



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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**  
**Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**January 22, 2017**

## *From the Pastor . . .*

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

Today's Scriptures speak of those who were "*sitting in darkness*" and who were "*dwelling in a land overshadowed by death*." According to Matthew the Evangelist, such people, who were also spoken of by the great Prophet Isaiah, were liberated when Jesus, "*the light*," began his ministry of preaching and healing in "*the region of Zebulun and Naphtali*" (*see both Isaiah 8:23-9:3 and Matthew 4:12-17*).

That area can be found along the northern shores of the Lake of Galilee, and was also the location of the ancient town of *Capernaum*, the place where Jesus began his public ministry. It was in that little fishing village where he first effectively preached, healed the sick, and forgave people of their sins. As Jesus launched his ministry there, the Gospel tells us he called upon the people "*to repent, for the kingdom of heaven was at hand*." (*cf., Matthew 4:17*). For that reason, many people of *Capernaum*, and from "*the region of Zebulun and Naphtali*," responded to his preaching, and because of their "*repentance from sin*," they were "*saved*" by God; this is what "*shed the light upon them*," and what "*freed them from darkness and death*."

In order to understand more clearly who such "*saved*" people were, let's also recall some other words from Isaiah found in the Gospels. Jesus quoted the Prophet when he said he himself was "*the one anointed to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to give sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord*" (*cf. Luke 4:18*). It was such people, those who were most "*marginalized*" by others, whom Jesus very much hoped "*to save from darkness and death*." And therefore, it seems to me the cause of that "*darkness and death*" was not only or necessarily their own malice or sin, but rather circumstances and/or maltreatments that until then, and for most of them, had been beyond their control. Jesus had come "*to set all people free*." In this sense then, and for many, "*repentance from sin*" was simply newfound control over their own lives, and this was made possible through the power of Jesus' message and ministry. I believe this is how we can best understand Jesus' mission "*to lift up the lowly*." Therefore, those who were "*saved by Jesus*" were the ones *empowered* by him; such people were then restored to emotional and/or physical health, and they also were enabled to reject any type of sin for which they might have been guilty. But even more, they were also freed from victimization and abusive oppression previously threatening "*darkness and death*" in their lives.

If all of this is so, then it seems to me we don't have to look too far in our own time in order to find metaphorical inhabitants of "*the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali*." Today, this would include all of those "*marginalized people*" around us who likely "*sit in darkness*" and who are probably "*overshadowed by death*." Such people can be found by merely glancing at newspaper headlines, the television news, and/or social media feeds; we certainly come in contact with them, in one way or another and every day as we go about the business of our lives. I believe it's our responsibility, as followers of the Lord Jesus, and as best as we are able, "*to bring the light to them, to save them and to set them free*."

We can do this by championing causes that promote the emotional and physical health of the poor and the needy. We can do this by reaching out with compassion and action to improve the lives of the homeless, the mentally ill, drug addicts, alcoholics, and those who've in any way "*lost their way*." We can do this by promoting the value of every human life, "*from the womb to the tomb*." We can do this by standing up for the rights of those who have been abused, victimized and/or oppressed in any way. And we can do this in so many other countless ways as well . . .

My friends, let's not tire in our efforts to be part of the "*liberating*" force of Jesus Christ! As we work for justice and well-being in our world, and as we seek "*to free others from darkness and death*," let's never cease to help them "*to see the great light*."

**Praise God!** *Friar Timothy*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in your prayers our sick and homebound members, especially Arnold Anderson, Donald Benedict, Shrene Burnett, Beatrice Hradsky, Irene Gist, Sheila Lambert, Kimberly Lambert, Albert J.

Novak, II, Mary Schwartz, Charles Supik, Evelyn Turner, Lillian Tyler and Bernice Smith, sister of Mary Harris. Remember also relatives, friends, our city, those who serve our country in the military and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

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AFTERNOON AT THE RACES

**Afternoon at the Races** is **Sunday, January 29**, from **1:00 to 5:00 pm**. **Tickets still available** in the office at **\$14 each**, Forms for buying and naming horses need to be turned in today.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading                      Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading                      1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
 Gospel                              Matthew 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	Jan 22	8:00 am	Lawerance J & Alberta E. Stevenson
		11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues	Jan 24	8:00	Louie Bridenbaugh & Family
Wed	Jan 25	8:00	Deceased Ladies of St. Wenceslaus Ladies Sodality
Thurs	Jan 26	8:00	Deceased Teachers & Students of St. Wenceslaus School (Gift of Hope)
Fri	Jan 27	8:00	Julia Ann Vinkler

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	Masses	Attendance	Collection
1/15/2017	8:00 am	46	
	11:45	<u>41</u>	
		87	
Total			\$1,580.17
Last Year's Total 1/17/2016			\$4,097.48

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

*The St. Ann's Church Family extends a special Thank You to our sisters and brothers of St. Wenceslaus Church for providing us with a home to worship in during our time of need while our boiler remains down. Your gracious hospitality is immensely treasured. May the Lord continue to bless you and guide you as examples of His mission in serving his good people.*

*-The Church Family of St. Ann's*

LENT

Lent begins in five weeks. Ash Wednesday is **March 1**. Watch the church bulletin for additional details as we move closer to the Lenten season.

MOTHER MARY LANGE AWARDS

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

<b>Antoinette Shannon</b>	<b>Leadership</b>
<b>Gloria Barber</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>Richard Shannon</b>	<b>Youth</b>

Come out and join us to celebrate our 2017 honorees.

OUTREACH CENTER FOOD PANTRY

The Lucielle Fitzgerald Food Pantry will be **accepting donations of non-perishable food items, not outdated, every other month beginning in February**. These donations will help ensure the pantry is always well stocked. Please leave your donation in the baskets under the table in the back of the church. **If you would prefer giving a monetary donation place it in the basket on the railing in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary altar**. For more information contact Alicia Champlin at 443-722-6652.

DANIEL RUDD SCHOLARSHIP

The Office of Black Catholic Ministries is sponsoring selling T-shirts for the Daniel Rudd Scholarships for low income students attending Catholic elementary and high schools. You can order a t-shirt by visiting the following website:

<https://www.booster.com/danielrudd-scholarship-fundraiser>

T-shirt cost is \$20.00, plus \$4.99 for shipping and handling for the first item. Paypal, all major credit cards and debit cards are accepted.

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 towards Mother house expenses.

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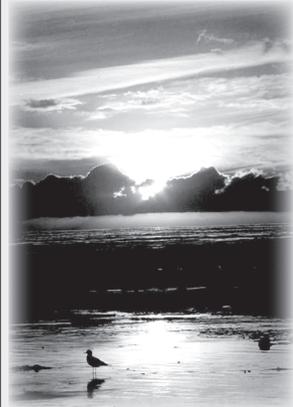
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