

Scriptural Reflection

March 25-26, 2017

4th Sunday of Lent

Ephesians 5:8-14



A few weeks ago, I was about to celebrate Mass in the prison. Without warning, all the lights went out. Although I felt safe and peaceful, I sensed a certain increased or heightened fear among

the inmates. I could hear it in their voices and in the things that they said to one another as we sat in total darkness. At first, I was surprised. Those men, the inmates, are by no means wimps. Why were they afraid of a little darkness? Then I began to think about it more. There are incidents of violence and of crime which happen “on the inside” in broad daylight. Now under the cover of darkness, who knows what could happen? By the way, I took a head count when the lights came back on, just to make sure we were all still there.

Physical darkness can provide the setting for dark and nefarious deeds. We can become darkness itself if we opt to do evil deeds. Paul reminds the Ephesians: “*You were once darkness, but now you are the light in the Lord.*”

While the environment we live in may be dark, we needn't fear, if the place where we dwell is the very light of Christ. The more we absorb that light, the less we are subject to fear.

No wonder the psalmist famously says, “*Even though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil.*”

During the little blackout in prison that night, it wouldn't have been the best time to walk from cell block to cell block, but neither did I see any need to panic.

Trust that as “children of the light”, God is near to His own even when the darkness closes around us.

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

ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY - RICE BOWLS

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows, and fellowship while growing economic opportunity in a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent?

All Rice Bowls are due by Sunday, April 23rd.

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.

SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION - APRIL 5TH



A Presentation on the Shroud of Turin will come to St. Lawrence Parish Center on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00pm. Don't miss this great opportunity to experience the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in a way that can make this an **unforgettable event in your life.**

Considered one of the greatest mysteries of our time, the Shroud of Turin continues to amaze and baffle scientists, doctors, historians, artists, and theologians. Scientists cannot explain the source of the image which contains photographic and 3-D properties on a cloth centuries old. But is this the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ?

Bill Wingard, a speaker for the Shroud, will present the case for authenticity, and you can be the judge. Come see a full size replica of the Shroud and the photographic negative images that sparked an explosion of scientific interest and debate over a century ago which continues to today. What message does the Shroud have for each of us?

Bring others—including teens on up—and your cameras.

WELCOME

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed:

- **Aiden Michael Syring**, son of Daniel and Alyssa Syring
- **Taran Andrew Kilbride**, son of James and Julie Kilbride,

both of whom were baptized on March 19, 2017. May they and their families continue to grow in God's love and grace.

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.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Fr. Bill Axe presented at our last Soup Supper this Wednesday, letting us know that in order to *Mend the Universe*, we need to learn to love, starting with ourselves. We also need to make certain to speak with a loving tongue.

Please note, there will NOT be a Soup Supper on March 29th.

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 6:00-8:00pm.

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar. 25th: 4th Sunday of Lent

5:00pm +Barbara Dorsey Prisco req by Jim Prisco Jr.

6:30pm +Stephen Kasnic & the Kasnic family req by Tim & Margaret Brennan

Sunday, Mar. 26th: 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30am + Anna Daly req by Jo Eggerl

10:00am Juscilla Joseph, in honor of her birthday

11:30am Mass for the People

5:30pm Mass for the Unborn req by K of C Council #12180

Monday, Mar. 27th:

9:00am* + Helen & Joe Shehade req by Fran Bailey

Tuesday, Mar. 28th:

9:00am** + Dennis Bailey req by the Bailey family

Wednesday, Mar. 29th:

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

Thursday, Mar. 30th:

9:00am* + Alfred Detollenaere req by Dick & Judy Boivin

Friday, Mar. 31st:

9:00am* Larry Myers req by Richard Lambiasi Jr.

Saturday, Apr. 1st: 5th Sunday of Lent

5:00pm + Mary Durr req by Ed & Mary Allen

6:30pm Mass for the People

Sunday, Apr. 2nd: 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30am + Charles Prophet req by Valerie Magnuson

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

11:30am Reina Guzman for her 21st birthday and for healing req by the Guzman family

5:30pm

*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. 1 st – 2 nd Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Matthew C	Maggie P	Rick B	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Katie B Timmy B	Joan M	Joan M	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Amanda S	Mary J	Ed A	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Hannah L	Mike J	Donna F	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Angela G Rhea G	Elnora G	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Allie D	Help Needed	Steve F Drew F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT- MAR. 18-19, 2017

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,115.00	\$3,420.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,598.00	1,350.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	\$2,415.50	2,065.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$7,128.50	\$6,835.00
Poor Box:	\$302.00	\$469.00

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - THIS WEEK

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Mar. 25th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services
1:00pm Altar Server Mtg (Parish Ctr)

Mar. 26th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services
9:30am 1st Eucharist Class (Parish Ctr)
10:15am 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Project
11:30am RCIA – 2nd Scrutiny
3:30pm Confirmation Class
6:30pm Life Night

Mar. 27th: 7:00pm RCIA

Mar. 28th: 11:00am TLC Lunch (Ma's Kettle, Savage)
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Sacristy)

Mar. 30th: 6:00pm 1st Eucharist Rehearsal (Group 1)
6:30pm 1st Eucharist Rehearsal (Group 2)
7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (Sacristy)
7:00pm Rosary for the Unborn (Church)

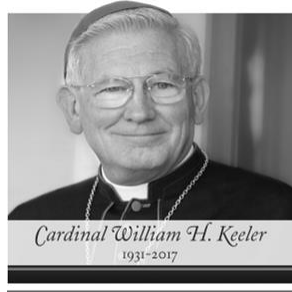
Mar. 31st: 6:00pm Lenten Dinner (until 8pm)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Apr. 1st: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools
Anniversary/Birthday Blessings
8:30am 1st Eucharist Mass (Group 1)
10:30am 1st Eucharist Mass (Group 2)

Apr. 2nd: 2nd Collection: Catholic Schools
Anniversary/Birthday Blessings
9:30am Rel Ed Classes PreK-3rd (Parish Ctr)
11:15am Rel Ed Classes 4th-8th (Parish Ctr)
11:30am RCIA – 3rd Scrutiny
1:00pm Baptism Class
6:30pm Life Night

CARDINAL WILLIAM H. KEELER – 1931-2017

Cardinal William H. Keeler, 14th Archbishop of Baltimore, an international leader in Catholic-Jewish relations and the driving force behind the restoration of America's first cathedral, died March 23rd at his residence at St. Martin's Home for the Aged in Catonsville. He was 86.



Cardinal Keeler served as the spiritual shepherd of the Archdiocese from 1989 until his retirement in 2007.

For more information on his life, see the enclosed insert.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Oretha Carman Cooper, the mother of parishioner Sheila Wenk, who passed away on March 18th, and for consolation of her family.



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 on Mar. 30th.

Young Adult Social Ministry is now meeting on the second and fourth **Saturdays** of the month. The next Social Activity is: 6:00pm, Saturday, April 8th – **Potluck dinner & Game Night.**

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

CONFERENCE FOR SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED AND REMARRIED

The annual conference for separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried will be held on Saturday, **April 29th** at Our Lady of the Fields Church, 1070 S. Cecil Ave. in Millersville. For more information, contact ministry4singleagain@gmail.com or send an email to gcuevas@olfparish.com.

MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE – APRIL 3RD

NEW DATE - The Maryland March for Life has been rescheduled for the evening of Monday, April 3rd.

40 Days for Life founder David Bereit will now speak at the Rally on Lawyer's Mall.

Please arrive in St. Mary's parking lot no later than 6:00pm. The lot will then close for Marchers to assemble.

At 6:30pm is the March through Annapolis, 7:00pm is the Rally on Lawyer's Mall, and 8:00pm is Free Chick-Fil-A.

DO YOU HOMESCHOOL?

Are you a homeschooling family looking to add extra enrichment, support, or structure to your week? Academia Bedae Cooperativa (St. Bede's Academic Cooperative) is a Catholic, classical homeschool program run and taught exclusively by parent volunteers. St. Bede's meets Tuesday mornings in Columbia, MD.

Our program offers classes for preschool (3's and 4's) and grammar stage (K-5) children, as well as a nursery for siblings age two and under.

We are currently registering for the 2017-2018 academic year and invite you to visit our website: saintbedehomeschool.org. Please contact Laura Sullivan (laurasullivan821@gmail.com) or Janet Yaceczko (mrs.lionel.yaceczko@gmail.com) for more information.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 5th

Evening of Reconciliation

Drop in any time between 4:30 – 8:30pm (Church)

Shroud of Turin Presentation – 7:00pm (Parish Center)

April 8th – 9th, Palm Sunday

Normal Weekend Schedule

Palms are blessed and distributed at all Masses

Monday, April 10th

7:30pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral of Mary Our Queen)

Holy Thursday, April 13th

NO 9:00am MASS

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

Good Friday, April 14th

NO 9:00am MASS

3:00pm Stations of the Cross
6:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion,
Veneration of the Cross (followed by communion)

Holy Saturday, April 15th

9:00am Easter Egg Hunt/Breakfast (Parish Center)

9:15am Blessing of the Food (Church)

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass (Church)

NO OTHER SATURDAY MASSES

Easter Sunday, April 16th

8:30am Mass (Parish Center)

10:00am Mass (Parish Center)

11:30am Mass (Parish Center)

NO 5:30PM MASS



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The last class for Religious Education is April 2nd. For 1st Eucharist class, we will meet on March 26th 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 or 410-799-1970, ext. 54.

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 this Saturday's, March 25th 5:00pm and 6:30pm Masses. The mulch will be delivered on April 1st. A 2.0 cubic foot bag is \$4 each, or 3 bags are \$12. Call 301-490-2030 or 240-568-9119 for more info.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE IN MINISTRY?

Proclaiming Christ's Good News through Welcome, Worship, and Service... this is the Mission Statement for St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, and how we try to live. For our Service component, we encourage all of our parishioners to volunteer for a ministry... or two.

There are many opportunities for Service at St. Lawrence: from working with the elderly, to helping protect the unborn, assisting the poor, and many others. And there are opportunities for all of us, young and old!

To learn more about the ministries, go the St. Lawrence website: <http://saintlawrencemartyr.org/service>

Since we are committed to protecting the safety of our children and our volunteers, and in compliance with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church requires ALL who volunteer at St. Lawrence to complete Shield the Vulnerable (STAND) training.

For more information, call Valerie Magnuson, our screening coordinator, at 410-799-1970, ext. 54.

DONATIONS

We are at over 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, visit our website at <http://saintlawrencemartyr.org/donor>, or call 410-799-1970.

NEEDED – EMHC

As we prepare for the move to the new Church building, several Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be needed for all Masses. We ask you to prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to assist the parish through this ministry.

For more information and to sign up for our next training session on Saturday, May 20th, you can contact Lola Rivera or Maureen McCart at emhc@saintlawrencemartyr.org

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week's answer: Forty days is prominent in the life of many figures from the Old Testament. First we have Noah, for whom it rained 40 days and 40 nights while he was on the ark. Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights and he interceded on Israel's behalf for 40 days and 40 nights. Goliath taunted Saul's army for 40 days before David arrived to slay him. When Elijah fled from Jezebel, he traveled 40 days and 40 nights to Mt. Horeb. The prophet Jonah prophesied of the impending destruction of Nineveh if they didn't change and gave them forty days to repent. And Ezekiel lay on his right side for 40 days to "bear the iniquity" of Judah's sins. 40 shows up a lot!

This week's question: A trivia question about St. Lawrence Martyr: The Knights of Columbus Council (#12180) associated with St. Lawrence is named after Fr. Bernard Harding, O.S.S.T., the first Trinitarian pastor. Who suggested that the Council be named for Fr. Bernard?



This Week In Youth Ministry: This Sunday is our social night! Come celebrate with cookies & ice cream and a fun night of games. We'll be playing One Night. If you don't know this game, you definitely want to be here! Hope to see you there!

Next Sunday we have our issue night for the month of April. We will be tackling a tough issue for our culture these days: homosexuality and 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

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