



Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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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
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
January 24, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

As I reflect on the words of today's Gospel (*see Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*), the word "**authority**" comes to my mind. In the first part of the Gospel, St. Luke confidently explains his purpose and the authority he had for writing his Testament. Later, in the same reading, we find that St. Luke portrays a Jesus who unquestioningly pronounced his Messianic authority by the way he preached in the Nazarean synagogue about himself, and in reference to the Old Testament Scriptures. It's no coincidence that our Church begins this "*Ordinary Time*" of the year with these reminders of Scriptural and Messianic authority. As Christians, and as member of the Church, we strive and hope to give assent to both! When we contemplate today's Gospel, we can then reflect upon our own lives of faith, and the confidence we place in this Jesus who is our Messiah; we also have trust for the words of the Scriptures and the way they teach us how to follow him. When Jesus revealed to the people who he was, he boldly quoted Scriptures and the words of the Prophet Isaiah as he proclaimed that he had come to serve the needy . . . "*to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives . . . to give sight to the blind . . . to let the oppressed go free . . . and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord*" (*cf. Isaiah 61:1-2*). Because of our Christian faith, we understand that Jesus certainly has the power and the authority to do just these things. We also understand that because we are now his followers, we likewise share in his mission to serve other people and to accomplish these things during our own lives. Isn't it true that there are many authoritative passages from the Scriptures that challenge and empower us with this message? And so my brothers and sisters, by the way we live our lives, may we be effective witnesses to the power and authority of Jesus himself. It is he who always serves others, and he who is our Lord and Messiah! As in the days when Jesus walked the face of the earth, may the Scriptures always enlighten us and guide us in the ways of our faith. And of course, may we always respect the teaching authority of our Church as we put our faith into practice. Together may we faithfully discern the authoritative words of the Scriptures and the message about Jesus contained therein! Let us thank our God for the powerful witness and authority of St. Luke and all of those who contributed to the writing and to the compilation of the Scriptures. And may we as individuals and as a community remain dedicated to our Lord Jesus Christ who by his Messianic authority always demands that we place ourselves in service to those who are most needy!

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers the son of Naomi Bennett, Donald, 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.

SUNSHINE CLUB

The Sunshine Club helps to defray the cost of a repast for church members who have lost a loved one – parent, spouse or child. The meal includes chicken, string beans, and baked macaroni and cheese, plus coffee and tea. Families may choose to provide other items such as cake, soft drinks or other meats. The cost for **membership is \$5 a month or \$60 a year**. For the death of a brother or sister a flower or \$25 is given to the family. To join, contact Mary Clayton or Mary Dorsey.

ST. MAXIMILIAM KOLBE PILGRIM RELIC

In commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Conventual Franciscan Friar, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Wenceslaus Church is scheduled to receive the "pilgrim relic" of the saint during the weekend of January 29-31, 2016. The relic will be on "pilgrimage" during the first nine months of this year, and it will visit many of the parishes of the Conventual Franciscan Province of Our Lady of the Angels in both the United States and Canada. St. Wenceslaus Church will welcome the relic with a special Mass on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us if you can!

TAX LETTERS

Call the church office if you need a statement of church contributions for 2015 for income tax purposes.

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Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
January 24, 2016

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Men's Club, to discuss the Easter Brunch, held today at 10:00 a.m. in the church rectory. All men and youth of the parish are invited to attend. Light refreshment will be available.

AFTERNOON AT THE RACES

Our first event of 2016 is only a week away. On **Sunday, January 31** we will hold An Afternoon at the Races **from 1:00 to 5:00 pm** in the lyceum. **Tickets** are still available in the office or from Michael Hall for **\$14**. You can bet on your favorite horse for \$1 and win whatever the odds are for that race. Or you can buy a horse for \$3 and win \$13.50 if your horse wins. **Forms for buying horses are due back today.**

SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING

On Super Bowl **Sunday, February 7**, our youth will be **collecting funds** in soup kettles outside of church for the **benefit of the soup kitchen at the Franciscan Center**. On a day when many are enjoying lots of good food, let us support our young people who are seeking to help the less fortunate.

MOTHER MARY LANGE BANQUET

Ticket reservations are being accepted at the church office for the Mother Mary Lange Awards banquet sponsored by the Office of African-American Catholic Ministries on Friday evening, February 12 at Martin's West. **Tickets are \$60 to be paid by February 4th**. Order your tickets now.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lectors are reminded to pick up the new lector workbook in the sacristy and to check their name off the list.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Please remember, if you haven't, to pick up your new church offering envelopes for 2016 in the last pew in the back of the church as you leave. We hope they serve as a reminder to you to continue your weekly offerings whether at home or away. Your use of these envelopes is a great help to us in our record keeping. Anyone not receiving church envelopes who would like to is asked to call the office at 410-675-7304.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
 Gospel Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sun, Jan 24 | 8:00 am | Eboselume Akhuemonkhan |
| | 11:45 | For the Parishioners |
| Tues, Jan 26 | 8:00 | Chloe E. Wilson |
| Wed, Jan 27 | 8:00 | Deceased Students & Teachers of St. Wenceslaus School |
| Thur, Jan 28 | 7:00 | Mary Burke (Gift of Hope) |
| Fri, Jan 29 | 8:00 | Alexander Diedrich |

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

| 1/17/2016 | | |
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| Masses | Attendance | Collection |
| 8:00 am | 60 | |
| 11:45 | <u>27</u> | |
| Total | 87 | \$4,329.65 |
| Last Year's Total – 1/18/2015 | | \$1,563.10 |

OUTSIDE THE PARISH. . .

Radio Mass is heard live Sunday morning at 9:03 a.m. on WQLL (1370AM), as well as WCBM (680AM). The Mass is rebroadcast Sunday evening at 6:03 p.m. on WCBM (680AM). See www.radiomass.org. Carolyn Dunne, Administrator, 410-539-7812.

St. Ignatius Church:

Interfaith Power & Light, an organization that supports faith communities in responding to climate change, will present a free **Home Energy Workshop** on Sunday, **January 24 at 12 noon** in the Chapel of Grace. For more information contact Annette Argal at argall@earthlink.net.

Oblate Sisters of Providence Events:

The Mother Mary Lange Guild extends an invitation to a liturgy commemorating the 134th anniversary of the death of Mother Mary Lange, OSP on Saturday, **January 30 at 2:00 pm** at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Rd. Fr. Godwin Akpan, SSJ will be the celebrant. A **reception will follow**.

The Oblate Sisters of Providence will hold their **Eighth Annual Chicken Dinner** at St. Francis Center 501 E. Chase St. On Saturday February 27 from 11am to 3:00pm. The **price** of the dinner is just **\$10.00** and the proceeds go to the upkeep of the Oblate Motherhouse and Care of the Sisters. Come one and all for togetherness, joy and shopping for quality items. For more information or tickets, contact Sr. Helene Therese 410-536-5687.

St. Louis Catholic Church: 12500 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, MD 21029

The Shroud of Turin Talk and Replica coming on Wednesday, March 2 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in Parish Hall Don't miss this opportunity to experience the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in a way that can make this an unforgettable Lent

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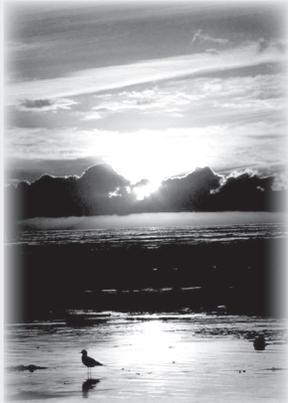
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