

Gospel Reflection

April 29-30, 2017 Third Sunday of Easter
 Luke 24:13-35



My first acquaintance with the story of the Road to Emmaus was when I was a young boy in sixth grade. It wasn't because I heard the story proclaimed in the Gospel at Mass. No, it was told to me by

Monsignor John Weigand, the pastor of my home parish. I was assigned to serve his morning Mass. He said Mass privately each day since he had an artificial voice box and was uncomfortable in public. His Mass, in a private chapel in the rectory, was at 5:00am. That meant getting up early for altar servers. For one week, I was assigned to serve that Mass—not a favorite assignment for most of my friends. But there was something about being with our reclusive Monsignor during the pre-dawn hours at the altar. There was a hint of mystery, wonder, and awe about it, at least in my young boy's mind.

A picture of three men walking down a wooded road hung over the altar. After Mass, I asked him about it. "Who are those men?" He sat me down, served me breakfast, and told me the story. After hearing it, I thought to myself, "One of them is Jesus, and the other two are you and I, Monsignor."

I didn't say that to Msgr. Weigand. I didn't need to. After all, in those early morning hours, hadn't we just discovered and recognized the Lord in the Breaking of the Bread?

Msgr. Weigand died shortly after I was ordained a priest, but I think he's been with me at every Mass I've celebrated since.

~ 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 drop off dates are May 17th-19th, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm.

Do not leave items outside of those dates and times. Please note, we will not be taking any electronic or computer equipment.

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

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!

SIT REFLECTON

As this weekend approached, I was reminded of the poem "God's Hall of Fame" quoted by the great basketball coach, John Wooden, as he was inducted into the Collegiate Hall of Fame. A snippet below echoed in my head:

*Your name may not appear down here,
 In this world's hall of fame,
 In fact you may be so unknown,
 That no one knows your name!*

*I tell you, friend, I wouldn't trade
 My name however small,
 That's written there beyond the stars
 In that celestial hall,*

*For any famous name on earth
 Or glory that they share;
 I'd rather be an unknown here
 And have my name up there.*

So is the faith of the persecuted that we reflect on time and time again. Those who devote their simple lives to Jesus in hope and preparation to secure their own place setting at Jesus' immaculate table. What better focus can there be than to be unwavering in that devotion, when one faces such adversity?

This weekend our SIT group, and parish at large, must say goodbye to two individuals who have most certainly lived their lives for God's Hall of Fame. Flint and Jan Sibayan have been such beloved members of our SIT ministry since its inception—committed attendees at meetings and vigils, they have coordinated our weekly Divine Mercy Chaplet recitations, and they have contributed to our weekly SITuations. All in all, they have immersed their faith and energies into the plight of the persecuted as a means of constant communication with our Lord that our brothers and sisters will never be forsaken. Let me say if more Flint and Jan Sibayans walked the world, perhaps there would be no need for SIT.

We wish Flint and Jan safe travels and continued blessings as they begin the next chapter of their lives. Our meeting this Monday evening will certainly be lonely without them.

God bless you all, and God be with the persecuted.

~Matt Behum, SIT Director (mbehum@gmail.com)

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Apr. 29th: 3rd Sunday of Easter

5:00pm + **Oretha Carman Cooper**
 req by Maggie & Bob Petza

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

Sunday, Apr. 30th: 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30am + **Charles Prophet** req TLC

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

11:30am **Reina Marie Guzman** req by a friend

5:30pm + **Eileen Moffa** req by Norb Balint

Monday, May 1st:

9:00am* + **Derek Michael Dudley** req by his family

Tuesday, May 2nd:

9:00am** + **Tony Belmore** req by Valerie Magnuson

Wednesday, May 3rd:

9:00am*** + **James Prisco III** req by Jim Prisco Jr.

Thursday, May 4th:

9:00am* + **Agnes Siska** req by Norb Balint

Friday, May 5th:

9:00am* **Eileen Moffa** req by the Gates family

Saturday, May 6th: 4th Sunday of Easter

5:00pm + **Sr. Marie Moore R.S.M.**

req by Ron & Fran Looper

6:30pm **Mass for the Unborn** req by K of C Council #12180

Sunday, May 7th: 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30am + **Steven Singleton** req by the Mangubat family

10:00am + **Josefina Pérez** req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman

11:30am **Angel Guzman** req by a friend

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 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.

Please call ahead if you want your intention on a specific date so it can be put it on the calendar.

May 6 th -7 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Mary J	Larry B	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	John M	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Amanda S	Ken W	Rocco D	Dwayne G <i>Help Needed</i>	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Hannah L Jason S	Carla D	Maureen M	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Angel G Rhea G	Bob S	<i>Help Needed</i>	Michael L Ray T	<i>Help Needed</i>
Sunday 5:30pm	Matthew C	Jim L	Lola R	Steve F Drew F	<i>Help Needed</i>

CHURCH SUPPORT – APRIL 22ND – 23RD

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,954.50	\$3,270.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,403.00	1,546.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,345.50	1,735.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$7,703.00	\$6,551.00
Poor Box:	290.50	460.00

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. 29th: 2nd Collection: Restoration & Maintenance
 9:00am Sew Hopeful (Parish Ctr)
 4:00pm **Sister Parish BBQ (until 8pm)**

Apr. 30th: 2nd Collection: Restoration & Maintenance
 Donut Social after All Masses
 11:15am Prayer Ministry
 6:30pm Life Night Social Night

May 1st: 6:00pm SIT St. Lawrence (Church)

May 2nd: 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)

May 4th: 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (Sacristy)
 7:30pm K of C Business Mtg (Parish Ctr)

May 5th: 9:30am 1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30pm)

May 6th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools
 Birthday/Anniversary Blessings

May 7th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools
 Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
 11:30am Crowning of Mary
 No Life Night

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 FOR DONUTS & COFFEE

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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Please stop by the church this Friday, May 5th, 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.

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 May 4th.

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

May 12th: Game Night (finger food)

May 27th: Minute to Win It (food from favorite country)

We currently are scheduling 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

PAPER RECYCLING

Our paper recycling dumpster will be removed in the very near future as we prepare for our move.

Please continue to help the environment by using your home curbside recycling program.

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.*

MASS COUNT THIS WEEKEND

Each year, the Archdiocese requests the parishes and missions of the Archdiocese take a count of all persons attending Mass. Please note that the racial/ethnic affiliations are the same categories that are in the US Census.

The Archdiocese uses this information in many ways, including on reports to the Holy See and for other purposes. Your kind assistance is greatly appreciated.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES!

If you or a family member are graduating this year (high school or college degree), please let the Parish Office know at 410-799-1970 or office@saintlawrencemartyr.org

We'd like to list our honorees in an upcoming bulletin.

CATHOLIC REVIEW

If you're a registered parishioner, you should have already received the May issue of the Catholic Review at home. This month's edition features a special 12-page section about the pastorate planning in which every parish will participate over the next three to five years. That includes information about when our parish is scheduled for that process and what parishes we will be working with.

On top of that, read about some spectacular scholars in our Catholic elementary and high schools. Also, catch an interview about the way his Catholic faith influences the life of Baltimore Orioles announcer Jim Hunter.

If you're not a registered parishioner or didn't get a copy of the Catholic Review in the mail this week, please contact the parish office to check your registration.

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.

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 newborn 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.

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.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

We are at over 85% 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, 3 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>

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 the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm.

The topic for May will be various interpretations of the Book of Revelation, including Scott Hahn's "*The Lamb's Supper*." All are welcome.

WELCOME

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed Bailey Mae Gillette, daughter of Brandon and Liz Gillette, baptized on April 16, 2017.



May she and her family continue to grow in God's love and grace.

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!

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. **We will be moving on Sunday, May 21st starting at 1:00pm (we will rent a truck).**

We also need help with advance packing. 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: This year was actually our 20th anniversary of the Easter Egg Hunt. Our first one was in 1997.

This week's question: What 100th Anniversary will the Catholic Church celebrate on May 13th?



This Week In Youth Ministry: This Sunday is our monthly social. Come to celebrate the April and May birthdays and play games, bring your friends! Also we will be conducting our confirmation interviews during the evening so please make sure you're at Life Night if you are going to be confirmed this June.

We will be taking the month of May off to plan for the summer and to begin moving into our new building! Make sure you grab one of our summer calendars in the Parish Center so you can plan to join in on all the fun activities.

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, ext 55 if you're interested in helping.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram! @SLMLifeTeen