

Scriptural Reflection

June 3-4, 2017

Solemnity of Pentecost Acts 2:1-11



If God can dream it, we can do it. Pentecost is proof of that.

It was the birth of the Church and the inauguration of its

mission. Saturday's dedication and blessing of our new worship space is also proof. Though all of us have worked in countless ways and through years of labor and building, it is the Holy Spirit that has enabled our efforts to bear fruit in the completion of our new parish complex.

Couldn't you just feel the Holy Spirit's Power and Presence at the Mass of Dedication? I know I did. And I am so grateful for gifts abundantly bestowed and tirelessly spent in service here in our parish.

As long as we continue to give the Holy Spirit permission to work in our lives, God's dream for us and for those whom we evangelize and serve will be beautifully realized.

To paraphrase one of the prayers offered by the Archbishop during the Mass, we are temples in whom the voice of the Spirit resounds, making us witnesses to the Gospel and servants to one another and to those in need through our varied ministries.

In my opinion, it would be hard to find a parish which is more richly blessed than ours. Thank you for giving the Holy Spirit permission to work in your life and in the life of this parish.

Just imagine how God's dream will be realized, as we move forward from this new beginning, new birth, and renewed Pentecost.

As I read today's first reading from Acts and envisioned a crowd gathered by God from Jerusalem, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Phrygia, Egypt, Libya near Cyrene, Asia and even Rome, I couldn't help but think of Saint Lawrence Martyr Parish.

We have been gathered from places like the Philippines, Korea, Taiwan, India, Bangladesh, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Nigeria, Cameroon, the US and other places—even from places as new as Parkside. Like the crowd at the first Pentecost, we have come from near and far, but the Spirit has truly made us one.

Our backgrounds are different, our talents are varied but the promise of our future is joyfully shared, as long as we continue to give the Holy Spirit permission to work in our life and inspire God's dream for us.

Yes, God has dreamed it and the best is yet to come.

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

MONDAYS AT THE HISTORIC CHURCH

While we have moved to our new Parish Complex, 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.

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.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, June 5th.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Remember, our Mass schedule has changed slightly.

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you again to our volunteers who helped out on Move Part II, last weekend, who helped put furniture into place.

Thank you to Mike Aretz; Luke W. Black; Larry Bowers; Myles, Bernadette, and Lily Boyd; Johnny Brown; Dennis Chatham; Scott Crocker; Michael Dodson; Phil Hampton; Andrew Herter; Jim & Kathy Leddy; Mike Levesque; Val Magnuson; Patrick McBee; Paula Noll; Bob Petza; Juan & Eleida Roman; Terry Schur; Joe & Cathy Stegmaier; Kay Stringfellow; Lawrence Walsh; Eric Ward; Jeff Willson, and Holly & Mattie Wilson.

Thank you also to the many people who came to help during the week: Bridget Archer, Dick Boivin, Kathy Furth, Meghan Furth, Stephen Furth, Imelda Gabel, Cathy George, Mary Jo Hogan, Judy Kurtz, Sr. Helen Milano, Trina Ngayan, Celia Rico, Allison Stanley, and Tony Stramella.

THANK YOU AGAIN!

We are grateful to those who contributed many hours preparing the new Altar cloths, corporals, purificators, lavabo towels, credence table cloths, Altar Server albs, six complete sets of new vestments, and twelve additional priests' stoles. Thank you to Kathy Furth and Mary Allen, Meghan Furth, Imelda Gabel, Ella McIntyre, Joan Mayer, Dione Meinhardt, Trina Ngayan, Marianna Punte, and Celia Rico for their hard work.

Mass Intentions

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**

Monday, June 5th:
9:00am* **Special Intention** req by Richard Lambiasi, Jr.

Tuesday, June 6th:
9:00am** **+ Robert Vandennecke** req by Judy & Dick Boivin

Wednesday, June 7th:
9:00am*** **+ James Prisco III** req by Jim Prisco Jr.

Thursday, June 8th:
9:00am* **Sr. Rea for healing** req by the Parish

Friday, June 9th:
9:00am* **+ Loretta Detollenaere** req by Judy & Dick Boivin

Saturday, June 10th: Solemnity: Most Holy Trinity
5:00pm **+ Ray Tansill** req by Bob & Maggie Petza

Sunday, June 11th: Solemnity: Most Holy Trinity
8:00am **Members of the Trinitarian Community, Hanover** req by the Trinitarians

10:00am **+ Josefina Perez** req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman
12:00pm **+ Ray Tansill** req by Joe & Cathy Stegmaier
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 on the calendar.

June 10 th – 11 th Ministry Schedule					
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00pm	Katie B Timmy B	Larry B Mary J	Rick B Bob G Elizabeth V	Jeff F Steve S	John S
Sunday 8:00am	Christian C Andrew S	Alan A	Dennis C Ed A Deacon John	Dwayne G <i>Help Needed</i>	Helen C
Sunday 10:00am	Cassie B Jason S	Mike J	Tom L Maureen M Deacon John	Darryl B Aida R	Angie N
Sunday 12:00pm	<i>Help Needed</i>	Skip W	Deacon John <i>Help Needed</i>	Michael L Jerry S	<i>Help Needed</i>
Sunday 5:30pm	<i>Help Needed</i>	Micayla N	Kathy F Lola R Jeff W	Steve F Drew F	<i>Help Needed</i>

CHURCH SUPPORT – MAY 27TH – 28TH

Category	This year	Last year
Envelopes: Regular Weekly	\$3,812.00	\$2,961.00
Loose: Regular Weekly	1,524.00	1,687.00
E-giving: Regular Weekly	2,384.50	2,380.00
Cath. Communication:	603.00	701.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$8,323.50	\$7,729.00
Poor Box:	328.50	254.50

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.



June 3rd: 2nd Collection: **Historic Church Fund**
9:00am EMHC Training
5:00pm **Dedication Mass of our new building**
Archbishop Lori presiding

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

June 5th: Parish Office Closed

June 6th: 10:30am TLC Bingo
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30pm Men's Bible Study

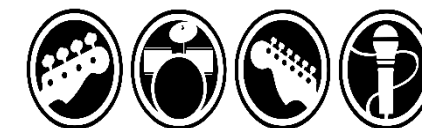
June 10th: 2nd Collection: **Catholic Schools**
7:30am Beans & Bread Outreach
9:00am 3rd Order Trinitarian Mtg
6:00pm Young Adult – Potluck at Parish, Go-Karting

June 11th: 2nd Collection: **Catholic Schools**
6:30pm Life Teen – BBQ and water games

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.



NEW DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Now that we are here, we have a brand new Devotional Candle Stand. The candles are made of real wax with electrified illumination.

After making a donation, you may press the button in front of an unlit candle, and it will remain on for a set time.

The taller candles in the back will be available as Memorial Candles. The Memorial Candle of your choice will include a small plaque with the name of your loved one mounted in front of the candle. Plaques will remain on display for a year for an annual fee of \$200. There are a limited number of Memorial Candles, so if you would like to reserve one, please call the Parish Office.

HELP US FEED THE POOR /BEANS & BREAD

Come to the Parish next Saturday, June 10th at 7:30am to help the Trinitarian 3rd Order make 510 meals for distribution to the poor. This is a good opportunity to earn service hours.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Attention Young Adults! **Young Adult Social Ministry** usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday or Saturday of the month.



- June 10th 6pm: Go-Karting after a Potluck at the Parish to start – bring food from favorite country or place)
- June 24th 6pm: Pasta Making class

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 15th.

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

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. They will not meet this week.

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.

STATUS ON WORSHIP SPACE CHAIRS

The Worship Space chairs *are* coming! While we have been under contract since December with an arrival date of May 15th, due to a delay at the manufacturer plant, the chairs will not be arriving until late June.

We do have a sample chair and kneeler here, so feel free to try it out!

In the meantime, St. Michael's in Mt. Airy was kind enough to lend us their folding chairs.

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 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.

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.

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 when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” Let the Holy Spirit infuse your marriage with increased trust and intimacy by participating in 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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We 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.

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
- Donations toward restroom renovation for Historic Church
- Audio/Visual equipment for the Church and Education/Meeting Wing

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>

HEALTH SCREENING – JUNE 29TH

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of



these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on June 29th at St. Lawrence. Register for a Wellness Package which includes four 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 call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle 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.

ANNUAL SIT CONFERENCE – JUNE 27TH-28TH

You are invited to the annual SIT conference 2017: *The Persecution of Christians: A Response of Mercy and Redemption*

This is sponsored by SIT (Trinitarian International Solidarity) USA and will take place at the Holy Trinity Spiritual Center, 8400 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21208 from Tuesday, June 27th at 8:00am until Wednesday, June 28th at 6:00pm.

Overnight accommodations are available from 4:00pm on Monday, June 26th and ending after breakfast on Thursday, June 29th.

There is no fee to attend (free will offering). To register, call 410-486-3166 or email sitconference12@gmail.com

PARKSIDE BOULEVARD

While exiting the church: If you need to take a left from Parkside Blvd. 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: The Mosaic at the new St. Lawrence Martyr building shows St. Lawrence holding a grate, a money sack, and a palm leaf.

The grate is because St. Lawrence was martyred by being grilled to death, the money sack is because he was the treasurer for the early Church, and the palm leaf is a symbol for martyrdom (and why our logo has palm leaves).

This week's question: How many meeting rooms/education rooms are in the new building?



This Week In Youth Ministry: Next week is our kick-off for summer after the 5:30 Mass! We will be having a BBQ and (weather permitting) water games! Bring your friends and a towel. We hope to see you there!

We'd like to welcome incoming 9th graders to join in on the fun!

Questions?

Email AnnaMarie Link @ annamaried.link@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