



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
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

In today's Gospel we hear the words of Jesus, "*I give you a new commandment: love one another . . . as I have loved you, so you also should love one another . . . this is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*" (see John 13:34-35). Isn't it clear that Jesus was very direct and to the point with these words? As Christians, we **must** demonstrate our love for each other with both our words and our actions. Unfortunately, isn't it sad and true that many people, even some who claim to be "*Christian*," simply do not follow this basic mandate of our faith? It seems to me that some will hide behind some type of "*righteousness*," and then make all kinds of excuses in order to justify their withdrawal of love and respect from others. These "*righteous*" people may give reason after reason why their lack of charity toward certain men and/or women is completely warranted. Like litigious lawyers, they will come up with specific examples of the failings of others, and they will claim they have "*done this or that*," or they have "*lived ungodly lives*," or they have "*committed unforgivable sins*," or they have "*harmed people with malicious intentions*," or they have "*failed to follow the rules*," or they have "*lived questionable lifestyles*," or they have "*expressed the wrong political views*," or they have simply "*rubbed people the wrong way*," etcetera, etcetera. Once the "*righteous*" have made their cases against these obvious "*sinner*s," then withdrawal of love and respect, and their subsequent ostracization, may seem completely justified. After all, they may rationalize, Jesus wasn't talking about "*those kinds of people*" when he said we "*must love one another*." **Or was he?** We might recall that this teaching on love occurred at the Last Supper. There, Jesus had washed the feet of his "*unworthy*" disciples, and he had taught them about the sacrifice of his own life he himself would make for the sins of others. And he said to them "*I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do*" (see John 13:15). It seems clear to me, as Jesus lovingly and completely gave himself for others, even for those who were "*unworthy*," he calls us to do the same. Yes, he even wants us to love those "*sinner*s" who may have done us wrong! And at times we know, because we are mere men and women, it will not be easy to follow this most difficult command! But I believe we must follow it if we dare to call ourselves Christians! As we contemplate this mandate, it may be helpful for us to remember the words from St. Paul's teaching on love. He wrote: "*Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails . . .*" (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a). As we remain ever faithful to love others as our Risen Lord Jesus requires of us, let us always and enthusiastically do so with heartfelt words and corresponding actions!

Christ is Risen, Truly, He is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue to keep in prayer Friar Timothy and his family, all our parishioners who are sick or recovering from an illness and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

READ THE BULLETIN ON LINE

Missed church because of illness or the weather? Keep up by reading the weekly bulletin on line at www.stwen.org.

SAINT WENCESLAUS CHURCH
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016

ELECTION DAY

Primary Elections will be held **Tuesday, April 26**. Polling will be open from 7 am – 8 pm. For sample ballots and polling locations in your area visit: www.elections.maryland.gov or call **410-396-1444** for city residents or **800-222-8683** for locations in your zip code. **REMEMBER TO GET OUT AND VOTE!**

INVESTMENT CLUB WINNERS

Week 7 Winners

\$100 – Rosalie A. Hand	Seller: Church
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TOWN HALL MEETING

St. Wenceslaus Needs Our Help. We need ideas and plans to help our church to continue to move forward. We will be having a Town Hall meeting to encourage the exchange of ideas that we can utilize to help our church grow in faith, family, and community. It will be held **Saturday June 4 2016, at 12:00 pm**. Pot luck style refreshments will be served, so bring a dish and your ideas so that we can get our church on track to a bigger and better future together. Remember to mark the date on your calendar.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Representatives from **St. Ann, St. Wenceslaus and St. Francis Xavier** will gather together on **Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9am – 2pm** at St. Anthony Shrine in Ellicott City. Remember them in prayer as they come together to discuss plans for collaboration efforts between our parishes.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

We will begin a nine day novena of Masses on Mother's Day, **May 8** for our mothers, living and deceased. There are envelopes in the back of the church you may use to list names to be placed on the altar for the novena. A free will offering may be enclosed but is not required. There are Mother's Day novena cards available in the church office.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY

We will celebrate Family and Friends Day on **Sunday May 15 with a single Mass at 11:30 a.m.** followed by a complimentary luncheon in the Lyceum. Plan ahead and invite your family and friends to join us.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading	Acts 15:1–2,22–29
2 nd Reading	Revelations 21:10–14,22–23
Gospel	John 14:23–29

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Apr 24	8:00 am	Joseph K. Koudelka
	11:45	For Parishioners
Tues, Apr 26	8:00	John Moscata
Wed, Apr 27	8:00	Fanny & John Greer
Thur, Apr 28	7:00	No Intention
Fri, Apr 29	8:00	Eva Knight (Living)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	<i>Masses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Collection</i>
4/24/2016	8:00 am	60	
	11:45	<u>37</u>	
Total		97	\$1,433.72
Last Year's Total – 4/26/2015			\$1,514.65

OUTSIDE THE PARISH...

PRODUCE MARKET... Bon Secours Hospital 2000 W. Baltimore St. Middle Dining Room, 1st Floor Time: **7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. May 12-13, June 9-10**

NAACP ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST... Baltimore City branch of the at the Forest Park Senior Center (4801 Liberty Heights Ave) on Saturday, **May 7th from 9 a.m. - 12 noon**. For more information or ticket sales contact Joe Aston (443-226-9459 or joeaston1@hotmail.com).

OSP GUILD RECOMMITMENT CEREMONY... Sponsored by the Mother Mary Lange Guild Board will be held on **Saturday May 21, 2016 at 2:00 pm** in Our Lady of Mount Providence Chapel, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD. Reception follows the ceremony.

ST. ANN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR... for our church family and our neighbors from the surrounding area. The date for the fair is set for **Saturday May 21, 12 – 3 pm**. There will be free health information and screenings, along with snacks and entertainment for children. If you can help with set up, clean up or any of the activities planned for that day please contact Doris Foster (410-254-3479) or the parish office (410-235-8169).

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