



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
Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 10, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

We may wish to be very critical of both the priest and the Levite who had passed by the man left for dead on the side of the road in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (*see Luke 10:25-37*). To us, they certainly seem to have been pitiless, selfish, and very callous toward the needs of the man who had been beaten, robbed, and nearly killed. But it's important to note that Jesus was speaking to a "*scholar of the law*," and such a person would have understood that *the priest and the Levite did exactly what they were supposed to do!*

Because of their sacred duties within the Temple in Jerusalem, and because of the religious laws by which they were obligated, the priest and the Levite were required to remain "*ritually pure*." It was therefore their solemn and absolute responsibility to avoid being in the presence of dead bodies; for all they knew the man who had been robbed was already dead, and so in order to remain faithful to the law, they simply "*passed by on the opposite side*." It very well may have pained them to do so, but they had no choice. Anyone familiar with the religious laws at that time would have been completely sympathetic to the predicament of the priest and Levite. The Samaritan, on the other hand, was not bound by any such religious restrictions, and fortunately was completely free to risk coming into contact with someone who had possibly died. And we all know the rest of the story.

In the parable, Jesus cleverly affirmed the law, and the religious duties of priests and Levites of that time, but he also clearly signaled that he had come to bring a new way of thinking and of doing things. This of course was characteristic of the entire message and ministry of Jesus. He had come to establish a *New Order*, and this is precisely the point of the parable: the *Old Order* had passed away. Jesus wasn't specifically criticizing the individuals who were the priest and the Levite featured in the parable, after all they had simply followed their prescribed duties. No, in fact it was much, much deeper than that: Jesus wanted to indicate a complete and radical change from the old way of doing things; he had come to announce new and systemic changes to the religious laws, practices and even the beliefs of those who had come before him. This is precisely why Jesus was in constant conflict with the religious leaders of his time; this is why the Pharisees, the Scribes, the elders, and the teachers of the law were so critical of him, and why they ultimately had him put to death.

With the *New Order* of Jesus in mind, we can actually understand the reason for the following question and its answer in the parable: "*Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim? The scholar of the law answered, 'The one who treated him with mercy.'*" Jesus said to him, "*Go and do likewise*" (*see verses 36 and 37*). The Samaritan was not encumbered by the *Old Order*, and therefore was free to act with mercy, and so in this case was able to embody the new way of thinking. This *New Order* was above the law, and it was characterized by *compassion, forgiveness, kindness, patience, sympathy, tolerance, charity, benevolence, pity, etc.*, and all that mercy was able to engender in human hearts.

And so I believe the Parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us too that we must always guard against becoming enslaved to any possible old and outdated "*religious laws*" that risk trumping mercy. Even today, and for us, I believe this *New Order* requires constant self-reflection and "*updating*" – both by individuals and by entire communities of faith. Jesus challenges us all to imitate the mercy of the Samaritan, and so he instructs us all as well to "*go and do likewise*."

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for our sick, especially Joseph Green, Marie Troch, Donald Benedict and Charles Supik. 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.

SUGGESTION BOX

Have an idea? See something that needs to be changed or improved? Please fill out a form, sign it and place it in the suggestion box at the back of the church. All suggestions will be presented to Fr. Timothy and the Pastoral Council.

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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 for your support of this project. Questions, contact Mary Clayton, project leader, at 410-371-1313.

FR. PETER & FR. JORDAN 50th
 JUBILEES

Wednesday, July 13, 2016. The chartered bus for Loretto, PA will leave from St. Ann's Church promptly at 11:30 AM, make a stop at the St. Wenceslaus Church parking lot. **You must be at the church lot by 11:30 am for a prompt departure. All money for the bus is due TODAY.** See Alicia or turn money in at the church office.

CRAB FEAST, JULY 16

Tickets are still available for Saturday's Crab Feast. **Prices are \$50 each or \$450 for a table of ten. ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY. You can purchase ticket(s) now** in the Outreach Center or the church office. Contact Alicia Champlin for more information at 443-722-6652

SUBSCRIPTION PLAN TICKETS

Subscription plan subscribers, your Crab Feast tickets will be given out today in the back of the church.

FRANCISCAN CENTER

Help us celebrate Christmas in July at the Franciscan Center! Be a ray of hope for our neighbors in need this summer – because hunger doesn't take a holiday. **We need food, seasonally appropriate clothing, toiletries, and school supplies.** See flyer posted on bulletin board in back of the church for complete list of items needed. There will be **baskets for collection of items placed in the back of the church.** For more information contact Angela Hall at 410-467-5340, ext. 113.

CHURCH LIASION

James Conway will serve as our church liaison, specializing in solving problems in the church. If you have any concerns or business that needs to be

addressed **he will be in the church every Sunday between the masses and every other Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** To schedule an appointment or to contact him please call 410-493-2010.

LECTOR TRAINING

Representatives from the Archdiocese of Baltimore will conduct a formal training session for lectors at St. Wenceslaus Church on Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church. All current and those interested in becoming a lector are encouraged to attend. There will be a light breakfast provided. **If you are interested in attending please sign the sign-up sheet in the back of church.**

FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Genesis 18:1–10a
2 nd Reading	Colossians 1:24–28
Gospel	Luke 10:38–42

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Jul 10	8:00 am	11:45	For the Parishioners Mable Hill
Tues.	Jul 11	8:00		Joseph & Josephine Born
Wed.	Jul 12	8:00		Bartlett & Marie Regan
Thur.	Jul 13	7:00		Alexander & Anne Diedrich (Gift of Hope)
Fri.	Jul 14	8:00		Michael & Anna Kalista

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS			
	<i>Masses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Collection</i>
7/3/2016	8:00 am	50	
	11:45	<u>38</u> 88	
Total			\$1,895.13
Last Year's Total 7/5/2015			\$2,477.25

ST. ANN'S FEAST DAY AND NOVENA

St. Ann's will hold its annual novena in preparation for the parish feast day. Novena services will take place in the Anchorage Monday through Friday, July 16 to 24, at 7:00 pm, with prayers, a guest speaker, and refreshments each night. The service on Saturday, July 23, will be at 12:00 noon. The feast day Mass and reception will take place on Sunday, July 24, at 9:45 am. Please set aside these special mid-summer days of prayer and reflection.

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