorates intended to further the church's mission of evangelization. There have been some revisions to the original design. Several parishes throughout the Archdiocese are affected, one of which is St. Lawrence. Specifically, in the third phase of implementation—scheduled to happen between 2020 and 2022—St. Lawrence Martyr Parish and Resurrection of Our Lord (Laurel) will become a single Pastorate.

What does that mean? First and foremost, this is **NOT a merger of parishes**. Each parish will maintain its singular identity. However, the parishes will be served by one pastor. The Archbishop will announce his appointment of a single pastor for both churches in 2020. Some pastoral staff may be shared and some ministerial and formation programs may be jointly organized and operated. The specifics of collaboration between the two parishes will be identified, studied, and agreed upon over the next three years.

Here at St. Lawrence, our building project will continue, including Phase 2—the construction of our new church. We count on your support and collaboration in ministry, evangelization, and the growth of St. Lawrence Martyr Parish. We enthusiastically embrace the joyful mission of welcome, worship, and service here in our parish.

Watch for further details in the next issue of the Catholic Review.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Attention Young Adults! **Young Adult Social Ministry** meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, usually at 6:00pm with a potluck dinner and activities.

April 22nd: Outdoor games (picnic food)

May 13th: Game Night (finger food)

May 26th: Minute to Win It (food from favorite country)

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 May 4th.

We also hope to schedule a **Service Opportunity** for Saturday, May 6th. More details to come.

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

www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/youngadult

PAPER RECYCLING

Our paper recycling dumpster will be removed in the very near future as we prepare for our move.

Please continue to help the environment by using your home curbside recycling program.

JOIN US APRIL 30TH FOR DONUTS & COFFEE

Join fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after all morning Masses on Sunday, April 30th.

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.

23RD ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

The Archdiocese for the Military Services will host the 23rd Annual Memorial Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street & Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017-1566 on **Sunday, May 21st** at 4:30pm.

This special liturgy honors the men and women of the Armed Forces. Principal Celebrant and Homilist: The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services. Parking is limited. *Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform.*

FIND MORE JOY IN YOUR MARRIAGE

"You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence." Enliven and find more joy in your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD.

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

HONORING OUR GRADUATES!

If you or a family member are graduating this year (high school or college degree), please let the Parish Office know at 410-799-1970 or office@saintlawrencemartyr.org

We'd like to list our honorees in an upcoming bulletin.

CONFERENCE FOR SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED AND REMARRIED

The annual conference for separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried will be held on Saturday, **April 29th** at Our Lady of the Fields Church, 1070 S. Cecil Ave. in Millersville.

The conference is a vital outreach to those who are single again, as well as a valuable resource to Archdiocesan ministry, counselors and others interested in the needs of the single again community.

For more information, contact gcuevas@olfparish.com or ministry4singleagain@gmail.com.



THIRD ORDER BBQ DINNER

Join us next 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.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday, from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Parish Center, except for the second Tuesday of the month.

We just finished studying the Gospel of Matthew, and are moving soon to studying the Gospel of Mark.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Judy Kurtz and Sandy Garrick at womensbible@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call the Parish Office at 410-799-1970.

Join us, gain strength and knowledge, and grow stronger in your faith!

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.

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.

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 in mid-to-late May: advance packing, lifting and moving (especially those with trucks), etc. Contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help.

Please take this opportunity to serve the Church.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: The Easter Season lasts 50 days, ending on Pentecost (which means, in Greek, fiftieth day). Pentecost this year is on June 3rd-4th. We will be moving into our new Parish Complex that weekend with a Dedication Mass on June 3rd.

This week's question: Last week we celebrated the Easter Egg Hunt, followed by a delicious breakfast cooked by Maggie Petza. How long have we had the Easter Egg Hunt?



This Week In Youth Ministry: This weekend is our Confirmation Retreat, and since many of you will be on that, we will not be having Life Night. But next Sunday will be our monthly social. Come to celebrate the April birthdays and play games, and bring your friends!

We will be taking the month of May off to plan for the Summer and to begin moving into our new building! Make sure you grab one of our Summer calendars in the Parish Center so you can plan to join in on all the fun activities, or go online at www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/lifeteen

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