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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
Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 30, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Today's first reading proclaims "*the Lord . . . has mercy on all . . . and he loves all things that are, and loathes nothing he has made . . . he spares all things, because they are his; the Lord is the lover of souls*" (cf. *Wisdom 11:22-12:2*). Jesus was always faithful to this kind of Old Testament wisdom regarding God's mercy and love, and it's clearly demonstrated in today's Gospel, when "*to save what was lost*" he lovingly encountered and showed great mercy to Zacchaeus the tax collector and "*sinner*" (see *Luke 19:1-10*).

A reflection on these Scriptures may compel us to think about those who've been estranged from us. And so with this in mind, I'd suggest we consider two different categories of such people. The first types would be those who've caused us any kind of great harm and/or emotional pain; this might include those who've abused their power over us, who probably were very "*toxic*" in our lives, and whom we've wisely decided to keep at a prudent distance (*the case of a recovering battered spouse comes to my mind*). I don't believe the Scriptures would anywhere suggest we "*forgive and forget*" such "*toxic*" people and their behaviors (*perhaps we could "forgive, and remember" but that's the subject of another essay!*). The second types of estranged people we might consider are those who've posed no real danger and/or harm to us at all, but whom we've disdained only because they've been "*different*"; this might include those we've harshly judged because of their dissimilar lifestyles, their differing political, social or religious views, their unique ethnic and cultural identities, their stated sexual preferences, and/or because of anything else perceived as obstacles between "*us*" and "*them*." Let's be honest: If we've decided to shut out such people from our personal and communal lives, isn't it also true we've treated them as insignificant, unimportant, and not worthy of our attention? Isn't it true we've probably assumed God would do the same with them as well? In contrast to such attitudes we might have about these "*second types of estranged people*," I think today's Scriptures specifically challenge us never to distance ourselves from them. And even more, they admonish us always to respect and to hope for good fellowship with them, and when this happens, great experiences of reconciliation and unity may replace otherwise estranged relationships. By his example, I believe Jesus clearly desires us to be "*Godly*" in the way we lovingly encounter and show mercy to others, especially those who are "*different*."

Everyone believed the tax collector Zacchaeus was a terrible "*sinner*," and not worthy of Jesus' attention. Everyone expected Jesus to ignore and to reject him. After all, because of who he was, people thought Zacchaeus couldn't possibly be loved or accepted by God. But they were wrong. Jesus not only wanted to talk to him, he also wanted to visit his house and to stay with him; he wanted Zacchaeus to be reconciled to the community. As he proclaimed his mission to search out, and to save those who were "*lost*," Jesus affirmed Zacchaeus as a child of God. By this, he clearly demonstrated his desire to associate with those otherwise thought to be insignificant, unimportant, and not worthy of the attention of so-called "*good-and-holy religious people*." He invites us to do exactly the same.

"*The Lord . . . has mercy on all . . . and he loves all things that are, and loathes nothing he has made . . . he spares all things, because they are his; the Lord is the lover of souls.*" And so, how do we personally and communally react to those who are "*different*?" Do we exclude "*non-toxic*" people from our lives? Do we disdain and marginalize those who, because of who they are, have become easy targets of our harsh judgements? Or like Jesus, are we willing to reach out with kindness, love, and even mercy toward such people? My friends, let's choose to be instruments of God's presence in this world, and do just that!

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

PASTORAL COUNCIL

There will be a **Pastoral Council meeting** held on Tuesday, **November 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church rectory. All members are encouraged to attend

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints. Mass will be celebrated as usual at **8:00 a.m.**

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Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 30, 2016

ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

Our annual All Souls **Novena of Masses** begin for nine days on **Wednesday, November 2 at 8:00 a.m.** We remember by name the loved ones of our church family who have died since last November. To list names to be placed on the altar for the novena, please use the envelopes in the back of the church. The Book of Remembrance will be on display in the sanctuary throughout the month of November. It contains names from past years and space to add names of those recently deceased.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for our sick and homebound, especially **Arnold Anderson, Donald Benedict, Beatrice Hradsky, Irene Gist, Sheila Lambert, Albert J. Novak, II, Mary Schwartz, Charles Supik, and Joan Pittman.** 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.

INVESTMENT CLUB WINNERS

Week 3

\$100 – James Vittek #1203 Seller: Gloria Vittek
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NEXT SUNDAY

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1–2, 9–14
 2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16–3:5
 Gospel Luke 20:27–38 or 20:27, 34–38

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct 30	8:00 am	None at this Time
	11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues. Nov 1	8:00	Olga Shaum & Family
Wed. Nov 2	8:00	All Souls Novena
Thur. Nov 3	7:00	All Souls Novena (Gift of Hope)
Fri. Nov 4	8:00	All Souls Novena

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	Masses	Attendance	Collection
10/23/2016	8:00 am	49	
	11:45	<u>38</u>	
		87	
Total			\$3,302.59
Last Year's Total 10/25/2015			\$1,113.54

THANKSGIVING DAY BASKETS

You can sign-up to receive a Thanksgiving Day Basket for a **donation of \$12.00** at the Lucielle Fitzgerald Outreach Center Food Pantry **every Wednesday and Thursday until November 17th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Baskets will be ready for pick up on **Monday, November 21st and Tuesday November 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The Food Pantry is located at 2100 E. Madison Street. Phone number is 410-675-3320.

ELECTION DAY

Early Voting for General Elections in Maryland began October 27 and runs through November 3. Election Day is **Tuesday, November 8, 2016.** Polling will be open from 7 am – 8 pm. For sample ballots and polling locations in your area visit:

www.elections.maryland.gov or call 410-396-1444 for city residents or 800-222-8683 for locations in your zip code. **Remember to get out and vote!**

BULL AND OYSTER ROAST

Our next parish event is the Bull and Oyster Roast on **Saturday, November 12, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.** at **Columbus Gardens.** Tickets are available in the church office at **\$40** each or \$350 for a table of ten. Please use the flyer in today's bulletin to help us promote this event.

JOINT REVIVAL

Immaculate Conception & St. Cecilia churches will hold a joint revival from **November 1-3, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Church at 7:00 p.m.** each evening. For more information see flyer on bulletin board in back of church.

MOTHER SETON ACADEMY

Mother Seton Academy presents its 10th Annual **Wine Harvest and Auction Saturday, November 12 5:30-8:00 pm at Loyola University.** Tickets are **\$50.** For information or to purchase tickets, visit **mothersetonwineharvest.org** or call **410-563-2833.**

STANDARD TIME RETURNS

Next Sunday, November 6, we turn the clocks back one hour as we return to Eastern Standard Time for the winter season.



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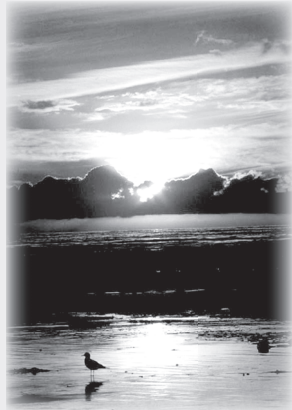
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