

Gospel Reflection April 15-16, 2017
The Resurrection of the Lord
 John 20: 1-9



These past few weeks, as we have put the finishing touches on our newly constructed parish complex in the Parkside development, I have done a lot of measuring. Height, width, depth all define the dimensions of our new life as a parish. We now have room to grow and expand as a believing and worshipping community. But our mission grows larger, too. We are called to evangelize, to share the Good News with our neighbors near and far. It's not just about walls and new meeting spaces. It's about a message so full of hope, so full of joy, so awesome that it simply cannot be contained, it must be shared.

His life is infinitely bigger than ours. He has shattered the confines of the tomb and made its emptiness luminous. At the heart of Easter lies the gift of new life. We welcome it with joy and as disciples, sent by Him, we proclaim it for all to hear.

At Easter, the depth and height of our new life is so wondrous it must be measured by Angels, but its breadth or reach depends on us, on our willingness to truly "be missionary disciples" beyond Galilee, beyond Parkside, even to the ends of the earth.

Go and announce the Good News. He is Risen from the dead. Yes, He is truly Risen, Alleluia!

See you all in Parkside at Pentecost. Remember the measure of our new life is Limitless.

*I wish each and every one of you
 a blessed and glorious Easter!*

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

ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST - RICE BOWLS

We prayed, fasted, and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowls ends as we encounter our Risen Christ. We reflect on our brothers and sisters with whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia, and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives.

Don't forget, all Rice Bowls are due by Sunday, April 23rd.

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!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday.

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to welcome *Bernadette Hickson, Travis Hodges, Savannah Reese, and Alexander Shaw* to our parish family and to congratulate *Stella Landoh* and *John Sheridan* who have completed their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 15, 2017.

Our prayers are with them and their families as they continue their journey of faith.

EASTER FLOWERS

Many thanks to all who helped with our liturgical environment and to those who donated toward the beautiful Easter flowers in honor of Our Risen Lord. The Intentions list will be in next week's bulletin.

RETREAT DAY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES

Come join us for a day of rest and spiritual enrichment for families with special needs on Sunday, May 7th from 1:00-5:30 pm at the O'Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, MD.

The cost is \$20 per family, which includes dinner. There are activities for parents, children, and siblings.

Please RSVP by April 23rd to Deacon Bill Fleming at bfleming@archbalt.org or 410-547-5372.

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.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

We are at almost 80% 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, 4 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>

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Apr. 15th: Easter Vigil
 8:30pm **All Those Receiving Sacraments**
 req by the Parish

Sunday, Apr. 16th: Easter Sunday
 8:30am + **John Singleton & Katherine Eggerl Peters** req
 by Anna & Jerry Henline
 10:00am **Mass for the People**
 11:30am + **Jeanne Levesque** req by the Levesque family

Monday, Apr. 17th:
 9:00am* **Victoria Sikorsky** req by Linda Brown

Tuesday, Apr. 18th:
 9:00am** **Intentions of the Liturgical Environment Committee** req by appreciative parishioners

Wednesday, Apr. 19th:
 9:00am*** **Barbara Hare, for her recovery,**
 req by the Magnuson family

Thursday, Apr. 20th:
 9:00am* **Michael Markey** req by Linda Brown

Friday, Apr. 21st:
 9:00am* + **Patricia Ann Frances Dowd**
 req by the Naymick family

Saturday, Apr. 22nd: Divine Mercy / 2nd Sunday of Easter
 5:00pm **Mass for the Unborn** req by K of C Council #12180
 6:30pm **Mass for the People**

Sunday, Apr. 23rd: Divine Mercy / 2nd Sunday of Easter
 8:30am + **John Singleton & Katherine Eggerl Peters** req
 the Mangubat family
 10:00am + **Josefina Pérez** req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman
 11:30am + **Oretha Carman Cooper** req by Judy Kurtz
 5:30pm **Joaquina Gonzales Maza** req by the 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 or call 410-799-1970.

Apr. 22 nd – 23 rd Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Mary J	Robert G	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	Joan M	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Amanda S	Alan A	Liz D	Dwayne G <i>Help Needed</i>	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Hannah L Jason S	Ken W	Bev A	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Michael K	Bob S	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	<i>Help Needed</i>
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Mike R	Lola R	Steve F Drew F	<i>Help Needed</i>

CHURCH SUPPORT – APRIL 8TH- 9TH

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$4,368.50	\$3,775.07
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,376.00	1,600.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	1,915.50	1,470.00
Restoration & Maintenance:	1,391.00	1,186.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$9,051.00	\$8,031.07
Poor Box:	\$239.00	\$337.00

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.



Apr. 15th: 9:00am Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
 9:15am Easter Food Blessing (Church)
 9:30am Decorate Church & Parish Center
 8:30pm Easter Vigil

Apr. 16th: 8:30am, 10am, & 11:30am Masses (Parish Ctr)
 1:00pm Baptism
 NO 5:30pm Mass or Life Night

Apr. 17th: Parish Office is Closed

Apr. 18th: 10:30am TLC Bingo (Parish Ctr)
 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
 7:00pm PPC Mtg (Sacristy)

Apr. 20th: 6:00pm Finance Council
 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (Sacristy)
 7:30pm K of C – Social Mtg (Parish Ctr)

Apr. 22nd: **2nd Collection: Capital Campaign**
 8:00am Confirmation Retreat (until 5pm)
 6:00pm Young Adult Soc. (Outdoor Games)

Apr. 23rd: **2nd Collection: Capital Campaign**
 9:30am Sew Hopeful (Parish Ctr)
 No Life Night

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.

THIRD ORDER BBQ DINNER

Join us on Saturday, April 29th from 4-8pm. Menu includes a beef, pork, or chicken barbeque sandwich with cole slaw and baked beans.



Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Beer, wine, and soda available for purchase. Proceeds support our sister parish in Bolivia.

There will also a Dessert Bake Sale that same night. Donations are needed.

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 Apr. 20th.

Young Adult Social Ministry meets on on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, usually at 6:00pm with a potluck dinner and activities.

April 22nd: Outdoor games (picnic food)

May 13th: Game Night (finger food)

May 26th: Minute to Win It (food from favorite country)

We also hope to schedule a **Service Opportunity** for Saturday, May 6th. More details to come.

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

www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/youngadult

THANK YOU TO THE DORANS

Last week was the last time that Neil and Linda Doran led the hymns for the 6:30pm Saturday Mass. Neil and Linda have been our 6:30pm musicians for the last 21 years!

We want to thank them for contributing their time and talent for our “Country Mass” and for all they have done for St. Lawrence Martyr Parish.

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.*

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

Here are FORMED recommendations: *(All items are free to St. Lawrence parishioners)*

To Read: *God Sent His Son: A Contemporary Christology*
Based on many years of lecturing on Christology, Cardinal Schönborn’s work moves from the solid conviction of faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah of Israel, the Son of the Living God, through the development of the Church’s understanding of this truth, to the consideration of contemporary issues and the views of various modern theologians.

Found in BOOKS under Exploring the Catholic Faith. Available in iBooks, Android, Nook and Kindle

To Listen: *The Fourth Cup* by Dr. Scott Hahn.

Well-known Catholic theologian Dr. Scott Hahn explains Christ’s Paschal Sacrifice on the cross as the fulfillment of the traditional fourth cup used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. He draws a symbolic parallel to the Last Supper and Christ’s death on Calvary. Through his scholarly insights and important biblical connections, Mass will come alive for you as never before!

Found in AUDIOS under Adult Faith Formation

To Listen: *Three Days That Changed the World* by Fr. Hector Perez.

Fr. Perez brings us alongside Jesus in the final hours of His public ministry as He brings to fulfillment the very purpose His Incarnation, the salvation of all mankind. Fr. Perez’s detailed insights of those last three days offer a moving look into the loving heart of the Messiah and detailed descriptions of his intense emotional and physical sufferings as they really were. With this knowledge, our hearts can only love him more.

Found in AUDIOS under Adult Faith Formation

To Access: Go to www.formed.org and click “Sign Up”, located in the upper right hand corner. Then choose the middle option “Does your parish already have FORMED?” and enter the Parish Access Code, which is ed1783.

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JOIN US APRIL 30TH FOR DONUTS & COFFEE

Join fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after all morning Masses on Sunday, April 30th.

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.



PRAYER VIGIL FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS – JUN. 23

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 church.

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.

CATHOLIC MEN’S STUDY GROUP (APRIL-MAY)

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 April and 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 moving soon to studying 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 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!

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.

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 in mid-to-late May: advance packing, lifting and moving (especially those with trucks), etc. 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: The Stations of the Cross tradition evolved over time. Tradition holds that our Blessed Mother visited daily the scenes of our Lord’s passion. After Constantine legalized Christianity in the year 312, this pathway was marked with its important stations.

Devotions to the Way of the Cross began in earnest after 1342, when the Franciscan friars were given custody of the holy sites in the Holy Land.

This week’s question: The Easter Season begins on Easter and lasts how many days? Why is that particularly important for St. Lawrence Martyr Parish this year?



This Week In Youth Ministry: Happy Easter! We will not be having Life Night tonight. Hallelujah He is Risen! We hope you have a blessed Easter with your family.

Next Sunday there will not be a Life Night since many of you will have attended the Confirmation retreat.

We have an exciting summer planned! Check out www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/lifeteen for info!

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

Upcoming Events:

- **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