

**Gospel Reflection**  
 May 13-14, 2017 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
 John 14:1-12



This past Monday, I stepped out of the rectory and was surprised to see a parishioner on her knees in front of our house. No, she wasn't praying; she was at work, sprucing up the place. She hinted that she was "removing winter"—all the dead debris under our untended bushes—and preparing to plant spring. She spoke of creating a few new flower beds and cleaning things up. I said to her, "When you are done, I'm sure our front yard will be quite the place."

Gardeners aren't the only ones who have an eye for turning space into a welcoming and life-brimming place. Architects and landscape designers and cultural geographers do too. When a place invites our indwelling and cradles our human spirit, the genius of those who have made the place is evident. Simply being in such a place gives us intangible gifts like joy, peace, beauty, comfort, and well-being.

I suspect that Jesus had those things in mind when he said, "I am going to prepare a place for you. Then I will come back and take you with me, that where I am you also may be."

Environmental psychologists remind us that space acquires meaning when it succeeds in bringing people together in pleasing ways. If that's the case, the place that Jesus is preparing for us, beyond time and space, is the one place that draws us into perfect relationship.

John Paul II, speaking at a General Audience, once said, "We know that the 'heaven' or 'happiness' in which we will find ourselves is neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity. It is our meeting with the Father which takes place in the risen Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit."

So, we now stand on the borderland of a place made by Him and inhabit it, even now, by our love of God and one another.

Cultivating the garden ground may help to make a place beautiful but what we cultivate in relationship with God and others is what really transforms everything and makes it the threshold to the one Place that will last forever.

And He said, "I am going now to prepare a place for you."

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

**NEW WORSHIP SPACE DEDICATION - JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>**

Our new Worship Space is quickly taking shape! We are moving into the new location at 7850 Parkside Blvd. with a **Dedication Ceremony at 5:00pm on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Archbishop Lori will be the celebrant.** Please join us!

**MONDAYS AT THE HISTORIC CHURCH**

After our move to the new Parish Complex starting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will continue to have Morning Prayer and Morning Mass at the historic church on Mondays. Tuesday-Friday will take place in the new location. You may also use the historic church for baptisms, funerals, or other Sacraments. Please note, there are NO bathroom facilities available.

**THIRD ORDER YARD SALE**

As you do your spring cleaning, please save your excess "treasures" for the Yard Sale the weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>. The drop off dates are May 17-19, 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.

Tell your friends and family about the Yard Sale! We always have a wide variety of items.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Starting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be no walk-in office hours at the Parish Office, during our transition. Appointments may still be made with any of the staff and you can also reach us via email or by phone. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during our move.

**SIT-UATION**

During last weekend's Masses, many of us heard Fr. Binoy reflecting on a friend and neighbor from India, Father Tom Uzhunnalil, as a great example of a shepherd to his flock.

Father Tom, from the Indian state of Kerala, is a Salesian priest who was kidnapped by suspected ISIS sympathizers on March 2016 while overseeing the Old Age Home in Aden, Yemen. During the kidnapping, four Sisters of Missionary of Charity were brutally murdered as well.

Father Tom has remained in captivity ever since, with false rumors surfacing early on regarding his execution, followed by a produced plea by Father Tom to "the western world" to prioritize his release. Little is known about Father Tom's current state, but the following story showcases the fervent prayers people of his home region in India have engaged in to hopefully result in his safe return.

[From New Delhi Television, February 13, 2017]

*'Sixty [children] dressed as infant Jesus have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention for the early release of Father Tom Uzhunnalil, a Keralite priest who was kidnapped in Yemen last year by suspected ISIS militants. The children, aged between four and five, belonging to the Sacred Heart Church at Kumbalangi near Kochi, handed over the letters written in Hindi, English, and Malayalam ... The children were helped by their parents and priests in writing the letters, a church source said. [Additionally] special prayers and candle light vigils had been held in various parts of Kerala for the release of the 55-year-old Salesian priest.'*

St. Lawrence SIT and the entire parish community joins in prayer with Fr. Binoy for the safe release of Father Tom, a true shepherd to his people. <http://www.ndtv.com>

**Mass Intentions**

- Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 5:00pm + **Barbara Dorsey Prisco** req by Jim Prisco Jr.  
 6:30pm **In Thanksgiving** req by the Gates family
- Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 8:30am + **Steven Singleton** req by Anna & Jerry Henline  
 10:00am **Anthony-Mary Edet** for a successful birthday party req by Mr. & Mrs. Edet
- 11:30am + **Oretha Carman Cooper** req by the Magnuson family
- 5:30pm **Mass for the People**
- Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
 9:00am\* **Intentions of Men's Bible Study**
- Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>:**  
 9:00am\*\* + **Ken Seeley** req by Howard Seeley
- Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
 9:00am\*\*\* + **Frances Allen** req by her daughter Miriam Heil
- Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:**  
 9:00am\* **Mila Dedios** req by Armando Dedios
- Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
 9:00am\* **Intentions of Fr. Victor & Fr. Binoy** req by Mr. & Mrs. Edet
- Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 5:00pm + **James Prisco III** req by Jim Prisco Jr.  
 6:30pm + **Patricia Ann Frances Dowd** req by the Naymick family
- Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 8:30am + **Mike Baggarly** req by Mangubat family  
 10:00am + **Josefina Pérez** req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman  
 11:30am + **Agnes Siska** req by the Gates family  
 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 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Jason S	Larry B	Elizabeth V	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Saturday 6:30pm	Catie W	Debra W	Bill R	John M	Anna B Jeff B
Sunday 8:30am	Christian C Amanda S	Daniel S	Liz D	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Hannah L	Carla D	Bev A	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 11:30am	Angel G Rhea G	Elnora G	Deacon John	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	N/A	Allie D	Lola R	Steve F Drew F	Help Needed

**CHURCH SUPPORT – MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Category	This year	Last year
<b>Envelopes:</b> Regular Weekly	\$3,868.50	\$4,010.00
<b>Loose:</b> Regular Weekly	1,464.00	1,154.00
<b>E-giving:</b> Regular Weekly	2,104.50	1,885.00
<b>Catholic Schools:</b>	915.00	709.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$8,352.00</b>	<b>\$7,758.00</b>
<b>Poor Box:</b>	\$322.00	\$213.50

**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.



**May 13<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Rest. & Maintenance 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima**

- 7:30am Beans & Bread (Parish Ctr)
- 9:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Mtg (Parish Ctr)

**May 14<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Rest. & Maintenance Happy Mother's Day!**

- 8:30am Mother's Day Brunch (until 12)
- No Life Night

**May 16<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am TLC TBD (Parish Ctr)**

- 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
- 7:00pm PPC Mtg (Sacristy)

**May 17<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm Drop Off for Yard Sale (until 8:30)**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm Drop Off for Yard Sale (until 8:30)**  
 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (Sacristy)

**May 19<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm Drop Off for Yard Sale (until 8:30)**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Capital Campaign**

- 7:30am Yard Sale (until noon)
- 10:00am EMHC Training (Church)
- 4:30pm Yard Sale (until 8:30pm)

**May 21<sup>st</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Capital Campaign**

- 7:30am Yard Sale (until 1pm)
- 11:15am Prayer Ministry
- 1:00pm Move to the New Building!!!!**

We could still use volunteers to help move from the Parish Center to the new building at 1pm on May 21<sup>st</sup> or after! Volunteers get a sneak peek at the new building!

## CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY WITH FORMED

**To Read:** *A Mother's Rule of Life* by Holly Pierlot With your own Mother's Rule of Life, you'll transform motherhood and its burdens into the joyful vocation it's meant to be. Learn from Holly Pierlot how to craft a Rule that's right for you and your family. Then use that Rule to help God draw you, your husband, and each of your children into Heaven!

Found in BOOKS under Catholic Parenting

**To Listen:** *Feminine Genius* by Colleen Carroll Campbell Building upon Pope St. John Paul II's writings about "the feminine genius", Colleen Carroll Campbell discusses the uniqueness of the makeup and vocation of women from God. She uses the lives of several female saints to help women recognize and use their gifts to live out their faith as Christians in the modern world.

Found in AUDIOS under Marriage and Family

**To Access:** Go to [www.formed.org](http://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. You'll need to fill out 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.

## SPIRITUAL GATHERING OF FILIPINO FAMILIES

The Filipino Council of the Archdiocese of Baltimore invites you to the Annual Filipino Marian Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anthony on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in the month of May.

At the half-day spiritual gathering of Filipino families at the Shrine of St. Anthony, youth also will be able to reflect on "Unveiling the Depths of Choices: The Longing Within" and adults can reflect on "Changing Your Game Plan: From Success to Significance".

Fellowship follows the Crowning of the Blessed Mother, so please bring your favorite Filipino dish.

The Shrine of St. Anthony is located at 12290 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

For more info, please call Fr. Pete Literal: 410-531-6040.

## 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.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Judy Kurtz and Sandy Garrick at [womensbible@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:womensbible@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call the Parish Office at 410-799-1970.

**Join us, gain strength and knowledge, and grow stronger in your faith!**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

The Archdiocese for the Military Services will host the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Memorial Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4<sup>th</sup> Street & Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017-1566 on **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.*

## 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](http://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.

## PRAYER VIGIL FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS – JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>

SIT St. Lawrence will be holding a Prayer Vigil supporting Persecuted Christians around the world on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:30-8:30pm in the new parish complex.

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](mailto:mbehum@gmail.com), or call the Parish Office.

## IMPROVE YOUR MARRIAGE

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, ..."* Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works by attending a WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD.

For more information and to apply online visit [welovematrimony.org](http://welovematrimony.org), or call 301-541-7007, or email at [applications@welovematrimony.org](mailto:applications@welovematrimony.org).

## 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](mailto:keytardan@aol.com) for more info.

## NO JUNE FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will not be a First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in June.

## DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

We are at almost 90% of the chairs donated. **There is still time if you'd like to donate a chair in memory or in honor of loved ones.**

- **Chairs** - \$200 each or \$375 for two (*See envelope in back of church*)

If you are interested in making a donation, please email to [office@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:office@saintlawrencemartyr.org), call 410-799-1970, or visit our website at <http://saintlawrencemartyr.org/donor>

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

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

[www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/youngadult](http://www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/youngadult)

## 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!

If you like coffee—or live and breathe coffee—or if you like helping others, we need people to help out after Mass to serve at the coffee bar. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. This is a vital piece of evangelization to our neighbors!



We will also need help with the move to the church. **We will be moving on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## PAPER RECYCLING

Please **do not** bring any more paper from home to put in our paper recycling dumpster. It will be removed soon.

Thank you so much to our parishioners for the many years of bringing in paper—we even had some who would collect their friends' and families' paper as well. While we did originally make money from this program, the amount paid has decreased in recent years.

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

## 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 [office@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:office@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call 410-799-1970.



We'd like to list our honorees in an upcoming bulletin. We will include their high school or college name, and for college graduates, please provide their degree (e.g. BA, BS, MBA) and their major.

## ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

**Last week's answer:** The bell that is now hanging in our bell tower is the original bell from the former steeple of St. Lawrence. It has been refurbished after spending 48 years in parishioners Ed and Mary Allen's garage. Thanks Ed and Mary, for keeping it safe for so long!

**This week's question:** Another question on the new building: how much larger is the new kitchen compared to the one we have in our current Parish Center?



**This Week In Youth Ministry:** We will not be meeting for the month of May as we start moving everything over to our new building. Please plan on joining us on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Parish Center to help move over to the new building at 1pm.

Don't forget to grab a summer calendar, we have a lot of fun things planned. If you have any questions please contact AnnaMarie Link @ [annamarielink@gmail.com](mailto:annamarielink@gmail.com)

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.

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

In Him through her,  
AnnaMarie Link