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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 _____

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New Registration Moving out of Parish

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Please cut out and drop in the collection box or mail to the rectory.

SAINT WENCESLAUS CHURCH
Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
June 12, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Every day, Christians pray to God, “*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*” Today’s Scriptures speak to us about that forgiveness, and about the grateful and loving hearts we are called to have as those who have experienced God’s mercy. These Scriptures also have something to teach us about how we, as sons and daughters of a loving God, therefore ought to forgive those who have sinned against us. In the first reading, King David repented from his very grievous sins and was then offered forgiveness from God (*see 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13*). In today’s Gospel, Jesus showed tremendous mercy toward the “*sinful woman*” who had been criticized by the Pharisee because she was “*a woman of ill repute*” (*see Luke 7:36—8:3*). Without regard to the “*rule of law,*” God was very merciful to King David and to the sinful woman, and they both responded with loving hearts, and with renewed lives dedicated to God’s will. Might we then also be forgiving as our heavenly Father is forgiving?

In my own life, and probably like most people, I’ve known pain and disappointment when others have committed sins and/or injustices against me. After such experiences, it may be a common temptation to hold on to anger, resentment, and bitterness against those who have caused such harm. It might even seem easier, or downright satisfying, to be unforgiving! Indeed, it seems to me that we live in a time when “*forgiveness*” can be very selective, even on the part of people who call themselves Christians. The “*wisdom of the world*” (maybe that “*rule of law*”) dictates that some sins and misdeeds can be easily forgiven, while others are eternally unforgivable. In some cases, the guilty must carry their punishments forever, and the victims are likewise justified to hold them to such, and with contempt, in perpetuity. Although I am a Christian, I wouldn’t suggest that those who have committed sins and/or injustices not be held “*accountable,*” nor do I believe that “*justice*” should not indeed prevail, but our faith does clearly challenge us to “*forgive those who trespass against us.*” So how do we forgive others, and how do we let go of those negative feelings and emotions that tempt us to be unforgiving?

Isn’t it true that “*forgiveness*” is more about those who forgive than those who are “*forgiven?*” Isn’t it true that when we forgive others, what we really do is let go of any type of negative control they may have over our emotions and over our lives? Isn’t it true that when we forgive others, we no longer allow them to have power over us in any kind of way? So may we generously forgive others, especially those who have seriously wronged us. After all, God surely will be their judge, and from an eternal perspective, divine justice will truly prevail! And I heartily believe it’s also possible those we have forgiven may in fact completely turn away from their sins, and they may truly express sorrow and remorse to us. In the best of cases, we may be completely reconciled and find peace with those we have forgiven!

And so my sisters and brothers, just as we pray in the Lord’s Prayer, let us forgive others as our heavenly Father has forgiven us! If we can do so, then I believe we will be able to experience emotional freedom, and hearts full of gratitude and love. Let us encourage each other with this Christian message of forgiveness!

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Naomi Bennett and family** for the loss of her daughter, **Denise Garrett**, who was called home to God on Saturday, June 3rd. May God grant Denise eternal peace and provide comfort to all of her family and friends. A service will be held in Syracuse, NY on June 25th.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Council held on **Tuesday June, 14 at 7:00 pm** in the church rectory. All members are encouraged to attend.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Fund Raising Committee held on **Sunday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m.** in the church rectory. All members are encouraged to attend.

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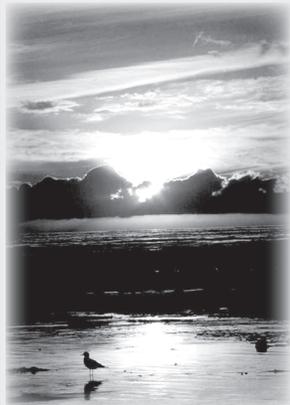
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