

Gospel Reflection
May 6-7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10:1-10



Sheep crossing a busy street clogged with rush hour traffic in Rome. Seems about as unlikely as a herd of cattle in Times Square. Yet, it's a scene—the sheep and the shepherd—which I

witnessed many times in Rome.

I lived for a few years in a *zona verde*—a green zone—on the edge of the Eternal City. Pastures and gardens surrounded the monastery where I lived. One of the fields adjacent to our property was regularly used by a shepherd to pasture his flock. I used to stand on the rooftop terrace of our house and watch the shepherd lead his flock safely in, singing a yodel-like song as he went before them. It was fascinating and beautiful. It made me think of ancient shepherds, not least among them Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Once, driving home from the airport, I saw something that would have made a perfect composition for an inspirational photo. Unfortunately, I didn't have my camera. As I rounded a corner on a busy street, Saint Peter's dome loomed on the horizon over a large undeveloped field. A hundred or more sheep were streaming across this field, led by the shepherd, and appeared to be headed right toward the cupola of St. Peter's...right toward another shepherd in the neighborhood, namely, the Pope.

While Christ is the Good Shepherd, he works now-a-days through his vicar, the Chief Shepherd of his flock, the Holy Father. Right now, I believe we have been so blessed to have Francis as our Pope. He knows how and where to lead the Church. He opens and closes the gate for us all and that gate is Christ Himself.

~ Fr. Victor Scooco, 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 drop off dates are May 17th-19th, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm.

Do not leave items outside of those dates and times. Please note, we will not be taking any electronic or computer equipment. The proceeds benefit our sister parish Holy Trinity in Sucre, Bolivia. We support tutoring for children unable to attend school regularly.

Tell your friends and family about the Yard Sale! We always have a wide variety of items.

PARISH OFFICE

For two weeks, starting on May 19th, there will be no walk-in office hours at the Parish Office, during our transition from building to building.

Appointments may still be made with any of the staff, if needed. You can also reach us via email at office@saintlawrencemartyr.org or by calling the main number 410-799-1970. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during our move.

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!

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.

Earlier this year we asked you to pray for Asia Bibi, a mother of four in Pakistan who was sentenced to death five years ago for defending her Christian faith in casual conversation with native Muslims. While Ms. Bibi's case is still in limbo, Monsignor Shaw of Lahore, Pakistan explains in general terms: "We understand we are born in Pakistan which means we recognize the purpose of being here. It means God has a purpose where you witness peace and happiness, you are courageous, and we must have dialogue with peoples of other faiths so all may know we are not against society. We cannot live in fear." ~Foxnews.com 4/20/2017

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 6th: 4th Sunday of Easter

5:00pm + Sr. Marie Moore R.S.M.
 req by Ron & Fran Looper
 6:30pm Mass for the Unborn req by K of C Council #12180

Sunday, May 7th: 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30am + Steven Singleton req by the Mangubat family
 10:00am + Josefina Pérez req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman
 11:30am Angel Guzman req by a friend
 5:30pm Mass for the People

Monday, May 8th:

9:00am* Melissa Lambiasi req by Richard Lambiasi Jr.

Tuesday, May 9th:

9:00am** + Tony Belmore req by TLC

Wednesday, May 10th:

9:00am*** Larry & Betty Bertel req by Richard Lambiasi Jr.

Thursday, May 11th:

9:00am* The intentions of SIT St. Lawrence

Friday, May 12th:

9:00am* Greg Strzempek req by Linda Brown

Saturday, May 13th: 5th Sunday of Easter

5:00pm + Barbara Dorsey Prisco req by Jim Prisco Jr.
 6:30pm In Thanksgiving req by the Gates family

Sunday, May 14th: 5th Sunday of Easter

8:30am + Steven Singleton req by Anna & Jerry Henline
 10:00am Anthony-Mary Edet for a successful birthday party req by Mr. & Mrs. Edet
 11:30am + Oretta Carman Cooper req by the Magnuson family
 5:30pm Mass for the People

*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.

Please call ahead if you want your intention on a specific date so it can be put it on the calendar.

May 13 th - 14 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C Bianca H	Larry B	Robert G	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	Joan M	Joan M	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Andrew S	Mike A	Liz D	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Jason S	Mike J	Help Needed	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Cassie B	Skip W	Help Needed	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Micayla N	Kathy F	Steve F Drew F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT - APRIL 29TH - 30TH

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,481.50	\$3,127.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	2,027.00	1,547.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,584.50	3,265.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$8,093.00	\$7,939.00
Rest. & Maintenance:	\$515.00	N/A
Poor Box:	\$814.00	\$280.00

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 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.



May 6th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings

May 7th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
 11:30am Crowning of Mary
 No Life Night

May 9th: 10:30am TLC Reflections (Parish Ctr)
 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Sacristy)
 7:00pm 4th Degree of K of C (Parish Ctr)

May 10th: 6:00pm Gabriel Network (Sacristy)

May 12th: 7:00pm Young Adult Game Night

May 13th: 2nd Collection: Rest. & Maintenance 100th Anniversary of Fatima
 7:30am Beans & Bread (Parish Ctr)
 9:00am 3rd Order Mtg (Parish Ctr)

May 14th: 2nd Collection: Rest. & Maintenance Happy Mother's Day!
 8:30am Mother's Day Brunch (until 12)
 No Life Night

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 office@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call 410-799-1970.



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

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.

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.*

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

The topic for 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 starting 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 newborn 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.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS –

JUNE 23RD

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 new parish complex.

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.

IMPROVE YOUR MARRIAGE

"...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Lead your married lives "more abundantly" 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.

SPIRITUAL GATHERING OF FILIPINO FAMILIES

The Filipino Council of the Archdiocese of Baltimore invites you to the Annual Filipino Marian Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anthony on Sunday, May 21st at 1:30pm to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in the month of May.

At the half-day spiritual gathering of Filipino families at the Shrine of St. Anthony, youth also will be able to reflect on "Unveiling the Depths of Choices: The Longing Within" and adults can reflect on "Changing Your Game Plan: From Success to Significance".

Fellowship follows the Crowning of the Blessed Mother, so please bring your favorite Filipino dish.

The Shrine of St. Anthony is located at 12290 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

For more info, please call Fr. Pete Literal: 410-531-6040.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

We are at over 85% 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, 2 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>

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

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

May 12th: Game Night (finger food)

May 27th: 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 18th.

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

CELEBRATING EASTER AND THE MIRACLE OF FATIMA WITH FORMED

To Watch: *Footprints of God- Paul Zealous* for the God of Israel, Saul of Tarsus was determined to stamp out this new cult surrounding Jesus of Nazareth by whatever means necessary, including extreme violence and murder. But Saul's zeal was turned upside down when he was humbled by Jesus Himself. Join Stephen Ray as he takes you on the road with St. Paul through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Fall from a horse in the desert, hang in a basket over the Damascus Wall, cling to driftwood in the sea, and stride along ancient Roman roads. You'll better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of Paul the Apostle.

Found in PROGRAMS under Exploring the Catholic Faith

To Watch: *Finding Fatima* Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film *The 13th Day*, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

Found in VIDEOS- *Finding Fatima* in Documentaries and *The 13th Day* in Inspirational

To Access: Go to www.formed.org and click "Register", located in the lower right hand corner. Then enter both the Parish Code, which is ed1783, and your email address. You'll need to fill out some basic information and then click "Submit". Formed will send an email for verification to your email. Go to & open your email received from "Formed" and click on the word "Verify". It will then take you to the Formed site.

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. **We will be moving on Sunday, May 21st starting at 1:00pm (we will rent a truck).**

We also need help with advance packing. 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: May 13th is the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. On May 13, 1917, three simple shepherd children near the town of Fatima, Portugal, experienced their first apparition of Our Blessed Mother.

On the 13th day of the next six months, siblings Jacinta, age 7, and Francisco Marto, age 9, and their cousin Lucia Dos Santos, age 10, witnessed six divine visions of Our Lady.

Appearing to the children, the Blessed Virgin told them that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman, and child living in that century.

This week's question: The new building is almost ready... let's test your knowledge of our new space! Where did we get the bell that is now hanging in our bell tower?



This Week In Youth Ministry: 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.

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

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

Be sure to follow us on Instagram! @SLMLifeTeen