



# Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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Lyceum

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*St. Wenceslaus is "twinned" with St. Ann Church,  
at Greenmount Ave. and E. 22nd St.  
410-235-8169*

*Masses at St. Ann: Sunday – 9:45 a.m.  
Thursday - 7:00 p.m.*

## MASSES

SUNDAY  
WEEKDAYS  
HOLYDAYS

8:00 and 11:45 am  
8:00 am  
As announced in the bulletin

## CONFESSIONS:

Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment for confessions

## DEVOTIONS:

**Infant of Prague Novena** - Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena** - Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.  
**First Friday Holy Hour for Vocations** - 8:30 a.m.

## BAPTISMS:

Adult candidates and parents of infants are invited to contact the pastor so that we can begin preparations for baptism.

## MARRIAGE:

We extend a warm welcome to couples desiring to be married in the church. Please contact us early (six months or more) so that we can work with you to prepare for your wedding.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

Please notify the pastor when a member is unable to come to church. We will be happy to provide pastoral care at home or in the hospital.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School classes for children and youth meet every Sunday in the Lyceum from 9:30 to 11:30A.M. To register call the church office or Ms. Edith Pumphrey, Director, at 410-488-7069.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We urge you to register as a member of the parish, so that we can keep you informed of church activities. We will be happy to provide you with church envelopes to assist you in the support of the church. You may register in person at the church office weekdays between 9:00 to 2:00 or by completing the following form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Check:

New Registration       Moving out of Parish  
 Change of Address       Want Envelopes  
Catholic Review     Yes     No

Please cut out and drop in the collection box or mail to the rectory.

**SAINT WENCESLAUS CHURCH**  
**Feast of the Epiphany**  
**January 3, 2016**

*From the Pastor . . .*

**My Sisters and Brothers:**

I love the story of the “*Three Wise Men*” who came “*from the east*” (see *Matthew 2:1-12*). Although neither their precise number nor their actual names are mentioned in Matthew’s Gospel, tradition tells us that their names were *Balthazar, Caspar* and *Melchior*. It is believed that these men were Magi “*from the east*” who had come from the ancient lands of Media and Persia. Those same territories now include the countries we know as Iran and Iraq. In their homelands, the Magi were highly regarded priests of the Zoroastrian faith. Although monotheistic, adherents of Zoroastrianism were not Jewish, and therefore they would not have been considered to be members of the “*Chosen People of God*.” Mary and Joseph, and all those who shared their Jewish faith in those days, would have considered the “*Magi*” to be “*gentiles*” and therefore outside of the Covenant that existed between God and the Chosen People. This is precisely what makes their visit to the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem so very significant. It really does not matter specifically that the “*Three Kings*” followed a star and ended up at the manger in Bethlehem, but what is profound is that they came “*from the east*.” It is very significant to us that they were “*gentiles*” and that they were not Jewish. Their entrance into the Christmas story therefore tells us something very important about who Jesus is for all of humankind. Jesus Christ is Messiah for all people of the entire world; the “*Three Wise Men*” underscore this reality for us (*we who are also “gentiles”*) as they went to Bethlehem to “*do him homage*.” If they were able to do such, then all people from all corners of the earth are invited and encouraged to do the same. All people, from every land and nation, are now included in the family of God—the incarnation of Jesus, the God-made-flesh, opens a path for every single human being on the face of the earth to now be “*People of a New Covenant*.” May we be always respectful of our Jewish brothers and sisters, “*God’s Chosen People*,” and may we always be grateful to them for giving us Our Lord and Savior, our Messiah, Jesus Christ! May the story of the “*Three Wise Men from the east*” never cease to inspire us and remind us that we too are part of the very diverse, and great multi-cultural, multi-lingual, and multi-national family that makes up the very colorful and exciting Kingdom of God on earth!

**Praise God!** *Friar Timothy*

*NEW YEAR’S SCHEDULE...*

**New Year’s Eve:**

**7:30 pm St. Ignatius Interfaith Prayer Service**

**New Year’s Day:**

**10:00 am Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Mass**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Our sick and homebound members are very grateful for the cards and good wishes they received from the church family at Christmas. Please continue to keep them in prayer, along with all the intentions listed in the church prayer intention book

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Thanks to all who donated to our Christmas flower fund. There are lists in the back of the church of those who contributed and those in whose memory they were given.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all my friends at St. Wenceslaus for the lovely Christmas flowers. *Marie Troch*

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Please take the cards addressed to you from the table in the vestibule. Starting next week they will be moved to the bookcase.

**IN SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Helen Loney, who past away on December 20. A memorial service was held on December 30. May God grant Helen eternal peace and provide comfort to her family and friends.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next monthly meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 pm in the church rectory. All members are encouraged to attend.

**LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

The Lector Workbooks for 2016 are in. Lectors are asked to pick up their new workbooks in the sacristy and to check their names off the list at that time.

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**INVESTMENT CLUB WINNERS**

Week 9

\$100 – Pat Placide	Seller: Pat Placide
\$50 – Miriam Limmer	Seller: Miriam Limmer
\$25 – Mary Dorsey	Seller: Subscription

Week 10

\$100 – Lorraine Brown	Seller: R. Brown
\$50 – Mary Howard	Seller: Church
\$25 – Edward Skudrna	Seller: Edward Skudrna

**AFTERNOON AT THE RACES**

The first event on our calendar of social and fund raising activities for 2016 will be on **Sunday, January 31**. The Afternoon at the Races will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in the lyceum. **Note that there is no NFL playoff game scheduled that day.** Tickets are \$14, which includes a full dinner, beer, soda, snacks and hot dogs, plus a nine-race program.

**SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGES**

Purchase your subscription plan now at **the cost of \$132 yearly or \$11 monthly, a savings of \$32 for the year.** See Michael Hall or call the church office to reserve your subscription in advance of the January 31 Afternoon at the Races.

**MOTHER MARY LANGE AWARDS**

Congratulations to the nominees from St. Wenceslaus for the Mother Mary Lange Awards for 2016:

<b>Rhonda Cooper</b>	<b>Leadership Award</b>
<b>Nakia Parker</b>	<b>Service Award</b>
<b>Victoria Clark</b>	<b>Youth Award</b>

Each year during Black History Month the Office of African-American Catholic Ministries recognizes outstanding members of our parishes for their accomplishments. The awards will be presented at a banquet at Martin's West on Friday evening, February 12. Tickets for the St. Wenceslaus tables at the banquet can be reserved by calling the church office. In past years those who waited too long were not able to be seated at our tables, so reserve early. Tickets are \$55.

**NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS**

The Pastoral Council officers for 2015 – 2016 are:

**Chair: Bridget Holley**  
**Vice Chair: Judy Singleton**  
**Secretary: John Sherrill**

A list of the entire Pastoral Council will be in next week's bulletin. The installation of council officers will be announced at a later date.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading	Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Acts 10:34–38
Gospel	Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun, Jan 3	8:00 am	Louie Bridenbaugh & Family
	11:45	For the Parishioners
Wed, Jan 6	8:00	Albert Novak
Thur, Jan 7	7:00	Joseph Janssen (Gift of Hope)
Fri, Jan 8	8:00	Bartlett & Marie Regan

**FOOD PANTRY MEMBERSHIPS**

Membership in the Food Pantry program at the Lucielle Fitzgerald Outreach Center remains at \$30 for the year, payable in one or two installments before March 1. Members receive three bags of food each month, not including Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. The Food Pantry will reopen on January 6 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Emergency food is always provided without charge to anyone in need.

**FISH FRY & BINGO**

Thanks to all of you who came out in support of the Fish Fry & Bingo. Everyone had a good time, even Friar Timothy joined in the fun. From all the positive comments it was a great success. We would especially like to thank all the volunteers for all their help.

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERTORY**

**12/20/2015**

Masses	Attendance	Collection
8:00 am estimated	63	\$1,556.40
11:45	<u>55</u>	<u>\$1,031.01</u>
Total	118	\$2,587.41

**Last Year's Total – 12/20/2014 \$1,585.30**

**Christmas – 12/24/15 – 12/25/15**

Masses	Attendance	Collection
6:00 pm	88	\$ 515.75
9:00 am	<u>52</u>	<u>\$ 849.00</u>
Total	140	\$1,364.75

**Last Year's Total – 12/25/2014 \$1,355.27**

**12/27/2015**

Masses	Attendance	Collection
8:00 am	59	\$ 858.84
11:45	<u>39</u>	<u>\$ 278.87</u>
Total	98	\$1,237.71

**Last Year's Total – 12/28/2014 \$1,771.60**

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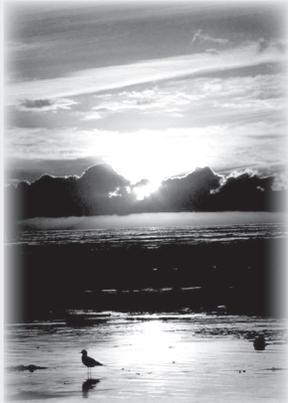
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