



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
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
February 7, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

I believe today's Gospel challenges us not to be afraid, and to trust that when God calls us to a task, we will be given whatever tools or strength we need to accomplish it. Saint Luke presents us with the miraculous events surrounding the calling of the first of Jesus' Apostles—the fishermen, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John (*see Luke 5:1-11*). Early one morning, after fishing all of the previous night and catching nothing, they were cleaning their nets and no doubt wanted to go home for some rest. It was then that Jesus approached them and began to preach to a crowd of people nearby. After getting into one of their fishing boats while preaching to that crowd, Jesus told Simon Peter to make one more attempt at catching fish. Jesus said: "*Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch*" (*see verse 4*). Although skeptical at first, Simon Peter complied and then was fearfully overwhelmed when so many fish were caught that even two boats could not sufficiently hold all of them. Simon Peter then cried out to Jesus: "*Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful person*" (*see verse 8*). Isn't it true that we might be tempted to cry out the very same fearful words when we have "*put out into the deep waters of our lives,*" and then have found it difficult to accept how God wants us to bear and respond to the challenges that such "*deep waters*" represent? These challenges may involve any number of life events, from the birth of a new child, to starting a new job, to beginning new relationships, to dealing with burdens of caring for sick and aging family members, to mourning the loss of a loved one, and so on (*and just to name a few*). In all of these things, in every "*deep water situation,*" Jesus tells each one of us, and as he said to the Apostles, "*do not be afraid!*" (*see verse 10*). The promise of today's Gospel then is that Jesus has authority and power over all such events of our lives, and that we must never succumb to doubts and to fear! As he sends us into the "*deep waters*" of our lives, Jesus may not specifically be calling us to be "*fishers of men and women,*" but he surely promises to be with us and to give us the strength we need to accomplish whatever we are called to do. I believe this is true for each of the situations in which we find ourselves during the course of our own lives. May we, like Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John, and so many saints after them, enthusiastically respond to whatever God calls us to do, and may we never be afraid! At all times and in any event, may we trust that our God will always provide for our needs—and likewise for the needs of those around us! Let us encourage each other with this message, and may we always remember those precious and encouraging words of Jesus . . . "*Do not be afraid!*"

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	Deuteronomy 26:4–10
2 nd Reading	Romans 10:8–13
Gospel	Luke 4:1–13

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Feb 7	8:00 am	Anne Diedrich
	11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues, Feb 9	8:00	Mary Catalfurso (Living)
Wed, Feb 10	8:00	Sr. Albertine Mallett FMM
Thur, Feb 11	7:00	Healing of Beth Kennedy (Gift of Hope)
Fri, Feb 12	8:00	Sarah Agnes Schuck

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SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING

Our youth will be collecting funds in soup kettles outside of church today 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

LENT BEGINS. . .

Ash Wednesday, February 10: 8:00 am St. Wenceslaus
 7:00 pm St. Ann

The **'Living the Eucharist'** series, which focuses on the Sunday Scriptures of Lent and connects them to the Mass and to our lives, will be held again this year. Prayer groups will begin meeting the week of February 14th, throughout the week, and continue for 4 weeks. Please use the signup sheets in the back of the church to choose a meeting day and time and consider offering your services as a group leader.

Palm Sunday, March 20: 8:00 am St. Wenceslaus
 10:00 am Palm Sunday in Park (near St. Ann) followed by 11:00 am Mass--with joint choir from St. Ann and St. Wenceslaus

Monday, March 21: 7:30 pm Chrim Mass at Cathedral
 Wednesday, March 23: 7:00 pm Seder Meal at St. Ann
 Thursday, March 24: 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Ann with St. Wenceslaus

Friday, March 25: 3:00 pm Service of the Lord's Passion St. Ann with Fr. Peter Trembly?
 3:00 pm Service of the Lord's Passion St. Wenceslaus with Friar Timothy

Saturday, March 26: 7:00 pm Easter Vigil St. Ann with Fr. Peter Trembly?

7:00 pm Easter Vigil St. Wenceslaus with Friar Timothy
Easter Sunday, March 27: **Modified Mass Schedule:**
9:00 am at St. Wenceslaus 10:30 am at St. Ann

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend at parishes across the archdiocese, parishioners will be asked to make a pledge to support the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, "A Light Brightly Visible." The Annual Appeal is not to be confused with the Capital Campaign "Embracing Our Mission" which looks to the long term development needs of the archdiocese. The Annual Appeal funds programs such as Catholic Charities, scholarships to Catholic schools, college campus ministry, hospital ministry, the Office of Black Catholics, and grants to parishes, including our own, for emergency repairs. Besides the rebates for our pledges we have receives generous grants form our partner parishes. Please give prayerful consideration to making a pledge to the Appeal on Sunday.

SAVE THESE DATES... Annual Youth Group **Spaghetti Dinner and Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday, February 20**, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm in the lyceum. The cost is still only **\$5**.

The Oblate Sisters of Providence... 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**. 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.

Men's Club Breakfast Raffle...

The Men's Club will hold a raffle drawing on April 3, 2016. Prizes include a 32" HDTV, \$75.00, Walmart Gift Card, and a \$50.00 Outback Restaurant Gift Certificate. Raffle tickets are a donation of \$1 each or seven for \$5, available from the Men's Club members and the church office.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS			
1/31//2016	Masses	Attendance	Colletion
	8:00 am	56	
	11:45 am	<u>34</u>	
Total		90	\$2,345.50
Last Year's Total – 1/18/2015			\$1,563.10

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Lent, parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will once again promote participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the program, The Light is on for You. We will participate in the following way:

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016 –

Eucharistic Exposition and Confessions:

3:00 – 4:30 pm St. Wenceslaus

5:30 – 8:00 pm St. Ann

Please take advantage of this opportunity during Lent and before Holy Week in order to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

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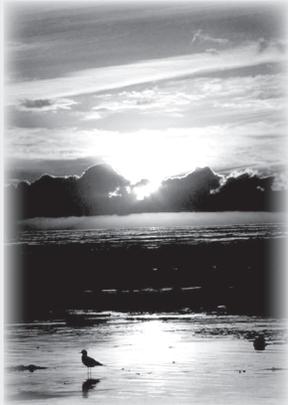
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