

Gospel Reflection

May 27-28, 2017 *The Ascension of the Lord*
Matthew 28:16-20



I appreciate the fact that the Indian dialect of English is different than our American expression of the language. It's even different than the English which the British speak, though it was they who first planted the seeds of the language in India.

One small but notable difference has to do with the word which Indians use for moving from one location to another, as when we buy a new house or build a new Parish Center. We, in the US, typically speak of "moving", while our friends from Fr. Binoy's homeland speak of "shifting". This past Sunday—what we called "moving day"—he called in his vocabulary "shifting day." It was the day when a handful of strong parishioners, with the help of a U-Haul, moved everything from our old parish hall and rectory offices to the new parish complex and offices there. There's still a lot of work to do.

Ascension isn't just about Christ moving beyond our sight and returning to the Father. It's also about a major shift. With Christ's ascent to the Father and His commissioning the disciples to preach the Good News to all nations, the whole world is shifted. Our axis once lay in sin and death; now it revolves and spins around the undying Love of God and newness of life.

It's up to us to make the move from old to new, but the Good News is that the horizon of hope and love and life is now limitless. That is a huge shift! So let's get moving. There's still a lot to do.
~ Fr. Victor Scocco, O.S.S.T.

NEW WORSHIP SPACE DEDICATION - JUNE 3RD

Next Saturday, we are moving into the new location at 7850 Parkside Blvd. with our **Dedication Ceremony Mass at 5:00pm on 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 on June 3rd, 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 temporarily NO bathroom facilities available at the Historic Church.

PARISH OFFICE

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.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE STARTING IN JUNE

Remember, when we move to the new Parish Complex, beginning June 3rd, our Mass schedule will change slightly.

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm

We hope everyone is using the invite cards we passed out last week to invite friends and family to join us! Additional cards are available to help spread the word.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

It will resume on July 7th in the new Parish Complex.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the move from the Parish Center and Rectory to the brand new building. They worked very hard for their pizza and sneak peek at the new place.

Thank you to Mike Aretz; Myles Boyd; Jimmy Depfer; Joey & Danelle Fernandez; Kathy & Meghan Furth; Randy Hayes; Pat & Mary Jo Hogan; Judy Kurtz; Mike Levesque; Jim & Kathleen Leddy; Christine, Jon & Valerie Magnuson; Laura Maroldy; Kevin Meier; Bob Petza; Andres Quintero; James Schad; Dave Shacreaw; Jason, Amanda, Jason Jr., and Jaheim Speller; Joe & Cathy Stegmaier; Joe Toher; Jeff Willson, our wonderful priests, and many others.

If anyone has some spare time during the day this week, we'll be unpacking everything. We could use more volunteers.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

SIT St. Lawrence will be holding a Prayer Vigil supporting Persecuted Christians around the world on Friday, June 23rd, 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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As we move into the new Parish Complex in June, we still 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! Please take this opportunity to serve the Church.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 27th: Solemnity: Ascension of the Lord

5:00pm + Carol Lazur req by Sherri Graham

6:30pm Neil & Linda Doran req by the Parish

Sunday, May 28th: Solemnity: Ascension of the Lord

8:30am + Frances Allen req by Miriam Heil

10:00am Mass for the People

11:30am + Sylvester Smith req by his family

5:30pm For all the parishioners of St. Lawrence throughout the years

Monday, May 29th:

9:00am* + Frank Tobitsch req by his family

Tuesday, May 30th:

9:00am** Morning Rosary Group

Wednesday, May 31st:

9:00am*** The Lambiasi family req by Richard Lambiasi, Jr.

Thursday, June 1st:

9:00am* A special member of Sam Stoudemayer's family req by Richard Lambiasi, Jr.

Friday, June 2nd:

9:00am* + Elizabeth Smith req by her family

Saturday, June 3rd: Solemnity: Pentecost

5:00pm For the future of St. Lawrence Martyr

Sunday, June 4th: Solemnity: Pentecost

8:00am Mass for the Unborn req by K of C Council #12180

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

12:00pm Mass for the People

5:30pm For the *Confirmandi* of this Parish confirmed today at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen

*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.

June 3 rd - 4 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Cassie B Katie B Timmy B Matthew C David N Joseph N Daniel P	Larry B Mary J	N/A	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Sunday 8:00am	Christian C Amanda S	Mike A	Ed A Dennis C Rocco D	Dwayne G Help Needed	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Hannah L Jason S	Carla D	Bev A Tom L Maureen M	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 12:00pm	Catie W	Bob S	Deacon John Help Needed	Michael L Ray T	Help Needed
Sunday 5:30pm	Help Needed	Allie D	Kathy F Lola R Jeff W	Steve F Drew F	Help Needed

CHURCH SUPPORT – MAY 20TH -21ST

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,486.69	\$3,094.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	2,096.00	2,029.80
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,530.50	1,830.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$8,113.19	\$6,953.80
Poor Box:	244.00	241.50

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media.

Half of the funds we collect remains in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



May 27th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Communication

May 28th: 2nd Collection: Catholic Communication

May 29th: Closed for Memorial Day

May 30th: No TLC
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Parish Ctr)
6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Sacristy)

June 1st: 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (Sacristy)
7:30pm K of C Meeting (Mtg Room 1)

June 3rd: 2nd Collection: Historic Church Fund
9:00am EMHC Training
5:00pm Dedication Mass at new building 7850 Parkside Blvd, Hanover, MD Archbishop Lori presiding

June 4th: 2nd Collection: Historic Church Fund
Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm in new Parish Complex

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.

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

One parishioner said that FORMED—which is free for all parishioners—is like YouTube for Catholics. You start watching one program, then another, then another.

To Watch: *The Truth Exposed* A power-packed apologetics film featuring five well-known converts to Catholicism—Scott Hahn, Marcus Grodi, Jeff Cavins, Joetta and Larry Lewis. Each has a unique and inspiring story to tell of his road to Rome and what he had to overcome to become a Catholic. A great film to strengthen Catholics in their faith, and for non-Catholics to consider taking the same journey.

Go to Documentaries- Special Topics

To Read: You Can Understand the Bible by Peter Kreeft. Many people are often understandably intimidated or overwhelmed by the sheer size and complexity of the Bible. But now popular author and Boston University professor Peter Kreeft has written a clear road map of the Bible, focusing his keen insight and engaging wit on the core message of each book. Kreeft also provides practical guidance for praying the Scriptures every day, allowing the reader to delve into the messages of Scripture in a manner that will surprise, delight, and reward.

Go to Nonfiction- Discover the Catholic Faith. For Kindle.

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. 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 take you to the Formed site.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Our Women’s Bible Study meets every Tuesday, from 6:30pm–8:30pm, 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 or call the Parish Office at 410-799-1970 ext. 50.

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

The topic for the summer is various interpretations of the Book of Revelation.

All are welcome.

REST IN PEACE



Please pray for the repose of the soul of long-time parishioner Ray Tansill, who passed away on May 21st, and for consolation of his family.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Barnes, the brother of parishioner Erin Baker, who passed away on May 20th, and for consolation of his family.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Amen.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in honor of Memorial Day.

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.

IMPROVE YOUR MARRIAGE

“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”
Find ways to let the Lord deeper into your marriage by going on a WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 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

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. The next session will be June 1st in the Sacristy of the historic church.

Young Adult Social Ministry usually meets on the second and fourth Friday or Saturday of the month. Please check the website for more information.

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



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*)
- Donations toward restroom renovation for Historic Church

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>

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 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.

PAPER RECYCLING

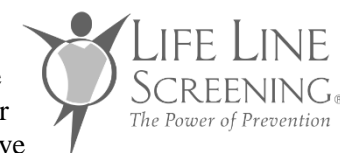
Do not bring any more paper from home to put in our paper recycling dumpster. The dumpster has been removed.

Thank you so much to our parishioners for the many years of bringing in paper. 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.

HEALTH SCREENING – JUNE 29TH

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive



and painless health screenings at St. Lawrence Parish on June 29, 2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or call 1-888-653-6441 or text the word circle to 797979.

DO YOU LIKE TO WORK OUTDOORS?

The **Church Grounds Crew** needs volunteers to help cut grass, at both the Historic Church and cemetery and at the new Parish Complex. For further info, please contact Michael Levesque via email michaelrlevesque@yahoo.com or by calling him at 410-262-6751.

PARKSIDE BOULEVARD

Please note for next week:

When heading to our new building down Parkside Blvd, you do need to drive past the traffic circle to get to the driveway that leads to our building. **Next week, follow the red and blue balloons to the new site!**

Also, while exiting the church: If you need to take a left from Parkside onto Rt. 175, please know that there is currently no traffic light on Rt. 175 (there are plans to install one in the future). It might be easier to turn right, drive through the Ridgeview Plaza parking lot to Rockenbach Road, then use the traffic light at the intersection to turn left.

ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

Last week’s answer: There are nine entrances to the new building, however we will mainly be using three entrances. If you park in the front circle or the side parking lot, you’ll want to head to the Main Entrance under the Bell Tower. If you are parking in the back parking lot, you can either head to the door under the Mosaic, or there is a handicapped entrance up the ramp.

This week’s question: As mentioned above, there is a Mosaic of St. Lawrence above the back entrance. It is pictured here.

What is the symbolism behind the items St. Lawrence is holding (a grate, a money sack, and a palm leaf)?



This Week In Youth Ministry: Hey teens! Have you grabbed our summer calendar? We kick off June 11th with a BBQ and water games. We’d like to welcome incoming 9th graders to join in on the fun! Questions? Email AnnaMarie Link @ annamarielink@gmail.com

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