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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	8:00 and 11:45 am
WEEKDAYS	8:00 am
HOLYDAYS	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
Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday
May 15, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

It is said that this Great Feast of the Pentecost is a commemoration of "*the birthday of the universal Christian church*." As we begin our celebration of the Mass on this day, we pray together the following words: "*O God . . . sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth . . .*" (*from the Collect or "Opening Prayer," at the Mass during the day*). With this in mind, let's recall the account given in the Acts of the Apostles today in which we are told that people from all over the world had gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. These scriptures tell us that "*there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem*" (*see Acts 2:5*). Such men and women of faith, from near and far, had customarily gathered at the temple every year for the ancient Jewish Feast of the Pentecost, one of seven annual religious festivals, this one for which they would commemorate the giving of God's law to Moses on Mount Sinai and also mark the annual beginning of the wheat harvest.

The word "*Pentecost*" literally means the "*fiftieth day*," and so this feast was observed fifty days after the second day of Passover. Christians count in a similar manner, and so they observe the Feast of the Pentecost fifty days after the celebration of Easter Sunday.

The Acts of the Apostles tell us that ten days after the Ascension of Jesus and on the Feast of Pentecost, "*Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs*" had gathered at the temple in Jerusalem (*see Acts 2:9-11*). It would not have been unusual to see a gathering of such an international and multi-lingual crowd for the Jewish Feast of the Pentecost! The people mentioned in this account would have come from places that in the modern day include North Africa, Iran and Iraq, Turkey, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, and Mediterranean coastal areas including Greece and Italy (*as we all know, in our own time and about some of these areas, we often hear dreadful news!*). While it is most unfortunate that the Christian faith has nearly disappeared from those places since the time of the early church, the naming of peoples from those "*distant lands*" in the Acts of the Apostles is in fact a very significant detail. It demonstrates clearly to us the universality of the Christian church, and that the love of the Father, the saving presence of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit are given to all men and woman and at every time and place.

The universal Christian church, whose "*birthday*" we celebrate today, is for everyone – and it's even for people who are "*different*" than us! The Christian faith, empowered by the great gift of the Holy Spirit among us, embraces all men and women! Always and with fervor, may we continue to pray that our God will "*pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth!*"

As we bring the fifty days of this Easter Season to a close on this Great Feast of the Pentecost, let us invoke the power of the Holy Spirit as we recall that ***Christ is Risen, Truly, He is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

WELCOME, FAMILY & FRIENDS

It is a joy to welcome members of our extended family to the church today: relatives, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. We are all part of God's family and we share his gifts and blessings with one another and with all those whose paths we cross. May the Lord always keep us close to himself and close to one another.

INVESTMENT CLUB WINNERS

Week 10

$100 –	Frank Pocta	Seller: Church
$ 50 –	Rita Chapman	Seller: Church
$ 25 –	Joe Scheurich	Seller: Church

This concludes the Spring Investment Club.
Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who took part. The Fall Investment Club will begin on October 9th.

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PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

We express our sympathy to Mary Carr and Family on the death of her son. Funeral services were held on Wednesday May 11th at St. Wenceslaus Church and to Mary Dorsey and Family on the death of her sister. Funeral services were held on Friday May 6th.

50th JUBILEES OF FR. PETER & FR. JORDAN

We congratulate our former pastor, **Fr. Peter Lyons,** who this year has reached his **50th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood**! We also congratulate our dear **Fr. Jordan Hite, who this year marks his 50th Anniversary of religious profession!** Both Fr. Peter and Fr. Jordan invite you to join them in celebrating these Jubilees at a special Mass and reception to take place on **Wednesday, July 13, 2016 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet on the table in the back of the church so that a space can be reserved for you. Deadline to sign up is June 19th.** If you would like to send greetings to Fr. Peter and/or Fr. Jordan, for this occasion, their addresses are: Fr. Peter Lyons, TOR, Sacred Heart Friary, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA, 15940; Fr Jordan Hite, TOR, St. Louis Friary, 831 Varnum St., NE, Washington, DC, 20017. Congratulations Fr. Peter and Fr. Jordan.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

1stReading	Proverbs 2:1–11
2ndReading	Romans 5: 1–5
Gospel	John 16:12–15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	May 15	8:00 am	Mothers Day Novena
		11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues.	May 17	8:00	Mothers Day Novena
Wed.	May 18	8:00	Brother Stan, CSSR
Thur.	May 19	7:00	Eva Knights
Fri.	May 20	8:00	Kathryn R. Goldbeck

IN APPRECIATION OF 30 YEARS

There will be a **Potluck Luncheon held in the Lyceum for Craig Randall** for his **30 years of service** to the St. Wenceslaus Church Community. **Date and time TBD.** Watch the church bulletin for further information.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP

Remember, to guarantee your seat a **Non-Refundable Deposit of $25 per ticket is due by May 22nd** for the St. Ann/St. Wenceslaus bus trip to see ***"Samson"*** at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA on **October 29th.**

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	Masses	*Attendance*	*Collection*
5/8/2016	8:00 am	66	
	11:45	52	
Total		118	$1,897.66

SUNSHINE CLUB

The Sunshine Club exists to provide help to defray the cost of a repast for church members who have lost a loved one. We are a group of parishioners who work together to serve our members in time of loss. We prepare and serve a meal of chicken, string beans, baked macaroni and cheese, plus coffee and tea. Families may choose to provide other foods, deserts and soft drinks. 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. Contact Mary Clayton or Mary Dorsey if you wish to become a member.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

The subscription plan for church activities has been a major factor in the success of our fund raising efforts. **Reminder to subscribers you can continue to make payments on your plan to either Michael Hall or Alicia Champlin, after each Mass, or turn it in at the office.** By purchasing your subscription to sponsored events held you get a bargain and the church is assured all the events have enough participants to go forward. **Remember the cost of the subscription plan is $132 yearly or $11 monthly.**

OUTSIDE THE PARISH…

St. Ann's Community Health & Wellness Fair… Saturday May 21, 12 noon – 3 pm. There will be free health information and screenings, snacks and entertainment for children. Don't miss the music food and fun. All are invited and if you can help with the 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).

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

Vocations in the Black Community…Theme: 'Hush Somebody's Calling My Name', 3301 Windsor Ave., Baltimore, MD 21216. **May 24 at 9:45 am – 3 pm**. Lunch will be provided. **This event is FREE**. Please register by May 24, reply to 410-625-8472. See flyer posted in back of church.

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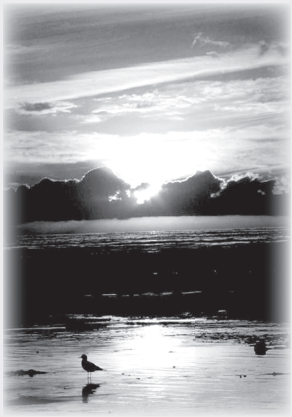

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