

# Gospel Reflection

March 11-12, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Matthew 4:1-9



Two mountains: Mt. Tabor and Mt. Calvary. A startling epiphany occurred on both.

When Peter, James, and John saw the Lord shrouded in light and glory on Mt. Tabor, they must have realized that

He was no ordinary man. Perhaps they suddenly realized that He might even be divine, dressed as He was in the very Light of God. A startling epiphany, to be sure, one which we ourselves might crave.

On Mt. Calvary stood another man who also had a sudden awareness which prompted him to proclaim Christ's divinity. That man was Longinus, the Roman soldier who had pierced the side



of Christ with his lance and witnessed every moment of Our Lord's passion, suffering, and death on the Cross. "When the centurion who stood facing Him saw how He breathed His last he said, 'Truly this man was the Son of God!'" (Mark 15:39).

Peter, James, and John saw Jesus clothed in glory; even His clothing became dazzling bright. The centurion, however, saw Him stripped not only of clothes but of every ounce of dignity by the suffering He endured.

How could both experiences, so radically different, yield such extraordinary insight and understanding of Jesus' true identity and produce an equal awe in these distinct eyewitnesses?

You and I are privileged to stand on both mountains—on Tabor for a moment and on Calvary for a lifetime. Descending from either or both this Lent, might we all know more fully than ever who Jesus truly is.

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

## ENCOUNTER NUTRITION - RICE BOWLS

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

All Rice Bowls are due by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent (other than Good Friday), join Deacon John Sedlevicius for Stations of the Cross from 7:00-7:30pm.

Take the time to experience Jesus' love in a powerful way.

### LENTEN DINNERS

The Fr. Bernard Harding O.S.S.T Knights of Columbus Council #12180 invites you to join them in the Parish Center for Friday Night Lenten Dinners from 6-8:00pm.

They will be selling delicious crab cakes, shrimp, pizza, salad, and other items.

### WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Last Wednesday, almost 40 people listened to Fr. Stan DeBoe as he challenged us to return to the roots of Jesus' radical message and love one another.

Join us this Wednesday for Dr. Lauri Przybysz as she discusses *Mending Relationships*.

March 15, 2017	<b>Mending Relationships</b> Dr. Lauri Przybysz, Exec. Director of Christian Family Movement, former Coordinator of Marriage & Family Life for the Archdiocese of Baltimore
March 22, 2017	<b>Mending the Universe</b> Fr. Bill Axe, O.S.S.T.

The Parish Center will be open for set up at 6:00pm. If possible, please bring your choice of soup in a crock pot. The Soup Supper begins at 6:30pm and the presentation starts at 7:00pm.

We look forward to having you join us for this time of food, fellowship, and faith.

### SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

Join us on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm for an extraordinary presentation on the Shroud of Turin (a length of linen cloth bearing the image of a man, believed by some to be the burial shroud of Jesus of Nazareth).

Several of our parishioners have seen this presentation elsewhere and have been talking about it ever since. According to parishioner Jim Leddy, "This is a beautiful opportunity to relive the Passion of Jesus, historically and spiritually."

Join us on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend or two.

### THIRD ORDER YARD SALE

As you do your spring cleaning, please save your excess "treasures" for the Yard Sale on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.



The proceeds benefit our sister parish Holy Trinity in Sucre, Bolivia. We support tutoring for children unable to attend school regularly.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

5:00pm + Patricia Gos req by McGovern & Stakem families  
6:30pm Mass for the People

### Sunday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:30am + Anna Daly req the Mangubat family  
10:00am Anthony-Mary Edet, thanking God for his birth and growth  
11:30am + Mary Tobitsch req by her family  
5:30pm + Rafael Martin Garrido req by Rivera family

### Monday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am\* Mike Caruso & Sam Cirifalco req by Richard Lambiasi Jr.

### Tuesday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am\*\* +Stephen Kasnic & the Kasnic family req by Tim & Margaret Brennan

### Wednesday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am\*\*\* St. Joseph req by Susan Wolf

### Thursday, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am\* St. Joseph req by Susan Wolf

### Friday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am\* St. Joseph req by Susan Wolf

### Saturday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

5:00pm  
6:30pm Mass for the People

### Sunday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:30am Anthony-Mary Edet, thanking God for his birth and growth  
10:00am + Josefina Pérez req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman  
11:30am Angela Guzman, for her 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday, req by the Guzman family  
5:30pm + Jose Martinez Teba req by Rivera family

\*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](mailto:office@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call 410-799-1970.

Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Larry B	Larry B	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Catie W	Maggie P	Joan M	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Andrew S	Mike A	Ed A	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Hannah L Daniel P	Courtney D	Maureen M	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Karey R	Skip W	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Jim L	Kathy F	Steve F Drew F	Help Needed

## CHURCH SUPPORT- MAR. 4-5, 2017

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$4,693.00	\$4,436.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,742.00	1,932.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2900.50	3,115.00
Eastern Church:	782.00	1073.00
Catholic Schools:	898.00	977.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$11,015.50</b>	<b>\$11,533.00</b>
Poor Box:	743.00	571.00



### Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Restoration & Maintenance

7:30am Beans and Bread (Parish Ctr)  
9:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Mtg (Parish Ctr)

### Remember to change your clock!

### Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Restoration & Maintenance

Donut Social after all Morning Masses  
9:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Class (Parish Ctr)  
10:00am Prayer Shawl (until noon)  
3:30pm Confirmation Class (Parish Ctr)  
6:30pm Life Night

### Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm RCIA

Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am TLC Reflection & Lunch (Ctr)  
5:00pm Chairs Mtg  
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Sacristy)  
7:30pm 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K of C (Parish Ctr)

Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (Parish Ctr)  
7:00pm Mending Relationships  
Dr. Lauri Przybysz

Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm Finance Council  
7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (Sacristy)  
7:30pm K of C Social Mtg (Parish Ctr)

Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm Lenten Dinner (until 8pm)  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

### Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Capital Campaign

Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Capital Campaign  
9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> (Parish Ctr)  
11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (Parish Ctr)  
11:15am Prayer Ministry  
1:00pm Baptism  
6:30pm Life Night

### PLEASE JOIN US...

If you would like to join us for Lauds, our morning prayers, please join us in the church at 8:30 every weekday morning.

## ALTAR SERVER MEETING – MARCH 25TH

There will be a mandatory meeting of all altar servers and their parent(s) on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Parish Center. A lunch of pizza and chicken wings will be provided. Any questions, please contact Diane Baldwin at 443-679-6241 or altarservers@saintlawrencemartyr.org.

## REST IN PEACE



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Hartmeyer who passed away on March 8<sup>th</sup> and for consolation of her family. She is the sister of parishioner Trudy Levesque.

The funeral Mass will take place here on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

## BOY SCOUTS MULCH FUNDRAISER

Boy Scout Troop 62 is holding a hardwood bark mulch fundraiser and they need your support. They will be selling mulch outside the church after the Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am Masses and after the Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm and 6:30pm Masses. The mulch will be delivered on April 1<sup>st</sup>. A 2.0 cubic foot bag is \$4 each, or 3 bags are \$11. Call 301-490-2030 or 240-568-9119 for more info.

## JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR DONUTS & COFFEE

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

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who participated in St. Lawrence's 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Through the generosity of Catholics like you, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal strengthens ministries that serve our Archdiocese. Please take a moment to reflect how the Lord is calling you to support the mission and ministries of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

To make a pledge to our parish Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please visit [www.archbalt.org/appeal](http://www.archbalt.org/appeal) or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

With St. Patrick's Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>) falling on a Friday during Lent this year, Archbishop William E. Lori has granted Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore a dispensation from abstinence from eating meat that day.

In lieu of abstaining from meat on St. Patrick's Day, the Archbishop encourages those members of the faithful of the Archdiocese to engage in some additional act of prayer, service to the poor, or almsgiving.

## YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Attention Young Adults! 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 March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Young Adult Social Ministry is on the second and fourth Fridays or Saturdays of the month.

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am - **Brunch and Hiking** – bring your favorite dish to the Parish Center, then hiking at Patapso State Park. Children Welcome!

For more info on Bible Study or our social activities, please email [youngadult@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:youngadult@saintlawrencemartyr.org)

## SIT COMMUNITY NEED

Our SIT group is trying to help a victim of persecution who is looking for local area rental housing for her family. Parish friend, Faith McDonnell of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, and speaker at our most recent SIT vigil, informed us that Jehan Deng, a government minister from South Sudan, is here with her five children because of medical leave and due to the situation in South Sudan, she wishes to stay local for the time being and possibly continue her leave from government service or find an option to continue serving her government from the US. Her husband removed her children from school in Africa and sent them all here to her.

Now she is looking for a place. Ms. Deng thinks she can afford about \$1800/month. The family could most likely use furnishings for the residence as well if not already furnished. If you know of a property that is available for rent, and/or have items you are interested in donating to assist this family, please contact Matt Behum at [mbehum@gmail.com](mailto:mbehum@gmail.com), or call the rectory. Thank you for your assistance.

~ Matt Behum (SIT Leader)

## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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:

[www.catholicmensfellowship.com/](http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com/) If anyone would like to carpool, please call the Parish Office.

## SIT REFLECTION

Earlier this month our SIT group watched a moving documentary, *Our Last Stand*, where an Assyrian elementary school teacher from New York visited her Middle Eastern homeland in the Nineveh Plain. She showcased how families, churches, and communities in northern Iraq and Syria were so deeply impacted by the attempted genocide of Christians, but more so how these communities banded together to pull themselves back up and boldly state, "Our faith belongs here—this is our home and we love Jesus." We further saw the hurt in the eyes of children, but the hope that glistened from within as so many continue their education and share in their faith to plant the seeds of peace in Christ's name for the next generation.

As you know, our local ministry was founded working with Juliana Taimoorazy's group, The Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC). You have so generously donated to our ministry as we focused (through ICRC) on supporting the needs of Assyrian children in Iraq who wanted to continue their Catholic education while in refugee camps. Indeed, it has taken longer than we thought it would for ICRC to find the best recipients of our money, mostly due to corruption issues that infiltrate the region and so many of the charity organizations there. But with Ms. Taimoorazy's help, we discovered a group that could desperately use our support. We will donate our funds to a Catholic school in Erbil, northern Iraq, where Assyrian children (K-7<sup>th</sup> grade) can continue their Catholic education. The school is run entirely by the Dominican Sisters of Iraq, and they offer the school tuition free to the children. Through your generosity, so many of these beautiful children are being helped in the most priceless way possible—daily exposure to Jesus' teachings of peace, mercy, and love. We hope to continually support this school as our ministry progresses.

Our sincerest thanks for your acts of kindness supporting our persecuted brothers and sisters so they aren't footnotes in our history, but cherished members of our Christian family. If you have any questions about our mission, have suggestions on paths forward, or simply want to learn more about SIT St. Lawrence, feel free to call the rectory or e-mail me (Matt) at [mbehum@gmail.com](mailto:mbehum@gmail.com). And if you want to learn more about our Erbil Catholic school, contact me and I will forward articles describing the effort.

May God bless you all.

- Matt Behum, SIT Leader

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The remaining classes for Religious Education are on March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. For 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist class, we will meet on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for a Child Class, and March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for a Child Class followed by a Parent/Child Project at 10:15am.

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

## DONATIONS

We are at almost 75% 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)
- **Prie Dieu** (standalone kneeler) – One left - \$900

If you are interested in making a donation, please email to [office@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:office@saintlawrencemartyr.org), visit our website at <http://saintlawrencemartyr.org/donor>, or call 410-799-1970.

## ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

**Last week's answer:** We have several shrines in our Archdiocese: Obviously, there is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

There is also the Saint Alphonsus Shrine and Shrine of the Little Flower in Baltimore, Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Mt. Washington. St. Anthony has two in his honor: the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City and the St. Anthony Shrine in Emmitsburg. Emmitsburg also has the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine.

**This week's question:** Lenten Trivia time! The objective of Lenten fasting is not only to discipline oneself. In ancient times, one was expected to do which of the following?  
a) Get more physical exercise, b) Ask your neighbors to return things they borrowed from you, c) Take the money you would have spent on extra food, and give it to the poor, d) Do seasonal cleaning at your house?



**This Week In Youth Ministry:** This Sunday at Life Night we will be having an Issue Night on drugs and alcohol! Next week is our teaching night wrapping up the fourth Mark of the Church.

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](mailto:annamarielink@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events:

- **Service Hours available- Fridays during Lent at the Lenten Dinner (6-7pm)**
- **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