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*St. Wenceslaus is "twinned" with St. Ann Church,
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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
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

I love the story of the “*Three Wise Men*” who came “*from the east*” (see *Matthew 2:1-12*). Although neither their precise number nor their actual names are mentioned in Matthew’s Gospel, tradition tells us that their names were *Balthazar*, *Caspar* and *Melchior*. It is believed that these men were Magi “*from the east*” who had come from the ancient lands of Media and Persia. Those same territories now include the countries we know as Iran and Iraq. In their homelands, the Magi were highly regarded priests of the Zoroastrian faith. Although monotheistic, adherents of Zoroastrianism were not Jewish, and therefore they would not have been considered to be members of the “*Chosen People of God*.” Mary and Joseph, and all those who shared their Jewish faith in those days, would have considered the “*Magi*” to be “*gentiles*” and therefore outside of the Covenant that existed between God and the Chosen People. This is precisely what makes their visit to the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem so very significant. It really does not matter specifically that the “*Three Kings*” followed a star and ended up at the manger in Bethlehem, but what is profound is that they came “*from the east*.” It is very significant to us that they were “*gentiles*” and that they were not Jewish. Their entrance into the Christmas story therefore tells us something very important about who Jesus is for all of humankind. Jesus Christ is Messiah for all people of the entire world; the “*Three Wise Men*” underscore this reality for us (*we who are also “gentiles”*) as they went to Bethlehem to “*do him homage*.” If they were able to do such, then all people from all corners of the earth are invited and encouraged to do the same. All people, from every land and nation, are now included in the family of God—the incarnation of Jesus, the God-made-flesh, opens a path for every single human being on the face of the earth to now be “*People of a New Covenant*.” May we be always respectful of our Jewish brothers and sisters, “*God’s Chosen People*,” and may we always be grateful to them for giving us Our Lord and Savior, our Messiah, Jesus Christ! May the story of the “*Three Wise Men from the east*” never cease to inspire us and remind us that we too are part of the very diverse, and great multi-cultural, multi-lingual, and multi-national family that makes up the very colorful and exciting Kingdom of God on earth!

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

PEACE WALK

Another in a series of monthly prayer walks for peace will be held tomorrow, **January 18 at St. Bernadine’s Catholic Church**, 3812 Edmondson Avenue at **12:00 p.m.** The date coincides with the Martin Luther King holiday, recalling his work in promoting non violence. It was the wish of Monsignor Miller to have the peace walk at St. Bernadine’s on this date. We encourage many to come out to honor the memory of Dr. King and Monsignor Miller and to bring our prayer and witness for peace to a city steeped in violence.

MEN’S CLUB MEETING

There will be a **meeting** of the Men’s Club, to discuss the Easter Brunch, held on **Sunday, January 24 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church rectory. All men and boys of the parish are invited to attend. Light refreshment will be available.

LENT

The start of Lent is five weeks away. Ash Wednesday is February 10. Watch the bulletin for additional details as we move closer to the Lenten season.

PARISH RECORDS UPDATES

If there are any changes to be made to your parish records such as new address, telephone number, email address, addition to the family, etc., please call the parish office or send an email to Stwenceslaus@hotmail.com. It is extremely helpful to keep our parishioner information as up to date as possible.

TAX LETTERS

Call the church office to let us know if you need a statement of church contributions for 2015 for income tax purposes.

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AFTERNOON AT THE RACES

Our first event of 2016 is only two weeks away. On **Sunday, January 31** we will hold Afternoon at the Races **from 1:00 to 5:00 pm** in the lyceum. **Tickets** are available in the office or from Michael Hall for **\$14**, which includes a full dinner, beer, soda, snacks, hot dogs and a 9-race card. You can bet on your favorite horse for \$1 and win whatever the odds are for that race. Or you can buy a horse for \$3 and win \$13.50 if your horse wins. **Forms for buying horses** are on the table in the back of the church and are **due back on January 24**.

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!

2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Save \$1 on a ticket to the races with a **subscription package** and **save \$28** over the course of the year. A subscription costs **\$132** for the **year** or **\$11** a **month**. See Michael Hall or call the office to reserve your subscription.

SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING

On Super Bowl **Sunday, February 7**, our **youth** will be **collecting funds** in soup kettles outside of church for the **benefit** of the **soup kitchen at the Franciscan Center**. On a day when many are enjoying lots of good food, let us support our young people who are seeking to help the less fortunate.

MOTHER MARY LANGE AWARDS

Ticket reservations are being accepted at the church office for the Mother Mary Lange Awards banquet sponsored by the Office of African-American Catholic Ministries on **Friday evening, February 12** at **Martin's West**. **Tickets** are **\$60** and can be ordered from the parish office, payable when they are picked up. Order your tickets now. Previously mentioned, this year's awardees from St. Wenceslaus are:

Leadership	Rhonda Cooper
Service	Nakia Parker
Youth	Victoria Clark

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements for the church bulletin can be turned into the office or given to Alicia Champlin. All submissions must be in by 12 noon on Tuesdays.

ST. MAXIMILIAM KOLBE PILGRIM RELIC

In commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Conventional Franciscan Friar, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Wenceslaus Church is scheduled to receive the "pilgrim relic" of the saint during the weekend of January 29-31, 2016. The relic will be on "pilgrimage" during the first nine months of this year, and it will visit many of the parishes of the Conventual Franciscan Province of Our Lady of the Angels in both the United States and Canada. St. Wenceslaus Church will welcome the relic with a special Mass on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us if you can!.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
2 nd Reading	1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel	Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Jan 17	8:00 am	James & Frances Svasek
	11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues, Jan 19	8:00	Mary Schwartz(Living)
Wed, Jan 20	8:00	Charles & Freda Domm
Thur, Jan 21	7:00	James & Frances Svasek (Gift of Hope)
Fri, Jan 22	8:00	Donald Bennett, Jr

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

1/10/2016		
Masses	Attendance	Collection
8:00 am	58	
11:45	44	
Total	102	\$4,097.48
Last Year's Total – 1/11/2015		\$1,936.30

OUTSIDE THE PARISH. . .

Homewood Friends Meeting (Quakers)... Sponsoring talk by **Congressman Elijah Cummings: "One Baltimore"** - **Sunday, January 17 - 3:00 - 4:15 PM** - Lecture will include a Question and Answer session. Light refreshments will follow. Event is free and open to the public. Location: Homewood Friends Meetinghouse - 3107 N. Charles St. For more Info. 410-235-4438 or homewoodfriends@verizon.net

Office of Academic Affairs at Loyola University... Invites you to the **23rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Convocation – Monday, January 18** in McGuire Hall featuring Claudia Rankine (<http://www.claudiarankine.com/>), distinguished guest and author. Claudia Rankine is one of the nation's most interesting and powerful voices on race in America today. For more information, and to register for this free event go to, stignatius.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/citizen-11.pdf.

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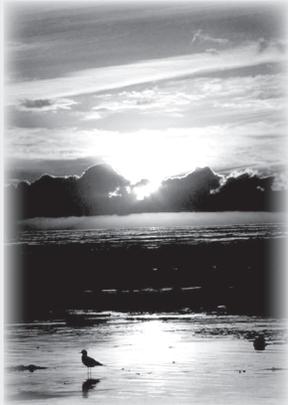
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