



# 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**  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**September 25, 2016**

## *From the Pastor . . .*

### **My Sisters and Brothers:**

Today's Scriptures clearly warn "*the wealthy*" there will be consequences if they remain complacent while others are suffering. And so they instruct Godly people to work for the well-being of others, and to do so especially for those who are most needy. These Scriptures may prompt us to reflect on our own "*wealth*," and our willingness (*or not*) to serve others with whatever time, treasures, and/or talents we have.

The Prophet Amos absolutely condemned those who were concerned only for themselves. He specifically criticized those who lived in luxury and who ignored the plight of the downtrodden. He said such people "*anointed themselves with expensive oils, listened to frivolous music of harps, feasted on the finest of the lambs and calves, consumed vast amounts of wine, stretched comfortably on soft couches, slept on fancy beds inlaid with ivory, and all the while were not even slightly 'made ill' by the misfortunes of others*" (cf. Amos 6:1a, 4-7). Jesus used the "*Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus*" in order to preach a similar lesson. He spoke of "*a lavishly dressed rich man who dined sumptuously each day, and who would deny even scraps from his table to Lazarus, a sore-covered, poor and hungry man who laid outside his door*" (cf. Luke 16:19-31). The Prophet Amos proclaimed such people would be "*the first to go into exile*," while Jesus indicated they would be sent "*to the netherworld, where they would forever suffer torment*." In each account, it's clear those who were mentioned were very selfish and had miserably failed to help those in need. I believe the temptation to such complacency wouldn't have been limited only to people who had great material wealth. The obligation to care for the needs of others, especially for the most needy, has always been required of God's children, no matter how rich or poor they have been. Maybe this is true now more than ever!

For us, the clear message of today's Scriptures is that none of us should become so complacent, and so distracted by our own needs and wants, that we fail to care for those who are less fortunate. This doesn't mean we're necessarily called to imitate St. Francis of Assisi and other saints who gave away all their possessions in order to serve the poor all the days of their lives. It also doesn't mean we risk eternal damnation if we discern we need not give a few coins to a particular homeless person begging on a corner. But I believe it does mean we are called, *in whatever ways we can*, to use our time, our treasures and our talents in order to serve those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Those criticized in today's Scriptures weren't simply faulted because they were wealthy and had enjoyed material benefits during their lives. They were condemned because they cared only for themselves, and they were complacently unable and/or unwilling to do anything about the plight of the poor and needy who lived right alongside of them. They were "*not even slightly 'made ill' by the misfortunes of others*." And so they found themselves "*first to go into exile*," and sent "*to the netherworld, where they would forever suffer torment*." May it not be so with us! Instead, may we enthusiastically share whatever "*wealth*" we have—that is, our time, our treasures, and/or our talents—in order to serve those among us who are most in need! My friends, let's encourage each other with this message!

**Praise God! Friar Timothy**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for our sick and homebound, especially **Donald Benedict, Beatrice Hradsky, Irene Gist, Sheila Lambert, Albert J. Novak, II, Mary Schwartz, Charles Supik, Joan Pittman** and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Parishioners are invited to make altar flower offerings in honor of their loved ones. Please call the parish office for more information, 410-675-7304.

### FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Fund Raising Committee held on **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm** in the parish rectory. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

**SAINT WENCESLAUS CHURCH**  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
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**FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Wenceslaus and the annual celebration of the anniversary of our parish. This year marks the 102nd anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our church by Cardinal James Gibbons in 1914. Our feast day celebration begins with mass, to which our former members and friends have been invited. A potluck luncheon will follow in the church lyceum. Feast Day 50/50 raffle tickets are still available and can be purchased for \$5 each.

**MEN'S CLUB**

There will be a meeting of the **St Wenceslaus Men's Club Holy Name Society** on **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** in the parish rectory. The purpose of this meeting will be to select and confirm new officers and to plan for upcoming events for 2016/2017. All Men of the Parish are encouraged to attend. "We Need Your Input"

**OUTREACH CENTER**

The Lucielle Fitzgerald Food Pantry will be **accepting donations of non-perishable food items that are not outdated every other month starting in October**. This will help ensure our pantry is always well stocked. You may leave your donation in the basket under the table in the back of the church. The center is open every Wednesday and Thursday, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. We assist families, inside and outside of the parish, who are in most need. For more information contact Alicia Champlin at the Outreach Center, 410-675-3320.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading	Habakkuk 1: 2–3, 2: 2–4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 Timothy 1: 6–8, 13–14
Gospel	Luke 17: 5–10

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun.	Sep 25	8:00 am	Christopher E. Goldbeck For the Parishioners
		11:45	
Tues.	Sep 27	8:00	Fr. Joseph Coshan CSSR
Wed.	Sep 28	8:00	Fr. Flex Yanish
Thur.	Sep 29	7:00	Sr. Vasclava SSND (Gift of Hope)
Fri.	Sep 30	8:00	Olga Shaum & Family

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Everyone is welcome for our Open House for Sunday School on **October 2, 2016, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.** Please join us and visit our new space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Rectory! All are welcome.

**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS**

	Masses	Attendance	Collection
9/18/2016	8:00 am	52	
	11:45	<u>39</u>	
		91	
Total			\$1,811.31
Last Year's Total 9/20/2015			\$1,548.82

**SIGHT & SOUND TRIP UPDATE**

If you still owe for the Sight and Sound trip please turn in your money. Also, if you know of someone who would like to join us on October 29<sup>th</sup> let them know there are seats still available. Cost of trip is \$130 for adults and \$85 for children ages 3-12. Their money will need to be turned in by October 16<sup>th</sup> to Alicia, Shrene, Antoinette or the church office.

**OCTOBER PRAYER**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will pray the Rosary together in church 15 minutes before Mass each Sunday in October. Volunteers are needed to help lead us in prayer. If you are interested in leading us in prayer one of the Sundays, please notify the church office (410) 675-7304.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE WALK**

Please join Bishop Madden for his next prayer walk on Tuesday, **September 27, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church**, 4502 Park Heights Ave. There is ample on street parking either in front of or behind the church. The evening will **begin** with a light meal **at 5:30** followed by a prayer in the church and end before 7:30 pm.

**TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS**

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars of St. Ambrose Friary invite you to celebrate the Passing of our Holy Father, Saint Francis of Assisi. **7:00 pm, Monday Evening, October 3rd, 2016** at St. Ambrose Church, 4502 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21215. Refreshments will follow the service. For more information, and/or to RSVP, please call Barbara (from St. Ambrose) at [410-367-9918](tel:410-367-9918). All are welcome!

**MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
 Women of all ages don't miss this year's Maryland Catholic Women's Conference, "**Witness of Mercy**", held at Mount St. Mary University in Emmitsburg, MD on **October 7, 8 and 9**. Come for the whole weekend or just Saturday. Opportunity for adoration, confession and Mass with Archbishop Lori. To register and for more information, go to [marylandcatholicwomen.com](http://marylandcatholicwomen.com). Registration forms are also located in the back of the church.

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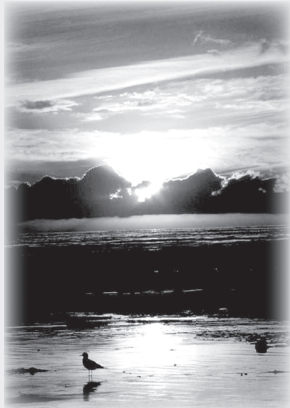
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