

Gospel Reflection
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 21-22, 2017
Matthew 4:12-23

Leaving home and all that is familiar is never easy. Nonetheless, when we choose to do so, it is usually for something which we perceive as greater than what we have: a noble cause, the realization of a vocation (e.g. marriage, family, or religious life), career advancement, or even monetary gain. These are but a few of the motives for doing so.



I remember when I discerned my vocation to religious life and to the Trinitarian Order. It required my leaving my home and parents for Baltimore. I said to my mother, "I have no doubt about my vocation, but Baltimore seems so far away!" It was 200 miles from home. Little did I realize that joining the Order would have me spending half my life over thousands of miles from home, in places like Italy, India, and Texas. Jessup is close to home compared to those assignments. Looking back, boarding the bus for Baltimore or the plane for Europe or India wasn't easy, but had I not done so, I would have been ignoring the Lord's call and denying myself and others the blessings He had in store.

I am always amazed at how Peter and Andrew, James and John immediately left their fathers' nets and followed Jesus. Though their response to Jesus' invitation was quick and determined, I suspect that it was not easy for them either. Obviously, it was not without sacrifice and risk.

God calls us all to something greater than ourselves, our security, or our personal preferences. Leaving home, as I said, is never easy. But when we do it for the sake of the Kingdom, the rewards and graces are more than manifold.

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

WERE YOU MARRIED AT ST. LAWRENCE?

We are inviting all of those couples who were married at St. Lawrence Church to join us for a special 150th Anniversary celebration at the 11:30am Mass on February 12th. You can renew your vows, celebrate your marriage, then go over to the Parish Center for wedding cake (and donuts).

FRIENDSHIP DINNER & DANCE – FEB. 18TH

Join us for our Friendship Dinner & Dance on February 18th from 6-10:00pm in the Parish Center. Enjoy shrimp, beef, sides, and dessert, all for \$20 a person.

Plus, there will be a Silent Auction and Door Prizes. The 150th Anniversary Committee would be very grateful for donations, e.g. gift cards, to use for these items.

Reservation forms can be found in the back of the church.

MARCH FOR LIFE - FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH

Please join fellow parishioners and the Knights of Columbus on Friday, January 27th at the March for Life in Washington D.C. Please call Tom Lauth at 410-551-8166 for details.

If you're not able to attend the March, please consider joining us for the 9am Mass, which will be for the Respect of All Lives.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE IN A MINISTRY?

Was your New Years' Resolution to volunteer your time? Here are some volunteer opportunities at St. Lawrence!

If you are interested in:	Check out:
Bringing awareness of persecuted Christians	SIT St. Lawrence
Comforting the grieving	Bereavement Ministry
Contributing to the Mass	Liturgical Ministries
Directing your power of prayer	Prayer Ministry Prayer Shawl Ministry
Helping the poor	Beans and Bread Sew Hopeful Sister Parish Trinitarian 3 rd Order
Inviting and welcoming visitors	Evangelization Committee Welcome Committee
Passing on your faith to children, teens, and adults	Adult Faith Formation Life Teen RCIA Religious Education Sacramental Preparation Young Adult Ministry
Protecting the unborn	Gabriel Network Knights of Columbus Respect Life
Supporting your parish	Church Grounds Committee Counters Hospitality Crew Office Support Tech Committee
Visiting the sick/infirm	Homebound Ministry
Visiting the prisoners	Prison Ministry

You can find out more about these Ministries, including whom to contact if interested in volunteering, at our website:

saintlawrencemartyr.org/service

Or feel free to call the Parish Office at 410-799-1970, ext 50.

We welcome volunteers, and since we are committed to protecting the safety of our children and our volunteers, and in compliance with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we require that all who volunteer at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish must complete **Shield the Vulnerable** training before volunteering. The training is designed to raise your awareness of the signs of abuse and neglect.

Contact Valerie Magnuson, our Shield the Vulnerable coordinator, at 410-799-1970, ext. 54 for more information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 21st: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + **Louis Davenport** req by Mark & Barbara Hipp

6:30pm **Mass for the People**

Sunday, Jan. 22nd: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **Barbara Murphy** req by the parents & children of the First Reconciliation class

10:00am + **Mary Duvall** req by Debbie & Sheila

11:30am + **Cathy Iants** req by Rosemarie Wiley

5:30pm + **Felix Martin Veiga & Evelyn Daniels** req by Glen Martin

Monday, Jan. 23rd:

9:00am* + **Joseph Masonis** req by Richard & Carol Lambiasi

Tuesday, Jan. 24th:

9:00am** + **Steve Plaisance** req by the Saah family

Wednesday, Jan. 25th:

9:00am*** + **Tom Clark** req by the Clark family

Thursday, Jan. 26th:

9:00am* **Richard Lambiasi Jr.**

Friday, Jan. 27th:

9:00am* **Mass for the Respect of All Lives**

Saturday, Jan. 28th: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + **Barbara Dorsey Prisco** req by Jim Prisco Jr.

6:30pm **Mass for the People**

Sunday, Jan. 29th: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **Paul Marquez** req by Kathleen & Eric Edwards

10:00am + **Frank Dillon** req by the Grove & Lauth families

11:30am **Gerald Daniels, for wisdom and spiritual influence,** req by Glen Martin

5:30pm **Wisdom and blessings for Martin family & Glen Martin**

*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. Masses are offered for many reasons: in remembrance for the deceased, or for the living, in honor of a birthday or other special occasion.

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.

Jan. 28 th – 29 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Jason S	Daniel S	Elizabeth V	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Catie W	Debra W	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Amanda S	Mary J	Rocco D	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Hannah L	Mike J	Maureen M	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Michael K	Holly W	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Allie D	Lola R	Steve F Drew F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- JAN 14-15, 2017

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$4,206.50	\$2,969.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,453.00	1,533.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	1,815.50	1,405.00
Diocesan Priests:	778.00	964.00
Poor Box:	253.00	303.50
TOTAL	\$8,506.00	\$7,174.50

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.



Jan. 21st: 2nd Collection: Restoration & Maintenance

Jan. 22nd: 2nd Collection: Restoration & Maintenance

- 8:30am 1st Eucharist Inscription Mass
- 9:30am 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Class
- 11:15am Prayer Ministry (McKennas)
- 3:30pm Confirmation Class
- 6:30pm Life Night (Parish Ctr)

Jan. 24th: 10:30am TLC (Parish Ctr)

- 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
- 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)

Jan. 26th: 7:00pm Rosary for the Unborn (Church)

Jan. 27th: March for Life

- 7:00pm Young Adults – Wine Tasting (must be 21 to attend)

Jan. 28th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign

Jan. 29th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign

- 9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK - 3rd (Parish Ctr)
- 11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th - 8th (Parish Ctr)
- 6:30pm Life Night (Parish Ctr)

SEW HOPEFUL – FEBRUARY 4TH

Please join our Sew Hopeful Ministry on Saturday, February 4th, from 9:00am- 12:00pm. You are welcome to bring either scissors, your rotary cutter and mat, or just your helpful hands!

These scarves require NO SEWING! So everyone is welcome to help create some warmth for our homeless brothers and sisters and lift their spirits in the middle of this winter! Extra hands are needed to package each scarf.

Questions? Call Kathy Furth at 443-540-8168.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our next Religious Education class will be on January 29th. First Eucharist classes begin with an Inscription Mass on Jan. 22nd at 8:30am, followed by a parent/child class.

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

CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

Everyone enjoyed trying the ten different and delicious chilis at last Sunday's Chili Cook-off.

Congratulations to Larry Bowers, who won in the Mild category for his "Three-bean, Three-meat Chili" and to Richard Lambiasi, who won the Spicy Category with "Midnight Fire", which had six different types of meat!

Hope to see everyone next year in our new location!

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND

The Mission of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland is to strengthen men's spirituality in the Archdiocese of Baltimore through evangelization and discipleship. One of the ways they do this is through their annual conference.

The theme of this year's conference—taking place on Saturday, March 25th— is: **"Rise Up, O Men of God": Mobilizing for the New Evangelization.** The conference will take place at Morgan State University.

They are hosting these amazing guest speakers: Scott Hahn (author of the book that was handed out at Christmas), Deacon Paul Shelton, and Alex Zunca.

To find out more information and to register, go to: <http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com/> If anyone would like to carpool, please call the Parish Office.

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.

The Center for Study of Global Christianity estimates that **in 2016 a Christian was killed every 6 minutes from persecution.**
NCR/EWTN

CATHOLIC MEN'S STUDY GROUP (JANUARY 2017)

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 Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm. Topics are:

24th (Mass-origin);
31st (Eucharist-Real Presence).

JOIN FLOCKNOTES!

As bad weather season is here, we encourage everyone to join Flocknotes so they can be instantly alerted on any cancellations. 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.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an international program committed to preparing couples for the sacrament of marriage. Engaged couples attend a weekend retreat that fosters openness and communication through a series of presentations, private reflection and dialog time. Catholic Engaged Encounter is an approved marriage preparation program within the Baltimore Archdiocese. Below is a list of upcoming retreat dates.

2017 Weekends:

Feb. 18th-19th Apr. 7th -9th May 19th-21st
Jul. 14th-17th Sept. 8th-10th Nov. 3rd-5th

Weekends fill quickly. Register early! For more information or to register for a weekend, please visit our website at www.mdcee.org or call 410-439-4217

RADIO MASS & TELEVISION MASS

Listen to the Radio Mass of Baltimore on its new stations and times: Sundays at 9am on Q1370 AM and WCBM 680 AM and WCBM 690 AM and 6pm on WCBM 680 AM.

The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), which offers Catholic-themed programming and is available on Verizon, DirecTV, and other television service providers, also broadcasts the Mass at various times each day.

KNOTT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Knott Scholarship Funds announce the availability of four-year, full-tuition scholarships for the 2017/2018 academic year. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement.

Catholic students now in grade 4 or grade 8, living in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford or Howard counties may apply. Scholarships may be used to attend a Catholic parish elementary school or a Catholic high school within these geographic areas of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Information regarding qualifications and an application form describing eligibility requirements and deadlines may be obtained from our web site at: www.knottscholar.org.

For additional information, please call 443-325-7884 or write to us at knottscholars@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Attention Young Adults! Young Adult Social Ministry is on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Join us in the Parish Center starting at 7:00pm (late arrivals welcome).

Jan. 27th - **Wine Tasting...with a Biblical slant!**

Feb. 10th - **Escape Room:** Escape from the Parish Center

We have started a **Bible Study for Young Adults** which meets the first, third, and fifth Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Sacristy (area behind the altar). The next session will be February 2nd.

For more information on Bible Study or our social activities, please email youngadult@saintlawrencemartyr.org



ARE YOU READY FOR SUPER SUBS?

Life Teen will be having a take-out Sub Day on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th, offering turkey, ham, or turkey and ham subs for \$8.

We are taking pre-orders so that your sub will be waiting for you after your designated Mass. Or just come over to the Parish Center and purchase available subs. Order forms are in the back of the church and in the foyer. Place completed forms in the offertory basket or in the large envelope in the back. For more info, call (410) 799-1970 ext. 55. Payment is due at the time of pick-up.

DEDICATION DATE & DONOR OPPORTUNITIES

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 June 3, 2017.**

We couldn't have gotten this far without the generosity of our parishioners to the Capital Campaign.

There are still some opportunities for you to make a specific gift In Honor or In Memory of a loved one. We hope that you will consider offering a gift to help us make the new building as beautiful as possible.

If you are able to sponsor one of these items completely on your own, we would be deeply grateful. However, we also have opportunities for parishioners to join together to purchase our items. The total cost of an item is shared by individuals or families.

- **Ambo** (pulpit) - \$3,000
- **Crucifix** - \$3,000 (\$1,000 remaining)
- **Prie Dieu** (stand alone kneeler) - \$900 each (2)
- **Tabernacle Stand** - \$3,500
- **Chairs** - \$200 each (See envelope in back of church)

Your intentions will be memorialized in a special bronze plaque/book that we will display prominently in our Gathering Area. If you are interested in making a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit <http://saintlawrencemartyr.org/donor> or you can contact the

Parish Office at office@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call (410) 799-1970.

EMHC TRAINING – JANUARY 28TH

St. Lawrence Martyr is pleased to announce the upcoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) training on January 28th from 10am-11am. You must attend this training session if you are a current EMHC. RSVP to Lola Rivera at lolarivera@ymail.com. Please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and enjoy some coffee and donuts!

As we are preparing for our new worship space, we will need more EMHCs. **This is a good opportunity to serve the Lord and serve St. Lawrence Martyr Parish. Anyone who is interested in becoming an EMHC is welcome to attend the training to learn more.**

If you aren't able to make this meeting, there will be another opportunity on Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

RETIRED FLAG COLLECTION

The 4th Degree Assembly #3245 is collecting retired US flags for proper disposal. If you have flags that you need to retire, please drop them in the box in the Parish Foyer.

At the end of January, all that have been collected will be disposed of properly.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: Two priests are buried in our cemetery, both priests of the Pious Society of Missions (Pallotines): Rev. Hugo Eistert & Rev. Guido Albert Spiesberger (the latter was our pastor from 1932-1939).

This week's question: When was the first person buried in the St. Lawrence cemetery?



This Week In Youth Ministry: Hey teens! We have a teaching night this weekend at Life Teen! We welcome all high school students to drop in for dinner, games, and fellowship!

If you have any questions please email AnnaMarie Link: annamarielink@gmail.com

In Him, through her.

Upcoming Events:

Super Sub Fundraiser: February 5th
Teens, your help in pre-sales and preparation of the subs is the key to the success of this event. Plus, the person who has the most written recommendations for sub orders **wins a \$50 gift card!** (*Donated by a parishioner*)

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.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram! @SLMLifeTeen