

# St. Lawrence Martyr Roman Catholic Church

**Main Campus:** 7850 Parkside Blvd • Hanover, MD 21076  
**Historic Church:** 2815 Jessup Rd • Jessup, MD 20794 (not a mailing address)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 9:30am–1pm, 2pm– 5:30pm

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday: 9:00am (Historic Church)

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00am (Main Campus)

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

## RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00–4:45pm (or by appointment)

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9:00am, 12 noon, 6:30pm

(check website and bulletin for info on Easter, Christmas, and Mary, Mother of God)

## DEVOTIONS:

**Morning Prayers:** Weekdays at 8:30am

**Rosary:** Weekdays after Daily Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Tuesdays at 6:00pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday from 7-9:00pm; First Fridays from 9:30am-6:30pm



Main Campus – open June 2017



Historic Church – circa 1866

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## Parish Center Scheduling:

[www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/scheduling](http://www.saintlawrencemartyr.org/scheduling)  
Parish Office: 410-799-1970, ext. 50

**Weekly Bulletin:** All announcements must be received in writing in the Parish Office or email [bulletin@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:bulletin@saintlawrencemartyr.org) by 12:00 noon on the Thursday 2 weeks prior to the weekend in which they are to appear.

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism:

Members expecting a child are encouraged to make arrangements for Baptism by contacting Deacon Dave prior to the birth. Adults wanting baptism or other Sacraments of Initiation can contact Jim Leddy at [adultfaith@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:adultfaith@saintlawrencemartyr.org). Preparation Sessions are required.

### Marriage:

Couples should contact one of the priests or deacon at least six months before the planned marriage. Pre-marriage instruction is required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office before surgery, when serious diagnosis received or at advanced age. A parishioner homebound, in the hospital, or in a care facility wishing to receive a visit or a sacrament, call the Parish Office at 410-799-1970, ext. 50.

## PARISH REGISTRATION:

All Catholics attending St. Lawrence Martyr Parish are asked to register with the Parish. Cards are available in the Parish Office, from an Usher at any weekend Mass, or from the Information Desk. Return registration cards by placing in the offertory basket. You can also register online at [www.SaintLawrenceMartyr.org/joinus](http://www.SaintLawrenceMartyr.org/joinus)

We will then mail you an informative Welcome Folder.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Chair:	Donna Ford	410-674-2887
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December 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Scriptural Reflection

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

2 Peter 3:8-14

Advent is a time, not only to look forward to Christmas, the commemoration of Christ's coming among us as man; it is also a time to focus on His coming at the end of time. Spiritually, our task is to ready ourselves for both, or either, of these comings.

I grew up during the Cold War. At school, the good Sisters, filled our little, impressionable minds with images of a world ready to be destroyed by fire and nuclear fallout at the push of a button. We periodically practiced hiding under our desks, in case of an attack, as if that would protect us and save us, were a world cataclysm to occur.

One night, I was convinced that it had actually happened. In the middle of the night the sky turned bright red. The scream of sirens and emergency vehicles seemed unceasing. Even inside our home, shuttered tightly, we could smell the smoke of destruction. I crawled into my parents' bed, fearing for our lives. They tried to assure me that everything would be okay, but to no avail. I was sure the end had come. I heard my mother and father whispering to one another and speculating on what was happening. My father got out of bed, once or twice and warily looked at the sky. Yup, this was it: the end of the world.

Difficult as it was to fall asleep, worried, as I was, that the invisible radiation was destroying us from the inside, while all hell had broken loose on the outside, I did eventually doze off.

Waking the next morning, the sun was out and the world was still there! The headlines were full of news about how the huge grain elevator on the Jersey side of the New York harbor, and only a mile from our house, had burnt to the ground. That's all, just one structure, not the whole world, had been destroyed by fire.

In today's second reading Saint Peter does predict that on the "*day of God...the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire.*" He doesn't specifically say it will happen in the middle of the night, but my experience as a Cold War baby makes me think that it will. I can see the red sky at night even now.

Scripture scholars would tell me that I am taking the description given in 2 Peter too literally. The destruction by fire, they say, is only an apocalyptic symbol signifying that the old will be destroyed and something new and eternal inaugurated. The point is not conflagration but transformation.

Whether the End comes in our lifetime or not, my life needs to be transformed by serious prayer, devotion and charity. And, as 2 Peter suggests, by practicing the same, I'll not only be ready, but may also actually quicken the glorious coming of God's eternal day.

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

### PRAYER VIGIL FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

SIT St. Lawrence will be holding a Prayer Vigil supporting Persecuted Christians around the world on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in the church.

The Vigil will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. Come to any or all. Join us as we pray, sing, and reflect on the lives of those who suffer for their faith in Christ.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The last Religious Education class for this year will be on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. In January, the classes will be January 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. First Eucharist classes begin with an Inscription Mass on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am, followed by a parent/child class.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Magnuson at [val@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:val@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call 443-510-5073.

### INTERESTED IN FURTHERING YOUR FAITH?

Have you or someone you know thought about joining the Catholic faith? Have you missed receiving some of the Sacraments and want to receive them now?

Now is the time to check out RCIA. For the next few sessions, we will be entertaining questions about the Catholic faith and basic beliefs of the Catholic faith.

If you are interested in the RCIA process, please contact the Parish Office at [office@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:office@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call 410-799-1970.

### CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

Purpose: To biblically and historically explore our Catholic faith.

Book: *Four Witnesses* (Bennett)

What do you know about Christianity between the years 100-300s? For example, Early Christian Doctrine. The "Catholic" Church, role of the Bishops, sacraments, and more.

Read with us the seven letters of Bishop Ignatius of Antioch, Syria (108 AD) written on his way to be martyred in Rome, "*I am the wheat of Christ ground by the teeth of beasts to become pure bread.*"

When: Monday nights, 6:30-8:00pm. All invited. Not too late to start.



**Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm **Mass for the Unborn** req by the K of C

**Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00am + **Yvonne Ogden** req by Miriam Heil

10:00am + **Ann Jarosz** req by Mary Jo & Patrick Hogan

12:00pm **Charlotte Kelly** req by Frank Kelly

5:30pm **Mass for the People**

**Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* **Richard Lambiasi Jr. to grow in his faith**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\* +**Guadalupe S Alvarez** req by Celia Alvarez Rico & family

**Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\*\*\* + **William Durr** req by Ed & Mary Allen

**Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* **Angelito Nicolas** req by Abgelito Nicolas for His Birthday

**Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am\* + **Sylvester Smith** req by his Family

**Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm + **James Prisco III** req by Jim Prisco Jr.

**Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00am + **Kathrine Eggerl Peters** req by Anna & Jerry Henline

10:00am **Trinitarian Community** req by The Trinitarians

12:00pm + **Adelaida A Melgar** req by the Guzinan 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.

<i>December 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Ministry Schedule</i>				
Time	Servers	Lector	EM	Ushers
Saturday 5:00pm	Katie B Timmy B	Maggie P	Phil H Larry B	Steve S Jeff F
Sunday 8:00am	Lilly B Amanda S	Ken W	Ed A Donna S Tony S	Ronnie M Dwayne G
Sunday 10:00am	Jason S Hannah L	Mike J	Deacon Dave Donna F Alan A	Darryl B Joey F
Sunday 12:00pm	Angel G	Elnora G	Maria D Rodney H Winnie S	Michael L Jerry S
Sunday :30pm	Bianca H Daniel P	Micayla N	Lola R Joan M Katie C	Drew F Daniel H

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

<i>December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>This year</i>	<i>Last year</i>
<b>Envelopes: Regular Weekly</b>	\$4,495.00	\$3,915.00
<b>Loose: Regular Weekly</b>	1,913.00	1,719.00
<b>E-giving: Regular Weekly</b>	3,273.50	2,713.50
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Catholic Schools</b>	937.00	505.50
<b>Total Offertory</b>	\$10,618.50	\$8,853.00
<b>Poor Box:</b>	\$91.00	\$505.50

**AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP**

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance.

Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.



**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**

7:30am Beans & Bread Outreach Project

9:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Meeting

4:00pm Reconciliation

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Donut Social after all AM Masses**

10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:30pm YDisciple (*Teen Ministry*)

6:30pm Catholic Discussion Group

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>:**

10:30am TLC

6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

7:30pm 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K of C

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>:**

6:00pm Gabriel Network

7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (*til 9pm*)

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm **SIT – Prayer Vigil for**

**Perscuted Christians** (*til 8:30pm*)

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Restoration and Maintenance**

9:00am **Breakfast with Santa**

10:00am Yound Adults Decorate

Gingerbread Houses

4:00pm Reconciliation

**Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Restoration and Maintenance**

**Donut Social after all AM Masses**

9:30am Rel Ed PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

11:15am Rel Ed 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00pm Baptisms

6:30pm YDisciple (*Teen Ministry*)



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FOR TEENS!! STUDY *Advent*

*Session 2: Trust in God* Long before an angel appeared to a young girl named Mary, the need for the angel's message was firmly established in history. At the start of Creation, mankind had rebelled, choosing to trust something other than its Creator, bringing sin and death into the world. So how does that event connect to a young virgin and a startling visit from a celestial being? This study explains. Presented by Brigid DeMoor. Go to YDisciple: Formation

**WATCH** *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message* The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds. Go to Knights of Columbus

**LISTEN** *Prepare the Way of the King* Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ. Go to Talks: Advent and Christmas

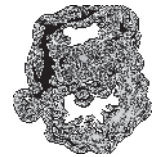
**FOR CHILDREN!! READ** *Christmas with Bernadette* With Christmas approaching, Bernadette wants to give everyone gifts. But it's so hard with only the pocket change of a seven year old. And Mama's about to have a new baby... which is exciting, but seems to wear her out. Will everything at home at school smooth out to give Bernadette and her family a beautiful and blessed Christmas? Go to Nonfiction: Practical Living

**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 and open your email received from "Formed" and click on the word "Verify". It will take you to the Formed site.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor Breakfast with Santa at the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 11:00am, for our children.



Breakfast will be served at no cost and Santa will be available to talk with the children.



## YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Young Adults! Please join us for **Bible Study for Young Adults**, which meets the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. The next session is

December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Join us at our Social Activities, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Upcoming events:

- December 16<sup>th</sup> –  
Gingerbread House Making
- December 19<sup>th</sup> – Young adults are invited to join Archbishop Lori for an evening of prayer, Las Posadas, and fellowship on December 19<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9pm at the Basilica in Baltimore.



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)

## RESPECT LIFE UPDATE

Did you know that Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) is the biggest threat to the Culture of Life in Maryland?

Once again next year, proponents of assisted suicide will try to legalize this dangerous practice in our state, putting our society's most vulnerable at risk and devaluing the sanctity of human life because of age, illness, or disability. transcends politics and is widely hailed by many members of Congress – please contact your Senator and voice support for **H.R. 390**. (*From USCCB Dept. of Justice, Peace, and Human Development*)

## REBUILDING

Separation and divorce can be the most painful experience in a person's life. It comes with overwhelming emotions and, in many cases, no place to turn into.

Rebuilding is a Christian-based support group for separated and divorced people sponsored by St. Bernadette Parish. You are invited to experience the guidance, care & confidentiality of this group while being exposed to tools to help you heal and discover hope again.

Just started and will meet every Wednesday from 7-9pm for 13 weeks, at St. Bernadette's Church, Severn, in the Conference Room. No registration is necessary. There is a one-time fee of \$15 to cover the expense of your workbook. More info contact us at [Rebuildingsevern@gmail.com](mailto:Rebuildingsevern@gmail.com) or call (410) 969-2793.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve – Sun, December 24, 2017



4:15pm	Musical Prelude
4:30pm	Children's Christmas Mass
9:30pm	Musical Prelude
10:00pm	Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day - Mon, December 25, 2017

9:00am	Mass
11:00am	Mass

### Holy Day: Mary, Mother of God - Mon, January 1, 2018

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am & 11:00am

### WANT TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH?



If you still have some decorating energy in you, you are welcome to help us adorn the Church for Christmas. The decoration will begin after the 9:00am Mass on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

For everyone who chose ornaments, all gifts are due back no later than Monday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. You can place them under the Christmas Tree in the Gathering area.

The presents can be wrapped or unwrapped, preferred in gift bags, but please be certain to attach the ornament which you selected, it contains information needed to get the gift to the right person.

Thank you to St. Lawrence parishioners for your incredible generosity!

### LECTORS

The lector workbooks for the new liturgical year are now available for your convenience in the Working Sacristy. Please be sure to stop by and pick up your copy.

Thank you to all of our lectors for their hard work in preparation each week to proclaim the Word of God.

### JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR DONUTS AND COFFEE!

Join fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after all morning Masses this Sunday! Please also join the Prayer Shawl ministry from 10am -12:00noon in the Hall.

## WEEKLY ADORATION

WEDNESDAY 7-9PM



Weekly adoration may be the answer to what you seek! St. Lawrence Martyr Parish is hosting two hours of evening adoration every Wednesday from 7:00-9:00pm. Please plan on spending some time with our Savior.

### ST. LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Our 2017 ornament, featuring our new campus, is still available for sale after all Masses this weekend or stop by the Parish Office on a weekday and we will make sure to get one or two. Remember -- They make great gifts! And they are only \$10 per ornament.

### TRINITARIAN 3<sup>RD</sup> ORDER

The Trinitarian Third Order is looking for new white tube socks to give to the homeless in Baltimore and Glen Burnie.



They will be collecting these items until March. The donations can be placed in the container in the main door entrance area.

### THIS WEEK IN TEEN MINISTRY

#### *Christmas Social – White Elephant Gift Exchange*

Join us for this wonderful event- A good time will be had by all!



If you have any questions, please email Sally Rico at [youthministry@saintlawrencemartyr.org](mailto:youthministry@saintlawrencemartyr.org) or call her at 410-718-3127.

We also provide dinner every week to our teens, so we'd appreciate any assistance especially from the parents. If you can help, call the Parish Office or contact Theresa Donnelly at [theresadonnelly16@hotmail.com](mailto:theresadonnelly16@hotmail.com) or Theresa Winkelmeyer at [twinkelmeyer@verizon.net](mailto:twinkelmeyer@verizon.net)

### FEAST OF ST. JOHN DEMATHA, DEC 17<sup>TH</sup>

Next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Trinitarians celebrate the Feast of Saint John DeMatha, the founder of our Order.

Please pray for the priests and brothers who, over the years, have served you at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish. Pray for our Trinitarian laity, members of the Third Order here at Saint Lawrence.



We thank God that the spirit and charism of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of Captives still lives in our Church and world.

# St. Lawrence Martyr Parish invites you to a Prayer Vigil for Persecuted Christians

Join us Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm



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*Guest reflection by noted author,  
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persecuted Church, and practicing  
Catholic Matt Walsh.*



*"...we are one body. If one part  
suffers, every part suffers with it.  
If one part is honored, every part  
rejoices with it" 1 Corinthians 12:26*

Followed by a reception with light refreshments.  
Come to any or all. Join us as we pray, sing, and reflect on  
the lives of those who suffer for their faith in Christ.

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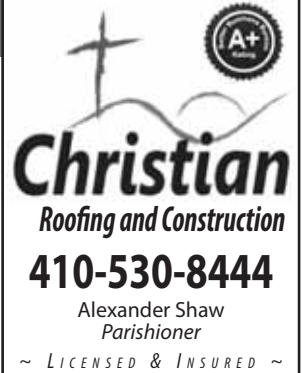
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