



# 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.

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### Check:

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 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 Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 10, 2016**

*From the Pastor . . .*

**My Sisters and Brothers:**

I don't have any children of my own, but I'm sure all good fathers and mothers are delighted when their children are happy and successful. Isn't it also true that most children want to please their parents and to give them pride and happiness? Most of us can probably remember a moment when our own parents expressed great satisfaction because we excelled in academics, sports, the arts, and/or with any of life's challenges and opportunities. I'm sure those of you who are parents can relate to this idea as well. Although not exactly the same thing, the Gospel tells us that God the Father in heaven expressed great pleasure with Jesus after he received the Baptism of John. Luke wrote: "*And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'*" (see Luke 3:22b). Exactly why was the Father so pleased? I think the answer to this has everything to do with the great humility and unity Jesus demonstrated by being baptized by John. It seems to me that by receiving baptism Jesus "*set the tone*" for the ministry for which he was about to begin. Certainly he did not need to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins that John had been preaching! But Jesus did want to show to others that he was one of them—and that in being fully human he too should do as they had done. Surely this was characteristic of the way he lived out all of his ministry and service to others. Jesus was always "*a man of the people*" and "*a humble servant of the needy.*" This is exactly what God the Father had sent him to be. It seems very pertinent to me then that he would launch his public career by humbling himself to receive John's baptism at the River Jordan. We believe that through our own baptism, we have died to sin, and through it we also share in the promise of new life. But here, during our mortal lives, we are also called to follow the example of Jesus in all that we do. As he "*humbled himself to share in our humanity,*" so too must we believe that we can now "*share in his divinity*" (cf. 2 Peter 1:3-4). John the Baptist promised that Jesus would "*baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire*" (see Luke 3:16). By this, I believe he meant that Christians would be given all the power they would need to live out their baptismal promises, and this is exactly how they would "*share in his divinity.*" This requires us to serve others just as Jesus has done. Isn't this "*the Holy Spirit and fire*" about which John spoke? And so, because we are baptized Christians, we are obliged to follow the example of Jesus and to serve those among us who are most needy. On this point, the idea of forgiving sinners, sharing bread with the hungry, healing the sick, as well as the other "*works of mercy*" and the like come to my mind. When we do such things, then we too will please our Father in heaven, and he will say to each one of us "*you are my beloved Child, and with you I am well pleased.*" This is something much greater than the feelings children have when they give joy to their parents or the delight such parents have when their children are happy and successful, but certainly there are similarities. May each one of us please our Father in heaven by the way that we live out our baptismal promises and by the manner in which we fulfill the demands of our Christian lives!

**Praise God!** *Friar Timothy*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please continue to remember in your prayers all parishioners who are sick, relatives, friends, our city, those who serve our country in the military and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Thanks to all who donated to our Christmas flower fund. Lists of donors and those for whom they were offered are available in the back of the church.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Check the bookcase in the back of the church for any unclaimed Christmas cards addressed to you. (You may even find some from last year.

**LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

Please remember to get your 2016 Lector Workbook in the sacristy and to check your name off the list.

**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. **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. For tickets see Michael Hall or check at the church office.



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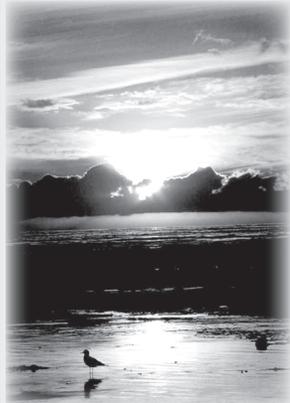
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