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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
Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 31, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

In today's second reading St. Paul exhorts the faithful *"to think of what is above, and not of what is on earth"* (see *Colossians 3:2*). In fact, all of our Scriptures today speak loudly on this theme. In *"the Parable of the Rich Fool"* found in today's Gospel, we are taught by Jesus not to place excessive values on fleeting material possessions (see *Luke 12:13-21*). The parable clearly illustrates that after this life the *"things"* we have amassed cannot go with us. And in a similar vein, the first reading reminds us that after our deaths, the fruits of our labors are usually left to others who themselves hadn't toiled for them (see *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*). As we reflect on these ideas, we are challenged to adopt *"other worldly perspectives,"* even as we live and breathe in our present and very earthly lives.

So how do we live our present lives and at the same time have *"other worldly perspectives?"* It's surely true that very few people are called to take strict vows of *"poverty"* and to live their lives as hermits separated from others and detached from all worldly concerns. The fact is that most people are very dependent on their material possessions, and on the money they need to flourish as members of families and social communities. *And who among us hasn't at one time or another worried about how to pay the next bill—this is certainly part our reality!* So most would agree that it is good for people to be stress-free, productive members of society, and the recipients of many blessings, including those of a material nature! Who would fault those who hope for *"things"* that would enrich their lives, for the good fortune of economic success, and freedom from financial worries? And isn't it true that the most economically successful among us are usually congratulated and admired by others, even by those who are the most devout Christians? And so the question remains: how is it possible to be *"other worldly,"* and firmly grounded in this life at the same time? And how do we as followers of the Lord Jesus strike a balance between the two?

We might consider that Jesus' teaching really has little to do with those material *"things"* themselves. If this is the case, then I think, *"worldliness"* might actually have more to do with the attitudes and convictions people hold in their hearts about *"things,"* and how they might be unnecessarily driven to accumulate them. This being said, we might ask ourselves the following question: *"Do we own our 'things,' or do they own us?"* If we live for *"things,"* and the complimentary esteem we receive from others because of them, then our perspectives may never be able to see beyond the limited worldly plain upon which they might be found. Of course, each person must discern and understand his or her own attitudes and convictions about these *"things,"* and I think it's obvious that every person's situation is unique (*what's good for one, might not be good for another*). And so, this discernment is a lifetime challenge and is required of all who seek to have *"other worldly perspectives"* in the way they live their lives in the here and now!

Jesus admonishes us to *"take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions"* (see *Luke 12:15*). As we contemplate this teaching, each one of us must look into our own hearts, and we must ask ourselves if we value material *"things"* more than those that are spiritual. As we reflect on this, and our ability to adopt *"other worldly perspectives,"* may we encourage each other with the message of today's Scriptures!

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 also 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 for all lectors** will be held at St. Wenceslaus Church on **Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** All lectors are encouraged to attend. There will be a light breakfast provided. Please sign up on sheet on table in the back of church.

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FIRST FRIDAY

August 5th is the First Friday of the month. Holy hour begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continues with Vocations for World Peace.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The baskets for unwrapped gifts for children ages 6 months to 12 years will remain in the front of the church a little longer. You can still bring in that gift(s) you forgot. Also, **baskets for the Franciscan Center items** will remain in the back of the church a little longer too. Check the list of needed items posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Thanks for all your support of each of these programs.

SUMMER BINGO!

Join us for an afternoon of Bingo. Plenty of refreshments to buy. **Dates and time are Saturday, August 6th and August 27th from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.** See flyers in back of church for more information.

BLACK AND INDIAN COLLECTION

On August 7th our second collection will be **for the Black and Indian Missions of the United States.** This ministry benefits our church both locally and nationally. There are envelopes for this collection on the table in the back of the church. Please take one. Thank you for your support of this mission effort. .

PHOTO MAKEUP DATE

August 18th from 2 pm – 8:30 pm is your last chance to have your family photo in the church directory. Signup at table in back of the church or contact Judy Singleton to schedule your time.

FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Wisdom 18: 6–9
2 nd Reading	Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12
Gospel	Luke 12:32–48 or 12:35–40

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Jul 31	8:00 am	Adrien Burnett (Living) For the Parishioners
Tues.	Aug 2	8:00	Denise Garrett
Wed.	Aug 3	8:00	Gary E. Wilson
Thur.	Aug 4	7:00	
Fri.	Aug 5	8:00	Ruth Poole (Living)

Sunday Attendance & Collections

	<i>Masses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Collection</i>
7/24/2016	8:00 am	57	
	11:45	<u>40</u>	
		97	
Total			\$1,352.72
Last Year's Total 7/26/2015			\$1,123.06

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Guaranteed to soften your harden heart – Eucharistic Adoration, St Rosa of Lima said she learned to love this way. Eucharistic Adoration, Sunday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP UPDATE

The response for the bus trip to Sight and Sound has been overwhelming; **we now need a 2nd bus.** We would like to fill that bus too, so if you **know of someone who wants to join us** but thought it was too late to **see Samson on October 29th,** let them know there are seats available. **Cost of the trip is \$130 for adults and \$85 for children ages 3-12.** We are also extending our payment dates. **Next payment of \$35, or catch up amount of \$95, is due August 14th.** **Final payment of your balance is due September 11th, NO EXCEPTIONS.** Payments can be given to either Alicia, Shrene, Antoinette or turned into the church office.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS...

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

TIPS FOR LECTORS

The readings for Mass for every Sunday and weekday are printed out on the website of the US Catholic Bishops. You can also listen to an audio transcription of the readings on the same site. For lectors who may wish to hear a vocal interpretation of the text or help in pronouncing an unusual name, this is a good resource. Go to uscb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm.

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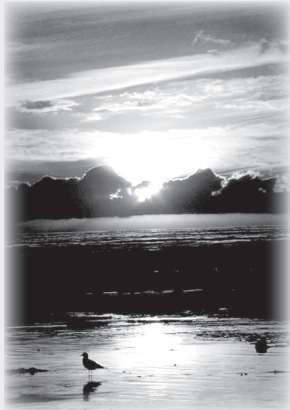
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