

Gospel Reflection – Nov. 5-6, 2016
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 20:27-38

Who of us has not wondered what heaven will be like? Will it be a “holy card heaven”, angels all aflutter and harps sweet sounding? Jesus does, after all, say in today’s Gospel that those who enter into eternal life “will become like angels”. What could that mean? Wings and white robes?



What was Jesus really saying, in response to the question about marrying and heaven which the Sadducees posed as a trap for the Teacher? Simply put, he was telling the Sadducees not to trap themselves into small thinking when it comes to the greatness of heaven. Nothing here before can ever compare with the hereafter. The Sadducees who wanted to trap Jesus were trapped themselves, from the start. Their minds and hearts were too small to measure heaven. Ours are too, but we are not doomed. We are destined for glory. And that, I think, is the Good News of today’s Gospel reading.

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

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS
 IN OUR CEMETERY - NOVEMBER 10TH**

On Thursday, November 10th at 7:00pm, in conjunction with our 150th Anniversary celebration, we will be having a Prayer Service for those buried in our cemetery.

This will be hosted by our Young Adult Ministry as part of their efforts to live out all Seven Corporal Acts of Mercy.

We will gather outside (so please dress warmly) and all the names of the deceased in our cemetery will be read. We will pray for all those souls, and pray for comfort for those that mourn them.

In case of rain, the Prayer Service will be held in the church.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES

The Pastoral Parish Council is seeking parishioners to serve on the Parish Council. Parishioners in good standing with the Catholic Church and interested in serving should contact the Parish Office at 410-799-1970, in order to have their names included on the ballot.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next regular Religious Education classes meet on November 6th and November 20th. First Reconciliation will meet on November 13th at 9:15am.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Magnuson by emailing val@saintlawrencemartyr.org or calling 410-799-1970, ext. 54.

**THIS SUNDAY- 20TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

Please join us this Sunday, November 6th, which is the 20th Annual International Day of Prayer (IDOP) for the persecuted Church. Originally started by the World Evangelical Alliance, the IDOP is a way for the world to come together as one voice praying to our Father to ease the burdens of our Christian brothers and sisters persecuted for their beliefs.

To commemorate this day, St. Lawrence Church will be open from 1-2:00pm for a **Holy Hour** (A time of reflection with the Eucharist adoration followed by benediction). Please contact Matt Behum of SIT (mbehum@gmail.com) with any questions.

HELP US FEED THE POOR /BEANS & BREAD

Come to our Parish Center on November 12th at 7:30am to help the Trinitarian 3rd Order make lunches for distribution to the poor in Baltimore at Beans & Bread and the Franciscan Center. This is a good opportunity to earn service hours.

ST. LAWRENCE ORNAMENTS

150th Celebration!! Our Commemorative Ornaments have arrived ahead of schedule! Please stop in the Parish Center after our Masses on November 12th & 13th to pick up your pre-ordered ornament(s) or to purchase an ornament.

While supplies last, each ornament is just \$10.

CHRISTMAS CARD/ORNAMENT SALE

On November 13th, the Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards, ornaments, and religious puzzles after all Masses in the Parish Center during Donut Sunday. Proceeds go to support the Knights’ youth activities in the parish.

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.

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 newborn size diapers and newborn girl’s clothing. Thanks!**

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 5th: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + **James Prisco III** req by Jim Prisco Jr.
 6:30pm + **Mariano & Lillian Vazquez** req by Lizette & Elizabeth Vazquez

Sunday, Nov. 6th: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **Mr. Emmanuel Chukwu** req by Euriel Chukwu
 10:00am + **Francisco Quintero** req by Angela Tovar and the Prieto family
 11:30am + **Eva Desrochers** req by Joe & Cathy Stegmaier
 5:30pm **Mass for the People**

Monday, Nov. 7th:

9:00am* + **James Damaska** req by Christine Magnuson

Tuesday, Nov. 8th:

9:00am** + **Maria Lanh Trinh** req by her niece

Wednesday, Nov. 9th:

9:00am*** + **Daniel H. Redding** req by Deacon Ed Kernan

Thursday, Nov. 10th:

9:00am* + **Michael J. Mead Sr** req by Steve & Kathy Furth

Friday, Nov. 11th:

9:00am* + **James Lambiasi, Jr; James Lambiasi III; Eleanor Lambiasi; and Mary Glowacki** req by Richard Lambiasi Sr.

Saturday, Nov. 12th: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm + **Gregory Grove** req by Janet Grove
 6:30pm + **Mr. Emmanuel Chukwu** req by Euriel Chukwu

Sunday, Nov. 13th: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + **John Eggerl** req by Henline & Mangubat families
 10:00am + **James Esposito III** req by Jimmy Depfer
 11:30am + **David Chigoze Igboanugo** req by Mr. & Mrs. Edet
 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 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.

Nov. 12th – 13th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Rick B	Elizabeth V	Jeff F Steve S	Help Needed
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	Debra W	Joan M	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Amanda S	Ken W	Deacon John	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Daniel P	Mike J	Deacon John	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	Micayla N	Kathy F	Help Needed	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- OCTOBER 29-30, 2016

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,228.00	\$2,788.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	\$1,594.00	1,801.93
E-giving: Regular Weekly	\$2,060.50	1,350.00
Poor Box:	390.00	290.00
TOTAL	\$7,272.50	\$6,229.93
Military Archdiocese:	\$1,115.00	N/A

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The annual collection in support of the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Baltimore takes place next weekend. A Seminarian is someone who is studying and preparing to be a priest.

Please remember in your prayers all of the Seminarians preparing for priestly service in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. May their generous response to the call of God influence and inspire many others to do the same.



- Nov. 5th:** 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
- Nov. 6th:** Fall Back – Change your Clocks 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
 9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3rd(Parish Ctr)
 11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th – 8th (Parish Ctr)
 1:00pm Holy Hour - Int’l Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians
 6:30pm Life Teen Night (Parish Ctr)
- Nov. 8th:** 10:30am TLC Reflections (Parish Ctr)
 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30pm Men’s Bible Study (Sacristy)
 7:30 pm 4th Degree Knights (Parish Ctr)
- Nov. 9th:** 7:00pm Evangelization Mtg (Parish Ctr)
- Nov. 10th:** 7:00pm Prayers for those in our Cemetery (Outside, or in case of rain: Church)
- Nov. 11th:** 6:00pm Altar Server Training (Church)
- Nov. 12th:** 2nd Collection: Seminarians
 7:30am Beans and Bread (Parish Ctr)
 9:00am 3rd Order Meeting (Parish Ctr)
- Nov. 13th:** 2nd Collection: Seminarians
Donut Social after All Morning Masses
 9:15am 1st Reconciliation Class/Practice
 10:30am Prayer Shawl (until noon)
 3:30pm Confirmation Class (Parish Ctr)
 6:30pm Life Night

SPREAD THE WORD

Four Diaconate Information Sessions have been planned. Please spread the word to all interested men. They are highly encouraged to attend one of these sessions to better understanding what is required to be ordained deacons. Their wives are also highly encouraged to attend. The sessions will take place: Sat. Nov 12th at St Mary's Seminary & University, 5400 Roland Ave, Baltimore at 10am; Tues. Nov 29th at St. Joseph's, 8420 Belair Rd, Baltimore at 7pm; Tues. Nov 29th at St Ignatius Loyola, 4102 Prices Distillery Rd, Ijamsville at 7pm; Tues. Jan 3rd, St Agnes, 5422 Old Frederick Rd, Baltimore at 7pm.

SPIRITUAL MENTORSHIP

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 6405 S. Orchard Rd in Linthicum will be hosting a talk on Thursday, Nov 10th at 7:00pm entitled "*Spiritual Mentorship: Responding to Pope Francis' Call for the Need for Spiritual Accompaniment*". All are invited to attend this talk which will be given by the Apostles of the Interior Life.

PARISH MISSION AT ST. PHILIP NERI

The Apostles of the Interior Life from Kansas City, KS, will be offering a Mission entitled: "*Experiencing the Freedom of a Spiritual Plan of Life*", **Friday, November 11th - Saturday, November 12th** at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Linthicum. For more info visit: <http://saintphilipnerichurch.org/wordpress1/> or call St. Philip Neri's office at 410-859-0571.

"SPLENDOR OF ETERNAL LIGHT, SUN OF JUSTICE"

The choirs of St. Andrew By The Bay, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Our Lady of the Fields, and St. Joseph Church will join together for a Lessons and Carols service on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30pm.

The service will take place at Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church, 1070 Cecil Avenue South, Millersville MD, 21108. In addition to the traditional Advent themes, the service will focus on the tenets of Catholic social teaching rooted in the teaching of Pope Francis.

Admission is free and open to all.

TRINITY SCHOOL NOVEMBER OPEN HOUSES:

Trinity School, a Catholic, accredited, coeducational school for PreK3 through Grade 8 is hosting a PreK and Kindergarten Open House on Friday, November 11th at 9:30am. On Sunday, November 13th, we will host an Open House at 11:00am for all grades. Trinity School, twice the recipient of the Exemplary School Award designated by the U.S. Department of Education, is located at 4985 Ilchester Road in Ellicott City. Come see why Trinity School is "a place where children learn to love learning." Visit our web site at www.trinityschoolmd.org. For more information or to schedule a private tour call 443-498-5040 or email admintrin@trinityschoolmd.org.

REST IN PEACE



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Jason Dymond, a former parishioner, who passed away on November 1st, and for consolation of his family.

Family and friends are invited to gather at the Gary L. Kaufman Funeral Home at Meadowridge Memorial Park, Inc., 7250 Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, MD 21075 (exit 6 off Rt. 100) on Sunday, November 6th, 2016 from 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, November 7th, 2016 at 11:00 am at Kaufman's.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FORMED.ORG

To Watch: 40

Close out your participation in the 40 Days for Life campaign by watching one of the most compelling pro-life documentaries ever produced. 40 features inspiring stories and deeply personal interviews with many of the biggest names in the Pro-Life movement, such as: Lila Rose, the President of Live Action; Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic Director and Founder of "And Then There Were None;" Rebecca Kiessling, Pro-life Speaker and Conceived in Rape; Jeanne Monahan, President of March for Life Education and Defense Fund; Dr. Day Gardner, President of the National Black Pro- Life Union; Ryan Bomberger, Founder of Radiance Foundation; Keith Mason, Co-founder of Personhood USA; Joe Scheidler, Founder of the Pro-Life Action League; David Bereit, National Director of 40 Days for Life, and many more!

Found under RECENTLY ADDED on the homepage.

To Listen: *Saints for Sinners: St. Augustine and St. Margaret* by Archbishop Alban Goodier

Learning about the lives of the saints is a great way to deepen our love of God and recommit us to his service. We are reminded of how the Lord works in the lives of ordinary people, helping us to conquer sin.

In this excerpt from the book, *Saints for Sinners*, the incredible lives of these saints testify to the truth of God's transforming love in those who are willing to surrender their lives to him. This presentation features the stories of St. Augustine of Hippo and St. Margaret of Cortona.

Found in AUDIOS under Prayer and Spirituality

To Access: Go to www.formed.org and click "Register", located in the lower right hand corner. Then enter both the Parish Code which is ed1783 and your email address. It will then ask you for some basic information and then click "Submit". Formed will send an email for verification to your email. Go to & open your email received from "Formed" and click on the word "Verify". It will then take you to the Formed site.

SIT REFLECTION

With the celebration of All Saints' Day last week, it seemed appropriate to offer a reflection on those who have given their entire selves for eternity with their Lord and Savior. I heard a priest call All Saints' Day the Catholic version of a "Hall of Fame." Indeed we are reminded of the true *Sanctus*, the true holy level of sacrifice all saints have achieved through their lives, but we are also encouraged to know that all saints were flesh and blood, just like you and me. There is no reason we cannot walk in the footsteps of the saints, so we can ensure absolutely nothing comes between us and our eternal goal of sitting with Christ at His Heavenly table.

At SIT, we discuss that there are living breathing saints, persecuted members of our universal family of God who enter into God's kingdom at the astonishing rate of as much as one every three minutes ... yes, one Christian soul, every three minutes. We talk about those repressed in Iraq where Assyrians are caught between counter-terrorism units fighting ISIS throughout the Nineveh Plain; we cry because a North Korean dictatorship is responsible for the lives of thousands of imprisoned Christians; and we pray with our fellow Nigerian parishioners that Boko Haram and Fulani herdsmen will stop senseless raids on Christian villages. Stories go on and on.

Yet we are uplifted because the spirit of the saints lives in these people—extremism *cannot touch our faith*. This is illustrated by the growth of Christian numbers throughout persecuted nations. On this International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, let us remember that we are all called to be saints for Jesus, and that we reflect on the lives of our universal family who openly said goodbye to this world for eternal rest with the Lord of all.

God bless you, Matthew Behum, SIT Director

P.S. Please mark down December 9th for our next prayer vigil for the persecuted, from 6:30-8:30pm. And "like" us on Facebook at "St Lawrence Martyr SIT."

CATHOLIC MEN'S STUDY GROUP

The purpose of this group is to better understand biblical and historical basis for Catholic doctrines. The group meets in the Sacristy (room behind the altar) on most Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm (following Divine Mercy chaplet at 6:00pm). Dates and topics for November are: 8th (Saints and Angels); 22nd (Early Church people and ideas); 29th (Popes—how it began). Topics for December are: 6th (Popes in history: Good and Bad); 13th (Jesus: Divine and HUMAN!).

If interested, contact Ray Ogden at 410-551-8364.

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.

PRAYERS TO ST. AGATHA OF SICILY

St. Agatha is the patron saint for those who suffer from breast cancer, those who suffer from sterility, and of rape victims and nurses. Please join us as we pray a perpetual novena to St. Agatha on Tuesdays after our Daily Mass.

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

"But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." Let us strengthen our marriages in faithfulness by attending a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on November 11-13, 2016, April 21-23, 2017 or October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD.

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

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: The seven themes of Catholic Social Teachings are:

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
3. Rights and Responsibilities
4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's Creation

This week's question: In honor of All Saints' Day, this month's questions will be on Saints. Your first question is: What saint was among the first to translate the Bible from Hebrew into Latin?



This Week In Youth Ministry: It's "Choose Your Own Adventure" Night. We'll be having a Social Night and voting on what we do when you arrive!

Upcoming Events:

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:

"Adventure is out there!"~ Charles Muntz