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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
Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
June 26, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

The adage “*don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today*” is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin, one of the greatest “*Fathers of our Country.*” Even so, the advice contained in this wise saying has probably been on the lips of the sages throughout the centuries. I believe the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel, “*no one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God,*” echo this same sentiment (*see Luke 9:62*). From a Christian perspective, we are taught by these words that when our God calls us, we must respond immediately and with enthusiasm. And oh how difficult this is to do at times! We may be like those in the second part of today’s Gospel who claimed they wanted to follow Jesus, but then came up with this or that excuse to avoid the prompt demands discipleship placed upon them. In response, Jesus said those who “*looked back*” would never be able to keep their eyes focused ahead, and on the faith-based tasks set before them. Of course, the same may be true for us today.

With this in mind, and if you are anything like me, then you know all too well the temptation to procrastinate when faced with the things in life that must be done on a daily basis. You would probably agree with me and understand it’s nearly impossible to stay focused and on top of these things if we “*put off until tomorrow what we need to do today.*” Spiritual procrastination is even worse because it suppresses our abilities to let go of past sins, to forgive others, to respond faithfully to the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to put our faith into practice on a daily basis, especially in the way that we relate to other people. Quite to the contrary, Jesus demands that his followers never procrastinate with the obligations their faith places upon them.

In the first part of today’s Gospel, when the Apostles James and John suggested “*calling fire from heaven*” in order to punish the inhospitable Samaritans, Jesus “*rebuked them*” because they wanted to act with vengeance, and in a way based on former ways of doing things. Calling “*fire from heaven*” would literally have been a way of “*looking to what was left behind.*” Such thinking had been encouraged by teachings from the Old Testament, and in fact was not an uncommon “*wisdom*” promoted by many other faith systems of the day (*for example, see Leviticus 24:19–21*). Even in modern times we can find too many examples of such ways of thinking promoted by both secular laws and religious systems of belief. Unfortunately, this is remarkably true even among some individuals, communities and churches who claim to follow Jesus. Although James and John apparently they hadn’t yet fully grasped the full meaning of the teachings of Jesus, today we have no excuses to hold on to former pre-Christian ways of thinking and acting.

Jesus spoke of love, forgiveness, and mercy. When our God calls us to the Christian way of life, and to every tenet of the New Covenant, we must answer immediately and completely! As followers of Jesus let us not procrastinate with the obligations of our faith, and may we never “*put off until tomorrow what we can do today,*” especially in the way we treat our fellow human beings (*and that includes all of them!*). May each one of us therefore be “*fit for the kingdom of God.*”

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our sick members, especially Marie Troch, who is in the Franklin Woods Center, 9200 Franklin Square Dr, Rm 140A, Baltimore, MD 21237, Donald Benedict and Charles Supik. Continue to remember in your prayers Fr. Timothy and his family, relatives, friends, our city, those who serve our country in the military and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book

THANKS FROM OUR SENIORS

The senior members of St. Ann and St. Wenceslaus churches extend thanks to Edith Pumphrey, the teachers and students of our Sunday School, and volunteers for the June 11th Appreciation Luncheon, the gifts and entertainment. God bless you for your kindness.

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FIRST FRIDAY

July 1st is the First Friday of the month. Holy hour begins with Mass at 8:00 am and continues with Vocations for World Peace.

IN APPRECIATION OF 30 YEARS

There will be a **Potluck Luncheon** in the Lyceum for **Craig Randall today at 1 pm**, for his 30 years of service to the St. Wenceslaus Church Community. We are asking church members to please bring their favorite dish.

FAMILY PHOTO OP

Time is running out. Don't forget to schedule your time for the **Family photo** for our new church directory. Sign up at the table in the back of the church.

Dates and time:

- July 8, 2 – 9 pm**
- July 9, 9 am – 4 pm**
- July 10, 9 am – 4 pm**

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

With the success of last year's project, the Fundraising Committee will again sponsor Christmas in July. We are asking everyone to **bring an unwrapped gift for children ages 6 months to 12 years, throughout the month of July.** The purpose is to give us a head start with gifts for Breakfast with Santa. Thanks to your support of this project. For questions, contact Mary Clayton, project leader, at 410-371-1313.

FR. PETER & FR. JORDAN 50th JUBILEES

St. Ann's and St. Wenceslaus will travel together to St. Francis University in Loretto, PA. to celebrate the 50th Jubilees of both Fr. Peter and Fr. Jordan at a special Mass and reception on **Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** There will be a **chartered bus leaving from St. Ann's Church promptly at 11:30 a.m. and arriving back to St. Ann's Church at approximately 11:00 p.m.** The cost of the trip is **\$40 per person and includes transportation and a light meal during the bus ride.** A waiting list sheet has been started if you are interested in attending. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: All money for the bus is due NLT July 3rd.** See Alicia or turn money in at the church office.

CRAB FEAST, JULY 16

The Crab Feast, for the benefit of the Lucielle Fitzgerald Outreach Center, will be held in the lyceum on **Saturday, July 16 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Tickets are**

\$50 each or \$450 for a table of ten. ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY. You can purchase your ticket(s) now in the Outreach Center or the church office. Contact Alicia Champlin for more information at 443-722-6652

SISTERS SUMMER CAMP

The Missionary Sisters of Charity will host a **summer camp for children ages 5 to 12** in the lyceum **from July 11 to July 28.** Watch for registration information in the vestibule of the church. Contact the Gift of Hope Missionaries of Charity at 410-732-6056 to volunteer.

BISHOP MADDEN'S PRAYER WALK

Will take place at **St. Francis Xavier Parish** in East Baltimore (1501 E. Oliver St.) on **Thursday, June 30.** There will be a **light meal** in the parish hall at **5:30 pm** with the **walk starting at 6:00 pm.** Enter to the left side of the church on Dallas Street.

FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Isaiah 66:10-14c
2 nd Reading	Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Jun 26	8:00 am	Father's Day Novena
		11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues.	Jun 28	8:00	Novena
Wed.	Jun 29	8:00	Novena
Thur.	Jun 30	7:00	Novena (Gift of Hope)
Fri.	Jul 1	8:00	Charles & Evelyn White

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	<i>Masses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Collection</i>
6/19/2016	8:00 am 11:45	61 <u>42</u> 103	
Total			\$1,630.25
Last Year's Total 6/14/2015			\$1,906.02

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- September: 9/5 – Labor Day Picnic*
- 9/25 – Feast Day Luncheon*
- October: 10/16 – Afternoon at the Races*

OUTSIDE THE PARISH... Remember to check the Bulletin Board in back of the church for announcements and more information on upcoming events.

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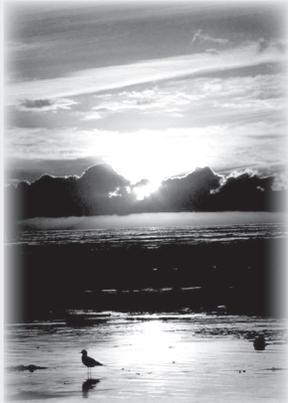
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