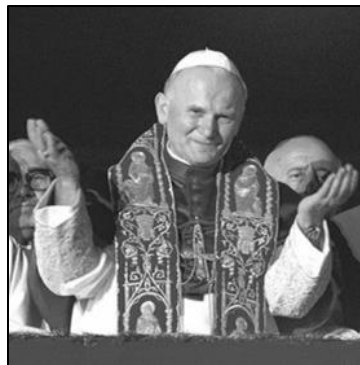


## Gospel Reflection

June 24-25, 2017

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mt. 10:26-33



One evening, in October 1978, a man named Karol Wojtyla stood in the loggia of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome and presented himself to the world as the newly elected Pope. I stood below in the front rows of the faithful, gathered in the Square. As soon as we heard who the new Pope was and learned where

he came from, I turned to my friends next to me and said, "Tonight will mark the beginning of a great change in our world."

None of us could really imagine or predict how great that change would be. The twenty-six years of Wojtyla's papacy which followed told the story.

When John Paul II was elected, the Cold War was raging and Christians were oppressed and persecuted throughout the communist world. The USSR, China, and other communist regimes had tried to extinguish the Faith. John Paul began his pontificate by saying, at the Mass inaugurating his Papacy, "Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To His saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid." Those words, first spoken by our Lord in today's Gospel, "Do not be afraid" and repeated three times in one way or another in the seven lines from today's Gospel, were repeated hundreds of times by John Paul during his papacy. He lived what he preached and absolutely did change the world.

He accomplished everything that he did, including the fall of Soviet communism, because he was not afraid. He changed the world because of the depth of his love and a fortitude and trust which came from the Holy Spirit.

In our own day, some of the countries affected by His fearlessness and conviction, countries which he helped liberate from oppression and in which he restored religious freedom, seem to be losing ground, if not reverting to former struggles.

Religious persecution is far more blatant and widespread in our day than it was in John Paul's day. What would he say?

I am certain he would echo, with even more trust and conviction than before, Christ's words which were John Paul's clarion call to the whole Christian world: "Do not be afraid."

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

## DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to two very generous donors, we have now sold every chair! And just in time for us to receive the actual chairs, which finally arrived on Friday! Thank you to all who donated toward the chair campaign, to our liturgical furniture campaign, and who are still donating to our Embracing Our Mission Capital Campaign!

We are working on the engraved book listing everyone's contributions and dedications.

We could still use additional donations for:

- Donations toward restroom renovation for Historic Church
- Audio/Visual equipment for the Church (e.g. LCD Projector/Camera)

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>

## FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will sponsor a Fortnight for Freedom, which began on June 21<sup>st</sup> and will continue until July 4<sup>th</sup> to inspire Catholics across the country to pray and learn about threats to religious liberty and peacefully act to defend this First Freedom of Americans. The Fortnight's theme "Freedom for Mission" reminds all of us that protecting religious liberty means protecting our right to advance the mission of the Church according to our teachings.

## MONDAYS AT THE HISTORIC CHURCH

Please note, Morning Prayer and Morning Mass on Mondays takes place at the Historic Church. There are temporarily NO bathroom facilities available at the Historic Church.

## OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for adult volunteers to staff the reception desk in the office. Volunteers would answer phone calls, assist visitors, and do light office work.

We have three shifts available: morning, afternoon, and evening. Let us know your preference and availability of day and shift. Any help is greatly appreciated. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

## NEW DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Take a look at our 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 are available as Memorial Candles. The Memorial Candle includes 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.



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>:** 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>:** 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00am + Josefina Perez req by Mr. & Mrs. Eleida Roman

12:00pm + Ray Tansill req by the Magnuson family

5:30pm Mass for the People

**Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* + Mass for the Prisoners of War req by Richard Lambiasi Jr.

**Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\* + Sebastian Dvorak req by Jim & Shirley Dvorak

**Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\*\* + Nicholas Bartko req by Dr. Glenda Snavely & Allison Stanley

**Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* + Derek Michael Dudley req his family

**Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* John Edet, for good health req by Bolanle Edet

**Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>:** 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass for the People

**Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am + James Prisco III req by Jim Prisco Jr.

10:00am + Francisco Quintero req by Angela Tovar Quintero and the Prieto Family

12:00pm + Jim Brennan req by Tim & Margaret Brennan

5:30pm + Patricia Burke req by the Magnuson family

\*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.

| July 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ministry Schedule |                     |          |                                   |                                |                    |
|--|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Time   | Servers             | Lector   | EM                                | Ushers                         | Greeters           |
| Saturday 5:00pm  | Katie B<br>Bianca H | Rick B   | Bob G<br>Phil H<br>Richard L      | Jeff F<br>Steve S              | John S             |
| Sunday 8:00am  | Amanda S            | Daniel S | Ed A<br>Bridget A<br>Dennis C     | Dwayne G<br><i>Help Needed</i> | Helen C            |
| Sunday 10:00am   | Hannah L<br>Jason S | Mike J   | Alan A<br>Bev A<br>Bill D         | Darryl B<br>Aida R             | Angie N            |
| Sunday 12:00pm   | Catie W             | Bob S    | Maria D<br>Deacon Dave<br>Debra W | Michael L<br>Jerry S           | <i>Help Needed</i> |
| Sunday 5:30pm  | <i>Help Needed</i>  | Jim L    | Kathy F<br>Daniel H<br>Bill R     | Steve F<br>Drew F              | <i>Help Needed</i> |

## CHURCH SUPPORT – JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup>

| Category                         | This year         | Last year         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Envelopes:</b> Regular Weekly | \$3,919.50        | \$2,550.00        |
| <b>Loose:</b> Regular Weekly     | 1,671.00          | 1,576.00          |
| <b>E-giving:</b> Regular Weekly  | 2,425.50          | 1,995.00          |
| <b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>           | <b>\$8,016.00</b> | <b>\$6,121.00</b> |
| <b>Poor Box:</b>                 | \$573.50          | \$318.50          |

## PETER'S PENCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Peter's Pence  
6:00pm Young Adult Social – Pasta making

**June 25<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Peter's Pence  
11:15am Prayer Ministry (McKennas)  
6:30pm Life Teen – Mini-Golf at Monster Mini-Golf, Jessup

**June 27<sup>th</sup>:** 11:00am TLC Lunch (Ma's Kettle)  
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
6:30pm Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm Men's Bible Study

**June 29<sup>th</sup>:** 8:30am LifeLine Screening  
7:00pm Rosary for the Unborn

**July 1<sup>st</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Schools  
Birthday/Anniversary Blessings  
6:00pm Larry & Tony performing at Cantina Mamma Lucia

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Schools  
Birthday/Anniversary Blessings  
1:15pm Baptism Class

## COME SEE OUR MUSICIANS

Larry Bowers & Tony Stramella, who sing at the 5:00pm Mass on the last weekend of the month, will be performing at Cantina Mamma Lucia's on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6pm-9pm. Come on out, support our wonderful musicians, and get some delicious Italian food.

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who pitched in on Friday morning to unload and set up 350 Worship Space Chairs and kneelers. Everyone worked together so well; even the truck driver was impressed at how quickly everything was unloaded.

### LECTOR MEETING – JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

A lector's meeting has been scheduled for July 16, 2017 at 1:30pm.

We will be discussing some issues and concerns and addressing some questions regarding the new building.

### MAKING ORDINARY TIME EXTRAORDINARY WITH FORMED

**To Watch:** Use Opening the Word to enhance your experience of the Word of God. Use weekly videos and prayer journals (downloaded from FORMED) to make the most of Sunday readings.

Located on the Home Page or go to Study- Opening the Word

**To Study:** Study ECHO by Bishop Donald Hying. The ECHO series contains short and engaging videos (min each!) which introduce each chapter of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults and provide an inspiring start to personal of our rich Catholic Faith. Use accompanying study guides to bring depth to these videos.

Go to Study the Catholic Faith

**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 take you to the Formed site.

### YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Attention Young Adults! Please join our **Bible Study for Young Adults**, which now meets the first, third, and fifth **Wednesday** of the month at 7:00pm.

The next session will be July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Young Adult Social Ministry** usually meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday or Saturday of the month.

- June 24<sup>th</sup>: 6pm Pasta Making class
- July 8<sup>th</sup>: 11:00am Brunch at Parish, followed by canoeing

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)

## IMPROVE YOUR MARRIAGE

*"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."* Experience increased trust and intimacy in your marriage by working through 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)

### SIT REFLECTION

My personal thanks to those who attended last Friday's SIT Prayer Vigil. It is always a special time to intimately connect with Jesus in regular conversation as we ask Him to ease the burdens of those put in harm's way because of their stalwart faith in Him. If you were not present, your prayers for our ministry are always very much appreciated—your assistance keeps us strong in supporting young children in Erbil, Iraq so they can experience continued tuition-free Catholic education, among other initiatives we are exploring. You all are truly the mechanism by which we can engage in concrete action for those hurting parts of the universal body of Christ.

The Vigil is a good segue to another event I want to remind you all to consider attending: the SIT USA conference. SIT St. Lawrence members will be present at the two-day event which runs from Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Trinitarian Retreat Center at 8400 Park Heights Ave. in Baltimore. The Retreat Center offers a bucolic and welcoming setting where experts from around the world convene and share stories of their personal struggles (e.g., this is where we were first introduced to Juliana Taimoorazy of Iraqi Christian Relief Council). We will also learn from Trinitarians and other activists who have done so much around the world to better the lives of the Christian family punished for holding the cross of Jesus close to them. In addition to stories, Tuesday night there will be a screening of the moving documentary *Our Last Stand* by film producer Jordan Allott. I encourage you to get an overview of the film online at [ourlaststandfilm.com](http://ourlaststandfilm.com) documenting an Assyrian woman's journey to her native Nineveh Plain region showing the beauty of hope amidst the plague of attempted Christian genocide. All these components, including meals and lodging (if you so desire) are all free of charge courtesy of the SIT ministry. Please e-mail [sitconference12@gmail.com](mailto:sitconference12@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending any part of the conference, and feel free to call the Parish Office or e-mail me if you have any questions.

The strength of this Parish is illustrated in the pure love you share with each other—even with those whom are afflicted that you will never meet. God bless you again for all that you do.

~Matt Behum, SIT Director ([mbehum@gmail.com](mailto:mbehum@gmail.com))

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to our following high school and college graduates!



### High School:

**Brian Michael Aretz:**  
Pasadena High School, MD

**Reagan Hodges:** Archbishop Spalding, MD

### College:

**Benjamin Andrysiak:** AAS, Information Technology,  
Monroe Community College, Rochester NY

**Julie C. Faust:** Masters in Education and Secondary Education, George Washington University, Washington DC

**Lola Rivera:** Master of Arts in Psychology, American Military University

**Cameron Rogers:** BA, Communication Arts/Journalism, Hood College, Frederick, MD

If your name or information wasn't included, please call or email the Parish Office.

### CATHOLIC REVIEW JULY EDITION AVAILABLE

Celebrate the accomplishments of more than 2,200 graduates of Catholic high schools in the archdiocese in a special section in the July edition of the *Catholic Review* magazine. Also, read a remembrance of Bishop Bill Newman, the beloved auxiliary bishop who died May 20. And get to know the archdiocese's newest priest, Father Kevin Ewing, who was ordained June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**There is also an obituary for our parishioner Ray Tansill and an article about our new Parish Complex.**

It's all in the July issue of the *Catholic Review* magazine, available this weekend on your way out of Mass.

### HEALTH SCREENING – JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle), text the word circle to 797979, or call 1-888-653-6441.**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thank you to all who have volunteered for our various ministries. While we've had a number of people volunteer for our liturgical ministries, our Hospitality Ministries could use some help. Remember, these ministries help form a visitor's first and last impression of our St. Lawrence community.

Our Greeters, Coffee Ministry, Parking Lot Ministry, and an Information Desk Ministry can all use new volunteers!

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. This is a vital piece of evangelization of our neighbors!

Please take this opportunity to serve the Church.

### 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.

### ST. LAWRENCE TRIVIA

**Last week's answer:** June 18, 2016, was the "Groundbreaking" for our new Parish Complex which opened on June 3, 2017.

**This week's question:** This week, the staff celebrated with Bob Petza, who is retiring from St. Lawrence Martyr at the end of this month. We will celebrate Bob's retirement with the parish later this summer. How long did Bob Petza work as our Facilities Manager?



**This Week In Youth Ministry:** This Sunday is our Monster Mini-Golf evening. High school teens, we will meet at Jerry's Subs and Pizza for dinner at 6:30pm (7351 Assateague Dr, Jessup, MD 20794). If you don't want to join in on the dinner fun, head over to the mini-golf location (7351 Assateague Dr Ste 380, Jessup, MD 20794) at 7:30pm.

You do need a permission slip (we will have extras at the door). Questions? Email AnnaMarie Link - [annamarielink@gmail.com](mailto: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