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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.

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SAINT WENCESLAUS CHURCH Second Sunday In Ordinary Time January 15, 2017

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Today, and before receiving the Eucharist, we will pray together: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!" Then, shortly after we pray these words, and as the priest presents the Body and Blood of Christ for all to see, he will echo the words of John the Baptist, and will proclaim: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world!" These words are spoken and prayed because we believe Jesus is our "sacrificial lamb." We believe this Eucharist is the visible, eternally enduring sacrifice offered for our salvation by Jesus upon the Cross "once-and-for-all." And so we believe through it we are forever saved from sin and death!

It's a good idea to keep the Eucharist in mind as we contemplate today's Gospel. In it John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" (see John 1:29). He did so to clearly connect the reality of who Jesus was with the ancient understanding of the sacrificial use of lambs as "sin offerings" and "burnt offerings." As "sin offerings," such lambs were effective as substitutes for God's people, saving them from danger, punishment, and damnation. As "burnt offerings," they were given to God within ritual acts of thanksgiving, and served to demonstrate the gratitude of the faith community. Those ritual lambs, and John the Baptist's reference to "the Lamb of God," foreshadowed the sacrifice of Jesus upon the Cross, and the significance of the Eucharist we now share. Perhaps the most prominent and ancient example of the sacrificial lamb was the "Passover Lamb" referenced in the Book of Exodus (see Ex 12:1-30). Because it saved the Israelites from death wrought by the "tenth plague," they were able to flee from their Egyptian captors, and to begin their long journey to the "Promised Land." To this day, Jewish people eat the "Passover Lamb" in commemoration of that most memorable and lifesaving event. In olden times in the Temple in Jerusalem, "Sacrificial Lambs" were offered daily by its priests; these lambs were used as atoning "sin offerings." The thanksgiving "burnt offerings" of lambs were also made there for various purification, ritual and religious acts, as well as to commemorate important feast days (numerous examples of these can be found in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and in other books of the Old Testament).

Those who lived at the time of John the Baptist would have grasped very well the religious significance of lambs, and how important they were as conduits of God's grace. And so when he saw Jesus and proclaimed: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," he actually made a very definitive statement about whom and what Jesus was, and is, for all of humanity. At that moment, he identified Jesus with the "Passover Lamb," and so his words said a great deal about Jesus' similar transformative role in salvation history. His words also identified Jesus with the "Sacrificial Lamb" and therefore foretold the saving power of Jesus' death upon the Cross; Jesus himself would become the ultimate "Sacrificial Lamb," the perfect conduit of God's grace, and therefore he would win salvation for all people of all time. Because Jesus would "take away the sins of the world," it would no longer be necessary for God's people to offer lambs as sacrificial "sin offerings" or "burnt offerings." Jesus was and is "the Lamb of God" definitively, and for all eternity!

My friends, as we receive the Eucharist today, let's not forget that Jesus, the one proclaimed by John the Baptist to be "the Lamb of God," has taken away the sins of the world, and has indeed been very merciful to us! As we share this sacred meal, let's always be grateful to Jesus, our "sacrificial lamb," he who died "once-and-for-all" upon the Cross, and who through it now promises us eternal salvation!

Praise God! Friar Timothy

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in prayer our sick and homebound members, especially Arnold Anderson, Donald Benedict, Shrene Burnett, 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. 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.

TAX LETTERS

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

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.

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AFTERNOON AT THE RACES

The first event of 2017 will be the Afternoon at the Races on Sunday, January 29, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Tickets are available in the office at \$14 each, Forms for buying and naming horses are available in the back of the church 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!

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 st Reading	Isaiah 8:23–9:3
2 nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel	Matthew 4:12–23 or 4:12–17

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sun	Jan 15 8:00 am	C. Edward Goldbeck				
	11:45	For the Parishioners				
Tues	Jan 17 8:00	Bartlett & Marie Regan				
Wed	Jan 18 8:00	Lola Mizel & Family				
Thurs	Jan 19 7:00	Frank & Anna Herold				
		(Gift of Hope)				
Fri	Jan 20 8:00	Charles & Freda Domm				

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

1/08/2017	Masses 8:00 am 11:45	53 32 85	Collection
Total			\$2,050.00
Last Year's Total 1/10/2016			\$4,097.48

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. Thank you for your continuous support.

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 **27**th. Join us to celebrate our 2017 honorees:

Antoinette Shannon Leadership Gloria Barber Service Richard Shannon Youth

SUNSHINE CLUB

The Sunshine Club helps to defray the cost of a repast for church members who have lost a loved one – parent, spouse or child. The meal includes chicken, string beans, and baked macaroni and cheese, plus coffee and tea. Families may choose to provide other items such as cake, soft drinks or other meats. The cost for **membership is \$5 a month or \$60 a year**. For the death of a brother or sister a flower or \$25 is given to the family. **To join, contact Mary Clayton or Mary Dorsey**.

OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE EVENT The Oblate Sisters of Providence will hold their **10th Annual Chicken Dinner** at St. Francis Center, 501 E. Chase St. On Saturday February 25 from 11am – 3:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00. Volunteers and donations are needed. Please contact Sr. Helene Therese, OSP 410-536-5687 or Mr. Ralph Moore 443-255-5600. Proceeds are toward Mother house expenses.

DANIEL RUDD SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER The Office of Black Catholic Ministeries are sponsoring selling T-shirts for the Daniel Rudd Scholarship Campaign. You can order your t-shirt by visiting the website:

https://www.booster.com/danielrudd-scholarship-fundraiser T-shirt cost: \$20.00, shipping and handling \$4.99 for the first item. Paypal and all major credit cards, debit cards are accepted.

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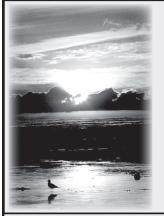
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