

Reflections on our 150th Anniversary

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Today St. Lawrence Martyr Parish marks a milestone: its sesquicentennial anniversary. 150 years ago, St. Lawrence was founded as a mission church to serve the needs of a small, rural community. Over the decades, the work of welcome, worship, and service has been carried out in numerous ways. Today, our reach extends far beyond our own parish boundaries. We have been blessed to send missionaries in the past to our Sister Parish in Bolivia and continue to support them with our material and spiritual assistance. In keeping with the Trinitarian charism, our parish is now actively engaged in supporting Christians suffering for their faith in places like Syria, Jordan, and Iraq. We enthuse at the prospect of welcoming so many new families to our neighborhood and parish. We have been, and desire to be, ever more faithfully missionary disciples in a world hungry for Christ.

How can we ever adequately thank God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us?

150th Anniversary

Our hearts fill with gratitude when we consider the countless sacrifices, labor, and dedication of those who have come before us: clergy, laity, and religious. I think, for instance, of how Fr. Desiderius DeWolfe, travelling by horse or carriage, would brave the elements to be certain that the original families of our parish received the Sacraments on a regular basis. At the time, our nation was recovering from a conflict which divided brother against brother, but at St. Lawrence all were united in Christ.

Generous Catholic families, including the Merritt, Kilbourn, and Bannon families, considered it an honor to deed land to St. Lawrence in support of its life and ministry. Clergy and parishioners at St. Lawrence have not forgotten the marginalized and have given of their time and resources, again and again, to minister to the incarcerated, poor, and those in need. The faith, dedication, and charity, of far too many people to mention, has yielded a truly bountiful harvest on what began on one small acre of land.

As we celebrate 150 years, we look forward to a promising future. May God bless the work of our hearts and hands for generations to come. With Archbishop Lori, we pray that our parish may be an “ever more vibrant center of evangelization, which manifests the attractiveness of the Gospel and the warmth of Jesus’ truth and love.”

As pastor, I would like to thank God for each and every one of you who have brought us to this day. I look forward to reading the recollections that so many of you have contributed to the upcoming 150th Anniversary Parish Directory.

Happy Anniversary! ~ Fr. Victor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTS THIS SUNDAY

Regular Religious Education classes begin this Sunday, Sept. 18th. Religious Education normally meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. Pre-K through 3rd grade meets from 9:30am – 11:00am; 4th grade through 8th grade is from 11:15am – 12:45pm.

You can still register the day of the classes.

If your child is in at least 2nd grade and attended a Catholic school or a religious education program during the 2015-2016 school year; they will be eligible to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist during the 2016-2017 school year.

The First Reconciliation Inscription Mass will take place on September 25, 2016 at the 8:30am Mass. Valerie Magnuson, Director of Religious Education, will be conducting a parent meeting and the children will have their first class immediately following the Mass.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office by emailing the office at office@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call 410-799-1970.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES– SEPT. 22ND

North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a 90-minute Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00pm. During this guided Lourdes experience, you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette.



You will have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary.

A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend a Virtual Pilgrimage with North American Lourdes Volunteers. Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all!

The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! For more info, call the Parish Office at (410) 799-1970.

SPAGHETTI DINNER – OCTOBER 29TH



Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 29th. The Sister Parish Committee will hold its Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Center.

It will take place from 4:00 – 7:30pm. Prices are adults: \$8.00, Children (6-12): \$4.00, 5 and under Free.

You can get your spaghetti to go and there will be a bake sale so you can purchase dessert as well!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 17th: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm 150th Anniversary of St. Lawrence Parish

Sunday, Sept. 18th: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Michele Mihok req by her father, Tom Chorba

10:00am Steven & Jessica Mangubat req by Leigh and Kathy Mangubat

11:30am Mass for the People

5:30pm + Jessica Watsula req by Jon & Valerie Magnuson

Monday, Sept. 19th:

9:00am* + Deceased members of the Trinh family

Tuesday, Sept. 20th:

9:00am* + Eufrocina Nieves req by Amor DeDios

Wednesday, Sept. 21st: 9:00am* + Lunario family req by the Toraldo family

Thursday, Sept. 22nd:

9:00am* + Milton E. Wiley, Jr. req by his family

Friday, Sept. 23rd:

9:00am* + Susannah Merritt req by the Parish

Saturday, Sept. 24th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

6:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 25th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Anna & Jerry Henline req by the Mangubat family

10:00am + Teruka Dub req by Patty Dieterich

11:30am Mass for the People

5:30pm + Joan Roll req by the Magnuson family

* Rosary following Mass

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.

Sept. 24 th – 25 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Help Needed	Mary J	Jeff F	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Emily R Catie W	Joan M	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Andrew S	Ken W	Rocco D	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Daniel P	Mike J	Donna F	Darryl B Help Needed	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Karey R	Bob S	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Help Needed	Help Needed	Steve F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,690.00	\$3,369.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,392.00	1,665.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	1,285.00	1,280.00
Poor Box:	250.50	1,105.00
Restoration & Maintenance:	1,005.00	1,420.00
Total	\$7,622.50	\$8,839.00

2ND COLLECTION FOR LOUISIANA FLOOD VICTIMS

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, called for a 2nd Collection to aid those in Louisiana who are devastated by the recent floods.

“The recent storms in Louisiana may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina are our sisters and brothers. As a people of God, let us come to their aid. I encourage Catholics across the United States to respond generously.”

Archbishop Lori invited the Archdiocese of Baltimore churches to participate in the relief effort with a second collection this weekend.



Sept. 17th: 2nd Collection: Louisiana Flood Aid

5:00pm 150th Anniversary Mass
No 6:30pm Mass

Sept. 18th: 2nd Collection: Louisiana Flood Aid

11:15am Prayer Ministry (McKennas)
6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)

Sept. 19th: 7:00pm RCIA (Sacristy)

Sept. 20th: 11:00am TLC Lunch (Denny's)
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council

Sept. 22nd: 6:00pm Finance Council (Sacristy)
7:00pm Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage

Sept. 23rd: Actual Date of 150th Anniversary

Sept. 24th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign
K of C selling car raffle tickets
9:00am 3rd Order Trip to NJ

Sept. 25th: 2nd Collection: Capital Campaign
K of C selling car raffle tickets
6:30pm Life Teen (Parish Ctr)

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND ANNULMENTS FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be giving a presentation in our area concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process, and any others who may have an interest because of family or friends.

Our closest session will be held on **Monday, October 4th at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville in the Parish Hall.** No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 410-547-5533.

Other dates and locations can be found at:
<http://www.archbalt.org/about-us/marriage-tribunal/upload/TribunalFall2016.pdf>

THE 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.

Cuba: Conditions have remained the same or worsened except for a select few since the US announced normalization of relations. Existing churches are forbidden to add on to their buildings or have a sign on the front door. Some are denied basic utilities.

~ Voice of the Martyrs

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.

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.

We have an immediate need for wipes and diapers. Thank you very much!

If you'd like to help with the program, contact Joe Toher by email at joetoher@gmail.com or call 443-850-6207.

PASTORS OF ST. LAWRENCE

As we celebrate our 150th Anniversary, let's take a look at the pastors who have shepherded us over the years.

- Fr. Andrew J. Conlon 1921-1923
- Fr. George A. Speisburger 1923-1939
- Fr. Paul L. Norris 1939-1945
- Fr. John A. Mountain 1945-1951
- Fr. George E. Shank 1951-1953
- Fr. Francis J. Kelly 1953-1956
- Fr. Thomas L. Farrell 1956-1960
- Fr. E. Gerard Huesman 1960-1969
- Fr. Casimir Peterson 1969-1971
- Fr. Claude M. Kinlein 1971-1973
- Fr. Edward Bayer 1973-1975
- Msgr. Thomas Fannon 1975-1978

1978 -Trinitarians entrusted with pastoral care of St. Lawrence

- Fr. Bernard Harding, O.S.S.T. 1978-1990
- Fr. William Moorman, O.S.S.T. 1990-1994
- Fr. Bill Axe, O.S.S.T. 1994-2002
- Fr. John L. Dorn, O.S.S.T. 2002-2009
- Fr. Juan Vasquez Rubio, O.S.S.T. 2009-2010
- Fr. Victor J. Scocco, O.S.S.T. 2010- present

EMBRACING OUR MISSION REPORT

We have collected more than 50% of our Embracing Our Mission Capital Campaign pledges. Thank you to all donors! To date, we have:

Total Pledges: **\$832,483**
Pledges & Gifts Paid to Date: **\$424,413**

CHRISTMAS CARD/ORNAMENT SALE

On October 8th-9th, the Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards, ornaments, religious all-occasion cards and thank-you notes after all Masses Saturday evening and Sunday morning, both in front of Church and during Donut Sunday in the Parish Center. Proceeds go to support the Knights' youth activities in the parish.

MONSIGNOR SLADE FAIR – SEPT. 27TH

There will be an Archdiocesan High School Fair at Monsignor Slade School on September 27th for students in sixth, seventh and eighth grade. The event will begin at 6:30pm and families will have the opportunity to visit with area Catholic high schools in an open fair format until 7:00pm. Students will then have the opportunity to hear three 25-minute sessions from 6:30pm to 8:35pm.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Nick Brownlee, the Director of Admissions at Archbishop Curley High School, at 410-485-5000 x289 or at nbrownlee@archbishopcurley.org. The High School Fair is a great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult who has never received First Communion or Confirmation? Consider the RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The RCIA program consists of a series of sessions; a spiritual journey for those wishing to join our faith community. We typically meet on Mondays at 7:00pm. **Our next meeting is this Monday, September 19th.**

To find out more information, you can contact Jim Leddy at adultfaithslm@gmail.com or call 410-799-5907.

NEW CATHOLIC MEN'S STUDY GROUP

Have you ever been asked about Catholic beliefs concerning Mary, the Pope, saints, Eucharist, confession, marriage, etc.? We would like to form a men's group for study of the Bible, Catholic Catechism, and other sources so we can better understand, not just the doctrines themselves, but the Biblical and historical reasons for these beliefs.

We will meet prayer in the Sacristy after the Divine Mercy Chaplet, at 6:30pm every Tuesday, other than the third Tuesday of the month.

If interested, contact Ray Ogden after the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the church or (almost) anytime at home at 410-551-8364.

RETREAT FOR SINGLE PARENTS

The Catholic Community of Ascension & St. Augustine Parishes are presenting "Finding Time With Our God", a Single Parent's Retreat on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00am – noon.

The cost will be \$15 and free child care is available by advance registration. If you'd like more information, contact St. Augustine Church at 410-796-1520 or email bob@staugustinechurch.org.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: Archbishop Spalding and Archbishop Lori have several things in common. Obviously, there is the Archbishop of Baltimore connection, in addition to the fact that they both celebrated milestone Masses at St. Lawrence (Dedication for Archbishop Spalding, and the 150th Anniversary Mass for Archbishop Lori) and presided over ceremonies for new buildings (Abp. Spalding presided over the laying of the cornerstone ceremony at St. Lawrence Mission in Jessup, MD on October 15, 1865 and Abp. Lori presided over the groundbreaking for our new Parish Complex on June 18, 2016).

In addition, they were both born in the Bluegrass State of Kentucky, and they were both born in May!

This week's question: Who presided over the 125th Anniversary Mass?

GOSPEL REFLECTION - SEPT. 17-18 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - LUKE 16:1-13



During the course of my life and ministry, I've had the opportunity to travel extensively. The Middle East is one place I've visited. Trips there always included a stop in the souk, outdoor bazaar or market. I

am amazed and amused by the bargaining skills of both the merchants and buyers in these places. They haggle and negotiate. With a flair for the theatrical, they reject offers and counteroffers.

In the end, however, what seems an unbelievably good price is settled on. Merchant and buyer part as best of friends, each glad to have cut a deal.

The "art of the deal" is at the heart of today's Gospel parable. Jesus praises the dishonest steward. There isn't much to be admired in his lack of scruples and self-serving motives, but we are intended to note his cunning. He deserved punishment, but in the end received a reward. I'm sure he could hold his own in any souk.

We can't really bargain with God, but we can risk everything for the best deal ever, eternal life.

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



This Week In Youth Ministry: It's time for our Fall Kick-Off. Despite it still feeling like Summer, we will be welcoming Autumn in with a bonfire, lawn games, and a Lip Sync Battle starring many of your favorite CORE members. Be sure to invite a friend! All high school students welcome!

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 28th: Halloween BINGO
Nov. 18th-20th: BYCC (Ocean City, MD)

Contact us with questions about any of these upcoming events!

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!

Topher@saintlawrencemartyr.org or call 443-765-8200.

Be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram! @SLMLifeTeen

Secular Quote of the Week:

"If people aren't in sync, things won't work out well."
~ Stephen Hopkins

