

Gospel Reflection

Feb. 4-5, 2017

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:13-16



There is a famous lighthouse in Calais, France. In times long before the age of GPS and satellite digital navigation, the keeper of that lighthouse was once quoted as saying, "Sometimes, in the dark night, in stormy weather, I look out to sea, and feel as if the eyes of the whole world were looking at my light."

Christ knew that there would be a great deal of darkness that would catch the attention of millions in our world. That seems to be the case in our own day more than ever before in history. Is it any wonder then, that he called each of his disciples "the light of the world"?

If that is what we are, then in our troubled times, we might be reminded that the eyes of the whole world are looking at our light. You, by Christ's design, are the Light of the World.

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

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. (Please note, the buffet will close at 7:30pm.)

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 are enclosed in this week's bulletin or can be found in the back of the church. Any questions, please call Kathy Furth at 443-540-8168.

WERE YOU MARRIED AT ST. LAWRENCE?

We are inviting all 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).

We'll have a special prayer for those married at St. Lawrence who are now deceased, and a blessing for the widowed.



ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2016

The statements for 2016 will be mailed at the beginning of this week. If you need it sooner, or if you have questions, please contact the Parish Office. Call 410-799-1970 or email Office@SaintLawrenceMartyr.org

HELP US FEED THE POOR /BEANS & BREAD

Come to our Parish Center next Saturday, Feb. 11th at 7:30am to help the Trinitarian 3rd Order make 510 lunches for distribution to the poor at Beans & Bread and the Franciscan Center in Baltimore and Arundel House of Hope in Glen Burnie. This is a good opportunity to earn service hours and is always appreciated by those who receive the lunches. Those at the Franciscan Center wrote:

As we begin a new year, we give thanks for our wonderful friends in the St. Lawrence Martyr faith community, and for your generous support of the Franciscan Center in 2016. God bless you! Your kindness has helped to share food, warmth and HOPE with men, women, and children who are among our most vulnerable neighbors. We pray that the months ahead will bring you good health, happiness, and abundant blessings.



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.

If you pre-ordered, come on over to the Parish Center for your subs...and a free cookie!

If you didn't place an order, there will be already-made subs available for purchase and you can choose your toppings.

ARE YOU READY FOR SUPER SUBS?

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).

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

Feb. 24th - **Monster Mini Golf**

March 10th - **Game Night**

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 February 16th.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education classes during February will be February 5th and 19th. For 1st Eucharist class, we will meet on February 12th and 26th at 9:30am.

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb. 4th: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass for the People

6:30pm

Sunday, Feb. 5th: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **Bill Richards** req by the Samuels family

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

11:30am **In Thanksgiving** req by the Gates family

5:30pm

Monday, Feb. 6th:

9:00am* + **Paul Caruso** req by Richard Lambiasi, Jr.

Tuesday, Feb. 7th:

9:00am** +**Holy Souls in Purgatory** req by those that pray for them

Wednesday, Feb. 8th:

9:00am*** **In Thanksgiving** req by Lawrence Walsh

Thursday, Feb. 9th:

9:00am* **Jack Ryan Terzley** req by Richard Lambiasi, Jr.

Friday, Feb. 10th:

9:00am* + **Rogelio Nouvet** req by his family

Saturday, Feb. 11th: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

6:30pm

Sunday, Feb. 12th: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **Silvio DiPietro** req by the Samuels family

10:00am Mass for the People

11:30am **All those who were married at St. Lawrence**

5:30pm

*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.

Feb. 11th – 12th Ministry Schedule

Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Hannah L	Larry B	Jeff F	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Catie W	Debra W	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Amanda S	Ken W	Rocco D	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Daniel P	Mike J	Donna F	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Michael K	Skip W	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Micayla N	Lola R	Steve F Drew F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- JAN 28-29, 2017

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,541.00	\$5,476.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,521.00	1,102.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,474.50	2,440.00
Poor Box:	246.00	351.00
TOTAL	\$7,782.50	\$9,369.00

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 link.

When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on the weekend! 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Feb. 4th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
9:00am Sew Hopeful (until noon)

Feb. 5th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
Super Sub Sale after morning Masses
9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3rd (Parish Ctr)
11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th-8th (Parish Ctr)
12:30pm Baptism Class (Sacristy)
No Life Night

Feb. 6th: 7:00pm RCIA (Sacristy).

Feb. 7th: 10:30am TLC Bingo (Parish Ctr)
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Sacristy)

Feb. 8th: 6:00pm Gabriel Network Mtg

Feb. 10th: 7:00pm Young Adult Social (Escape Room):
Escape from the Parish Center

Feb. 11th: 7:30am Beans & Bread (Parish Ctr)
9:00am 3rd Order Mtg (Parish Ctr)

Feb. 12th: **Donut Social after all AM Masses**
9:30am 1st Eucharist Class (Parish Ctr)
10:00am Prayer Shawl Mtg (until noon)
11:30am Celebration of those married at St. Lawrence Martyr (during Mass)
3:00pm Parent/Confirmandi Mtg (Par Ctr)
3:30pm Confirmation Class (Parish Ctr)
6:30pm Life Night (Parish Ctr)

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME BREAKFAST

On Sunday, February 26th at 10:00am, we will have a Welcome Breakfast for all new parishioners. If you have not registered, this is the perfect time so you can enjoy a delicious breakfast and get to know parish staff and your fellow new members.

You can pick up a registration form from the rack in the back of the church, ask an usher or greeter, or register online at <http://www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/join.php>

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!

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.

LET THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE SHINE

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Let the light of your love shine upon your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 21-23, 2017 or October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

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

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.

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 can be shared by individuals or families.

- **Ambo** (pulpit) - \$3,000
- **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.

FROM STRESS TO SUCCESS

Caritas Counseling Center is offering “From Stress to Success,” a small group designed to help you manage a crisis or deal with a major life change, Wednesdays, March 1-April 19, 2-3:30 p.m. (except April 12). Part of our Healthy Life series, the therapist-facilitated group will cover mindfulness practice, skill-building and discussion. Space is limited.

For details, cost or to register, contact Martha Keys Barker at 301-431-6866 or caritas@sli.org. Caritas (caritas-sli.org) is a ministry of Saint Luke Institute.

SISTER FLIPS FOR “TOP” FUNDRAISER

We are collecting soda can tabs to be given to Sister Doris Ouelette, a Sister of Holy Cross. She has collected more than 250 pounds of tabs each month to help people in need.

The tabs can be left at the back of the church in a plastic bag or at the parish center. Thanks for your help.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR DONUTS & COFFEE

Join fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after all morning Masses next Sunday.

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.



MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seeking a caring, compassionate, creative, Catholic academic environment for your child? Monsignor Slade Catholic School welcomes children in Pre-K2 through 8th grade. Learn more at information nights for prospective families.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Information Night

February 16, 2017, 6:30-7:30pm

Join us to learn more about all that Slade offers for Pre-K and Kindergarten students. Our pre-school and kindergarten teachers implement technology in the classroom every day. Would you like your child to attend school where strong values and self-respect are part of the daily curriculum? We are excited to host you. Experience a day in the life of our students and learn more about the excellent education we offer!

Middle School Information Night

February 23, 2017, 6:30-7:30pm

Seeking a new or different option for your middle school student? Your son or daughter will receive an education driven by strong values and concern for others. At Monsignor Slade, we present a well-rounded curriculum guided by Catholic values while offering individual access to technology for each of our students.

If you would like more information please visit: www.msladeschool.com or call 410-766-7130.

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.

SHROVE TUESDAY

In many cultures, pancakes are associated with the day preceding Ash Wednesday as a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.

Join us for a feast of pancakes prepared by Maggie Petza at no cost to you at 6:00pm, February 28th in the Parish Center.

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.

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 Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm.

February topics are: February 7th (Baptism), February 14th (Confirmation). There are no sessions February 21st or 28th.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: The first Archbishop of the United States was John Carroll, Archbishop of Baltimore (since, of course, our Archdiocese was the first).

This week's question: As Archbishop, John Carroll then consecrated the first Roman Catholic Bishop ordained in the United States. Who was this, and why was he important to Archbishop Carroll?



This Week In Youth Ministry: We hope to see the teens on Sunday morning for our annual Super Sub Sale as we assemble and sell subs!

There will not be a Life Night that evening, but we will see you on the following Sunday, February 12th!

In Him through her, AnnaMarie

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

We are always looking for 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