

Scriptural Reflection – Oct. 29-30, 2016

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2Thes 1:11-2:2

In today's second reading, St. Paul cautions the Thessalonians not to be alarmed or frightened by any statement or letter that alleges that the Day of the Lord is at hand.



“Dies Irae” is a 13th century composition, sung in Gregorian chant, which speaks of the Day of the Lord or the “Day of Wrath” as the first words name it. Before Vatican II, it was used as a sequence in Requiem Masses. With the reform of the liturgy, undertaken by the Council Fathers, it was eliminated from the Church’s funeral rites. Why? Because those bishops and liturgists who were tasked with the reform thought the text overemphasized judgement, fear, and despair.

In our current world, there are many who think the end is near. Given how our world seems to coming apart at the seams and terrorism and the threat of catastrophic war increases daily, I, myself have been tempted to think the “Dies Irae” is near.

Like the Thessalonians, I should listen to Paul’s warning: “Don’t be too quick to believe it.” Nonetheless, I also think that we should prepare ourselves, by every good word of faith and charity, for its arrival.

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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: ALL SAINTS’ DAY

This Tuesday, November 1st, is All Saints’ Day and a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate Mass at 9:00am, 12noon, & 6:30pm.

Please note we will not be reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet that Tuesday.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES

The Pastoral Parish Council is seeking parishioners to serve on the Parish Council. Parishioners in good standing with the Catholic Church and interested in serving should contact the Parish Office at 410-799-1970, in order to have their name included on the ballot.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next Religious Education classes meet on November 6th and November 13th.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Magnuson by emailing val@saintlawrencemartyr.org or calling 410-799-1970, ext. 54.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 31st.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Being an Altar Server provides our female & male youth (Grade 3 or above, received First Communion) with an opportunity to participate in the Liturgy, serve the Lord, and develop leadership skills. The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the Liturgy. Altar servers help the priest and the entire congregation praise God through active participation in the Liturgy.

Please contact Diane Baldwin at 443-679-6241 or dnboct4@hotmail.com for more information and so a training session can be arranged.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Please stop by the church this Friday, November 4th, to visit the Blessed Sacrament any time after the 9:00am Mass until 6:30pm. Benediction will follow at 6:30pm, after which we will recite the 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS

Parishioners are invited to attend the Memorial Mass for deceased Knights of Fr. Harding Council and St. Lawrence parishioners of other Councils. It will take place on Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to attend.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS IN OUR CEMETERY - NOVEMBER 10TH

On Thursday, November 10th at 7:00pm, in conjunction with our 150th Anniversary celebration, we will be having a Prayer Service for those buried in our cemetery.

This will be hosted by our Young Adult Ministry as part of their efforts to live out all Seven Corporal Acts of Mercy.

We will gather outside and all the names of the deceased in our cemetery will be read. We will pray for all those souls, and pray for comfort for those that mourn them.

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. **We have an immediate need for newborn size diapers and newborn girl’s clothing. Thanks!**

If you’d like to help with the program, contact Joe Toher by email at joetoher@gmail.com or call 443-850-6207.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 29th: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + Kathleen Welms req by the Lauth family
6:30pm

Sunday, Oct. 30th: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am God’s Divine Favor and Mercies for John, Bolanle, and Anthony-Mary Edet
10:00am + Alice Lafollette req by Ray & Yvonne Ogden

11:30am Mass for the People

5:30pm Rena Cerquetti req by Topher Darragh

Monday, Oct. 31st:

9:00am* + Rosa Le Trinh req by her daughter

Tuesday, Nov. 1st:

9:00am** + Severina Torres Nad req by the Nad family

12:00pm + Miguel Freije Luaces, Jose Dapena, and Carmen Marquez req by Maria Pareja

6:30pm + Jan Kowalski req by the Kowalski family

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd:

9:00am*** + Alex Stewart req by Grandma Judy Kurtz

Thursday, Nov. 3rd:

9:00am* Anthony-Mary Edet req by Mr. & Mrs. Edet

Friday, Nov. 4th:

9:00am* Members of the Trinitarian Community, Hanover req by the Trinitarians

Saturday, Nov. 5th: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + James Prisco III req by Jim Prisco Jr.

6:30pm + Mariano & Lillian Vazquez req by Lizette & Elizabeth Vazquez

Sunday, Nov. 6th: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Mr. Emmanuel Chukwu req by Euriel Chukwu

10:00am + Francisco Quintero req by Angela Tovar and the Prieto family

11:30am + Eva Desrochers req by Joe & Cathy Stegmaier

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 INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a Special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. If you’d like to have a Mass celebrated for someone, contact the Parish Office at office@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call 410-799-1970. It is a free will offering, but typically people donate \$5 to \$10 a Mass.

Nov. 5th – 6th Ministry Schedule

Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Larry B	Joan M	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Emily R Catie W	John M	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Andrew S	Mary J	Ed A	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Hannah L	Alan A	Donna F	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Michael K	Bob S	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Allie D	Kathy F	Help Needed	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- OCTOBER 22-23, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	3,028.00	\$2,788.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,493.00	1,801.93
E-giving: Regular Weekly	1,445.00	1,350.00
Mission Sunday:	809.00	667.00
Poor Box:	284.00	290.00
Total:	7,059.00	\$6,896.93

MILITARY ARCHDIOCESE COLLECTION THIS WEEK

This week, we will support our parishioners and their families who serve or have served this nation with distinction as members of the US military. The Collection for the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA will provide the Gospel, the sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the US Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA medical centers. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this special triennial collection approved by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2012 and last taken in 2013.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 29th:** 2nd Collection: Military Archdiocese
4:00pm Spaghetti Dinner (Until 7:30pm)
- Oct. 30th:** 2nd Collection: Military Archdiocese
9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3rd (Parish Ctr)
11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th – 8th (Parish Ctr)
6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)
- Oct. 31st:** Parish Office is Closed
- Nov. 1st:** Holyday of Obligation: All Saints Day
9:00am Holyday Mass
10:30am TLC Bingo (Parish Ctr)
12:00am Holyday Mass
6:30pm Holyday Mass
7:30 pm Mission Planning Committee
- Nov. 2nd:** 7:00pm Mass for Deceased Knights
- Nov. 3rd:** 6:00pm SIT St. Lawrence (Church)
7:30pm K of C Business Mtg (Parish Ctr)
- Nov. 4th:** 9:30am 1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30pm)
- Nov. 5th:** 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools
Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
- Nov. 6th:** Fall Back – Change your Clocks
2nd Collection: Catholic Schools
Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3rd (Parish Ctr)
11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th – 8th (Parish Ctr)
12:00pm Holy Hour - Int’l Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians
6:30pm Life Teen Night (Parish Ctr)



PRAYERS TO ST. AGATHA OF SICILY

St. Agatha is the patron saint for those who suffer from breast cancer, those who suffer from sterility, and of rape victims and nurses.

Please join us as we pray a perpetual novena to St. Agatha on Tuesdays after our Daily Mass



THIS MONTH'S CATHOLIC REVIEW

Two cousins followed different paths into life as religious sisters. Oblate Sister of Providence Rita Michelle Proctor and Sister of Notre Dame de Namur Gwynette Proctor grew up in families steeped in the Catholic faith and answered God's call to serve. Read about their vocations in the November issue of the Catholic Review, available this weekend as you leave Mass. Also, read why two schools in the archdiocese were recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as Blue Ribbon Schools.



CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF GOD

"For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made;" Celebrate the love of God for us and for each other by strengthening, renewing and rekindling our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on November 11-13, 2016, April 21-23, 2017 or 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.

MARRIAGE EVENING AT ST. JANE FRANCES

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish will host a marriage evening on Saturday, **November 5th**, beginning with Mass at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:00pm. Fr. James Boric, Associate Pastor at St. John the Evangelist in Severna Park, will offer a talk entitled, "Doing God's Will in your Marriage." For more information and to RSVP, contact 410-437-3048 by November 3rd.

SPREAD THE WORD

Four Diaconate Information Sessions have been planned. Please spread the word to all interested men. They are highly encouraged to attend one of these sessions to better understanding what is required to be ordained deacons. Their wives are also highly encouraged to attend. The sessions will take place: Sat. Nov 12th at St. Mary's Seminary & University, 5400 Roland Ave, Baltimore at 10am; Tues. Nov 29th at St. Joseph's, 8420 Belair Rd, Baltimore at 7pm; Tues. Nov 29th at St. Ignatius Loyola, 4102 Prices Distillery Rd, Ijamsville at 7pm; Tues. Jan 3rd, St. Agnes, 5422 Old Frederick Rd, Baltimore at 7pm.

TRINITY SCHOOL NOVEMBER OPEN HOUSE

Trinity School, a Catholic, accredited, coeducational school for PreK3 through Grade 8, is hosting a Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, November 3rd at 9:00 am. Come see why Trinity School is "a place where children learn to love learning." Visit our web site at www.trinityschoolmd.org. For more information or to schedule a private tour call 443-498-5040 or email admintrin@trinityschoolmd.org.

SPIRITUAL MENTORSHIP

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 6405 S. Orchard Rd in Linthicum will be hosting a talk on Thursday, Nov 10th at 7:00pm entitled "*Spiritual Mentorship: Responding to Pope Francis' Call for the Need for Spiritual Accompaniment*". All are invited to attend this talk will be given by the Apostles of the Interior Life.

PARISH MISSION AT ST PHILIP NERI

The Apostles of the Interior Life from Kansas City, KS, will be offering a Mission entitled: "*Experiencing the Freedom of a Spiritual Plan of Life*", **Friday, November 11th - Saturday, November 12th** at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Linthicum. For more info visit: <http://saintphilipnerichurch.org/wordpress1/> or call St. Philip Neri's office at 410-859-0571.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FORMED.ORG

To Listen: Answering Common Objections: Purgatory by Dr. Scott Hahn As a former Protestant minister, Dr. Scott Hahn knows all too well the disputes between Catholic and non-Catholic Christians. In this series, he carefully examines the most widely held objections and explains how and why they have arisen. The powerful presentations will not only show you how to use the Bible to defend the truths of Catholic teaching, but will also give you an invaluable tool for sharing the Faith with others. Found in AUDIOS under Apologetics

To Watch: Powers and Dominions This film explores the spiritual world, that very real but unseen realm: God, the human soul, angels, demons (fallen angels), spiritual warfare, the reality of demonic possession and exorcism, the dangers of the new age movement and the occult, and much more. Featuring well-known speakers and authors, this film offers an insightful and sobering presentation about the reality of the powers and dominions of the spiritual world. Found in MOVIES under 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. It will then ask you for 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.

ST. LAWRENCE ORNAMENTS

150th Celebration!! Our Commemorative Ornaments have arrived ahead of schedule! Please stop in the Parish Center after our Masses on November 12th & 13th to pick up your pre-ordered ornament(s) or to purchase an ornament. While supplies last each ornament is just \$10.

20TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Please consider joining us on Sunday, November 6th which is the 20th annual *International Day of Prayer (IDOP)* for the persecuted Church. Originally started by the World Evangelical Alliance, the IDOP is a way for the world to come together as one voice praying to our Father to ease the burdens of our Christian brothers and sisters persecuted for their beliefs. To commemorate this day, St. Lawrence Church will be open from 1-2:00pm for a *Holy Hour* (A time of reflection with the Eucharist adoration followed by benediction). Please contact Matt Behum of S.I.T. (mbehum@gmail.com) with any questions.

CATHOLIC MEN'S STUDY GROUP

A recently formed group of men study the Bible and Catholic Catechism, and various other sources, so we can better understand, not just the doctrines themselves, but the biblical and historical reasons for these beliefs. They meet in the Sacristy after the Divine Mercy Chaplet, most Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Consult the calendar. If interested, contact Ray Ogden at 410-551-8364.

CHRISTMAS CARD/ORNAMENT SALE

On November 12th -13th, the Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards, ornaments, religious all-occasion cards and thank-you notes after all Masses Saturday evening and Sunday morning, both in front of Church and during Donut Sunday in the Parish Center.

Proceeds go to support the Knights' youth activities in the parish.

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.

"Iraqi and Kurdish forces, backed by U.S.-led coalition air and ground support, launched coordinated military operations last week as the long-awaited fight to save the northern city of Mosul from Islamic State fighters got underway. Mosul is part of the Nineveh Plain – the ancient homeland of the Assyrian Christian community, who have been victims of years of attempted genocide at the hands of ISIS." Newsmax

THANK YOU TO THE GROUNDS CREW!

The Church Grounds Committee Ministry wishes to thank all of our parishioners who volunteered in maintaining the Church and Cemetery grounds this year.

Thanks

The volunteers are: *Juan Agueda, Carmen Agueda, Cathy Baker, Bob Cunningham, Mike Grenchik, Milton Guevara, Tim LaNore, Kathleen LaNore, Joe Levesque, Mike Levesque, Larry Loughry, Joe Loughry, Kevin Meier, Pat Mullon, Bob Petza, John Sheridan, Ben Ward, & Eric Ward.*

Fr. Victor and Fr. Binoy also extend their thanks for the hard work done by these amazing volunteers!

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: The question on who was running in the first presidential election in which St. Lawrence Parishioners could vote is a bit of a trick one. St. Lawrence was still a mission church in 1868 when Ulysses S. Grant vs. Horace Seymour were running, so technically our parishioners were still St. Augustine parishioners. But after we received independent status in 1921, the next election in 1924 was Calvin Coolidge vs. Robert M. LaFollette vs. John W. Davis.

This week's question: With the elections coming up right around the corner - What are the seven themes of Catholic Social Teachings. (Hint check the USCCB.org site)



This Week In Youth Ministry: We will be continuing our semester on Mary by looking to ourselves and seeing how like Mary we can become a Dwelling Place for the Lord.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 18th-20th: BYCC (Ocean City, MD)

Contact us with questions about any of these upcoming events!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with Life Teen. Please feel free to email or call me if you're interested in helping!

Topher@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call 443-765-8200.

Be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram! @SLMLifeTeen

Not-So-Secular Quote of the Week:

"Where mercy, love, and pity dwell, there God is dwelling too." ~William Blake