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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:

mail to the rectory.

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.

| the following form. | | | | |
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| Name | | | | |
| Street | | | | |
| Phone | | _ Zip | | |
| Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address Catholic Review ☐ Yes | ☐ Moving out of Parish☐ Want Envelopes☐ No | | | |
| Please cut out and d | Irop in the collection | box or | | |

SAINT WENCESLAUS CHURCH The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2017

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we recall the story of the "Three Wise Men" who came "from the east" (see Matthew 2:1-12). Because they "came from afar," we can say the Wise Men represent all people of from every corner of our world. And so, on this day we are able to focus on the universality of the Christian Church, and to recall that all peoples (meaning more than one group of people), are invited to be part of God's chosen family.

This means all men and women are included, from every century and era, from every land and nation, from every culture and background, from every social class and status, from every persuasion and orientation, and from all other divisions or distinctions, including those caused by nature and/or by humans themselves. This is the reason it's very significant those Wise Men, those foreigners, went to Bethlehem, and "saw the child with Mary his mother and prostrated themselves and did him homage." In that moment, they received and at the same time represented God's embrace of all peoples, including those of us who gather to worship today! And as followers of such a God, we are called to do exactly the same.

This makes me think of a sign I recently saw at the entrance to a local Methodist Church; it reads "WE WELCOME ALL... and ALL MEANS ALL!" Would that we could hang such signs at the entrances to our own churches, to our own homes, and to our hearts, and actually mean it. On this Feast of the Epiphany, we should then remind ourselves that "all peoples" actually means "all peoples." If all are welcome, then all are welcome, even those who've "rubbed us the wrong way," those who've been "different," those who've "sinned against us," and even those who've held different political, theological and/ or societal viewpoints. Honestly, and as difficult as it might be to admit (especially in this day and age), "ALL MEANS ALL!" I believe this is an important message of our faith, and one so poignantly underscored as we recall the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem.

Today, and with the "three Wise Men from the east," we continue to celebrate the Incarnation and the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. On this Feast of the Epiphany, let's also recall our Savior came to redeem all people from every place and time, and from every corner of our world and universe! Our church and our community of faith, and even our hearts, must then always be places where all are welcomed, and all are esteemed as part of God's chosen family. My friends, by the way we live our lives, and without exception, let's then always receive, believe, and put these ideas into practice!

Praise God! Friar Timothy

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in prayer the eternal rest of Joan Pittman, sister of Michael Hall, who died on Thursday, December 29th.

Continue to pray for our sick and homebound members, especially Arnold Anderson, Donald Benedict, Beatrice Hradsky, Irene Gist, Sheila Lambert, Albert J. Novak, II, Mary Schwartz, Charles Supik, Evelyn Turner, Lillian Tyler and Bernice Smith, sister of Mary Harris.

CORRECTION PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the **Pastoral Council** for 2017 will be held on **Tuesday, January 10**th at 7:00 pm in the church rectory. All members are encouraged to attend. The meetings are opened to all parishioners.

TAX LETTERS

Call the church office to let us know if you need a statement of church contributions for 2016 for income tax purposes.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE WALK

Please join Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk for Peace in the City on Monday, **January 16th**, **12 noon at St. Bernadine's Catholic Church**, 3812 Edmondson Ave.

AFTERNOON AT THE RACES

The first event of 2017 will be Afternoon at the Races on Sunday, January 29, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Tickets are available in the office at \$14 each, which includes a full dinner, hot dogs, chips, beer and soda, plus a nine-race form. Forms for buying and naming horses will be available in the back of the church on Sunday, January 8th and are due back on Sunday, January 22nd. Buy a horse for \$3 and win \$13.50 if your horse comes in first.

HELP WANTED!

As mentioned many times we are a **volunteer driven parish**, and **we need help** with the many social and fund raising activities, starting with this month's **Afternoon at the Races.** There is a **sign-up sheet** in the **back of the church**. We ask you to consider lending a hand at the door or in the kitchen, or at the betting table or the banker's window – or setting up or cleaning up. There's something for everyone!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

| 1 st Reading | Isaiah 49:3, 5–6 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 2 nd Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:1–3 |
| Gospel | John 1:29-34 |

MASS INTENTIONS

| Sun | Jan 8 | 8:00 am | Bartlett & Marie Regan |
|-------|--------|---------|------------------------|
| | | 11:45 | For the Parishioners |
| Tues | Jan 10 | 8:00 | Richard Brooks |
| Wed | Jan 11 | 8:00 | Eric Rose (Living) |
| Thurs | Jan 12 | 7:00 | Pete Moody (Living) |
| | | | (Gift of Hope) |
| Fri | Jan 13 | 8:00 | Chloe J. Wilson |
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Remember, announcements for the church bulletin can be turned into the office or given to Alicia Champlin. **Deadline for submissions is by 12 noon on Tuesdays.**

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

| | Masses | Attendance | Collection |
|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 12/24/2016 | 7:00 pm | 107 | |
| Christmas Ev | e | | |
| 12/25/2016 | 10:00 am | <u>71</u> | |
| Christmas Da | .y | 178 | |
| Total | | | \$1,889.04 |
| Last Year's To | tal 12/20-27 | 7/2015 | \$3,207.08 |
| | | | |
| 1/01/2017 | 10:00 am | 118 | |
| Total | | | \$3,463.86 |
| Last Year's To | tal 1/01-03/ | 2016 | \$4,013.75 |

NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES

Please remember to pick up your box of church offering envelopes for 2017 in the last pew in back of the church. We hope they serve as a reminder to you to continue your weekly offerings in support of the church, whether at home or away. This is also a great help to us in our record keeping. Anyone not receiving church envelopes and would like to is asked to call the office at 410-675-7304.

MOTHER MARY LANGE AWARDS

The Mother Mary Lange Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Martin's West. The event is sponsored by the Office of Black Catholics to honor members of our Black Catholic parishes. Tickets for the St. Wenceslaus tables can be ordered from Mary Clayton or the parish office for \$60 each, payable before January 27th. Join us to celebrate our 2017 honorees:

Antoinette Shannon Leadership Gloria Barber Service Richard Shannon Youth

SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGES

Remember to purchase your 2017 subscription package. The cost of a subscription plan is \$132 yearly or \$11 monthly, a savings of \$32 for the year. See Michael Hall, Antoinette Shannon or call the church office to reserve your subscription package in advance of the January Afternoon at the Races event. Thank you for your continuous support.

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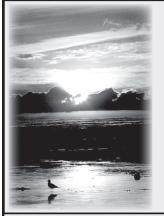
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