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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
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 24, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Our readings this week have something to teach us about the need to pray with confidence, and the importance of persevering in it as people of faith. This said, isn't it true we may at times find ourselves somewhat conflicted about the usefulness of our prayers? We may find it easy to pray when doing so gives us peace and consolation, and when we sense our prayers are being heard and answered by the Father. But how about when the opposite seems to be much truer, and our prayers fail to console us, and when they seem to go unanswered? As faith-filled people we may hesitate to admit it, but at times we may be tempted to doubt that God is actually listening to our prayers. Perhaps this was the very reason the disciples in today's Gospel reading asked Jesus to teach them how to pray (*see Luke 11:1-13*). They pleaded with him, "*Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.*"

Jesus responded to their request by teaching them the words to the "*Our Father.*" And then, parabolically citing a man who persistently begged for bread at midnight from his neighbor, he taught them about the need to be persistent when pleading for God's attention. Jesus concluded his teaching with an emphasis on the metaphorical need "*to ask, to seek and to knock*" when praying to the Father.

Even though Jesus encouraged his disciples to pray, isn't it true that we still may sometimes find it difficult to do so with confidence? It's sad to say, but I think some of the awful news we hear every day may compound our hopelessness; current events, and our sense of powerlessness over them, may lead us to believe that our prayers on behalf of them are not being answered. How about the reality of terrorism, conflicts between nations, wars, political unrest, racial disharmony, civil tensions, gun violence, poverty, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, and countless other problems "*out there*" that never end? How about the tragedies of death, illness, financial ruin, addictions, broken relationships, the lack of charity, and all kinds of other difficulties in our personal lives that seem to find us time and again? Isn't it true that all of these issues may cause us great inner conflict, and may lead us to lose our confidence in the power of our prayers on behalf of them? And yet we are challenged always to persevere, to continue to pray and to keep our hope that God will answer.

In the first reading today, and like the persistent man cited in today's Gospel, Abraham models a type of perseverance in prayer when over and over again he pleads to the Lord on behalf of the innocent people of Sodom (*see Genesis 18:20-32*). He says "*see how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes*" and "*let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on,*" and further "*please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time.*" Even though Abraham may have been conflicted about whether or not to persevere with his pleading, it is because he did that the Lord eventually answered his pleas. And this is exactly what Jesus promised when he told his disciples "*to ask, to seek and to knock*" when praying to the Father.

And so my friends, let us not be discouraged by all those issues "*out there,*" and those within our own personal lives that might otherwise take away our trust and faith in God. Let's be confident that our loving Father is always in control, and that he always gives us the hope to endure whatever difficulties may come our way. May we always persevere with the need to pray with confidence, and may we never doubt the eternal goodness and care of *Our Father in Heaven. He's got this!*

Praise God! Friar Timothy

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for our sick, **especially Joseph Green, Donald Benedict, Charles Supik and Joan Pittman, sister of Michael Hall.** 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.

LECTOR TRAINING

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

SAINT WENCESLAUS CHURCH
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 24, 2016

FR. PETER & FR. JORDAN

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much to all of you who made the long trip to Loretto to be with us for our Jubilee celebration. It was a joy to be with you again. You made our day. We are so grateful for your many gifts, especially your love and prayers – not to mention your spirited and enthusiastic support! May God continue to give you good health and great peace.

Love,

Fr. Jordan and Fr. Peter

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Please 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. Any questions, contact Mary Clayton, project leader, at 410-371-1313

FRANCISCAN CENTER

Help celebrate Christmas in July at the Franciscan Center! They need food, seasonally appropriate clothing, toiletries, and school supplies. See flyer posted on bulletin board for the complete list of items needed. **Baskets for collection of items are in the back of the church.** For more information contact Angela Hall at 410-467-5340, ext. 113.

FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21–23
2 nd Reading	Colossians 3:1–5,9–11
Gospel	Luke 12:13–21

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Jul 24	8:00 am	Joel C. Goldbeck
		11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues.	Jul 26	8:00	Denise Garrett
Wed.	Jul 27	8:00	Anne Diedrich
Thur.	Jul 28	7:00	Olga Shaum & Family (Gift of Hope)
Fri.	Jul 29	8:00	Gisele Thomas

THANK YOU!

THANKS to everyone who came out in support of the Crab Feast to help benefit our Outreach Center. We had great feedback and hope to see you all next year.

Sunday Attendance & Collections			
	<i>Masses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Collection</i>
7/17/2016	8:00 am	57	
	11:45	<u>42</u>	
		99	
Total			\$1,444.55
Last Year's Total 7/19/2015			\$1,556.88

SUMMER BINGO!

Come **join us for a fun filled afternoon of Bingo.** There will be plenty of refreshments to buy. **Dates are Saturday, August 6th and August 27th** in the lyceum **from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.** See flyers in back of church for more information.

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP

Still time to sign-up for bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater to see Samson **on October 29th.** Cost of the trip is **\$130 for adults** and **\$85 for children ages 3-12.** **The next payment of \$35 is due today.** Final payment of \$35 is due August 14th. Payments can be given to Alicia, Shrene, Antoinette or turned into the church office.

ST. ANN'S FEAST DAY

St. Ann's feast day will be celebrated today with Mass at 9:45 am. **Monsignor Lloyd Aiken** from their partner parish, **Sacred Heart Glyndon**, will be a co-celebrant with Friar Timothy. A reception will follow immediately with a light meal at Mother Seton Academy.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

September: 9/5 – Labor Day Picnic
9/25 – Feast Day Luncheon
October: 10/9 – Fall Investment Club
10/16 – Afternoon at the Races

Outside the Parish ...

OSP Homecoming... The Oblate Sisters of Providence Annual Homecoming Celebration – **Sunday, August 7th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.,** at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Rd, Baltimore, MD 21227. Anyone taught by the Oblate Sisters past or present are encouraged to come. Dinner tickets are \$10 and can be purchased ahead of time. **For more information call 410-242-8500 or Sr. Helene Therese, OSP at 410-536-5687.**

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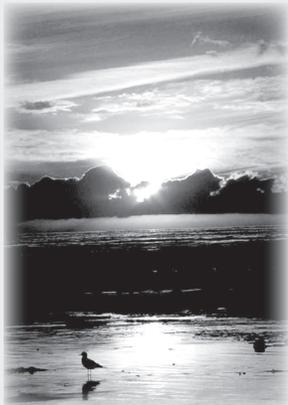
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