



# 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**  
**Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**January 31, 2016**

## *From the Pastor . . .*

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

Today's Gospel, one filled with symbolism, compels me to contemplate the opposite notions of "*rejection*" and "*inclusion*." In St. Luke's account of the preaching of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth (*see Luke 4:21-30*), we see that at first his listeners "*spoke highly of him*" and were "*amazed at his gracious words*," but that even so they were doubtful about the good reputation that had preceded him there. Sensing their incredulosity, Jesus compares them to the unfaithful people who lived during the times of the Old Testament prophets Elijah and Elisha; those people, considered to be "*God's chosen ones*," should have been open to the message of the prophets but instead were not. Because those "*religious people*" were in fact not faithful, Elijah went on to relieve instead the hunger of a gentile "*widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon*" while Elisha cured instead the gentile leper "*Naaman the Syrian*." The implication of this comparison would have been very clear to the people in that synagogue at Nazareth: Jesus was telling them that they actually lacked true faith, and that others who were not of "*his native place*," and who would have been considered to be "*unworthy*," were better suited to receive God's favor and graces. St. Luke tells us that the people in the synagogue were then "*filled with fury*" and rejected Jesus because his words. This event reveals to us that Jesus was first called to preach to his own people, and then after many would reject him, he was destined to take the message of salvation to the rest of the world—to the gentiles of every land and nation. The gentiles are our own ancestors, and by inheritance, most of us who come to church today! It should also be noted that the behavior of the people of Nazareth paralleled the subsequent and initial enthusiasm of those "*religious people*" who triumphantly welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem but who then later rejected him because of his message of inclusion and salvation for all people. The "*fury*" and murderous intent of the people of Nazareth is comparable to the actions of those "*religious people*" who eventually did arrest him, scourge him at the pillar, and put him to death on a cross. Jesus had preached a message of inclusion, and therefore found himself rejected—and thus able to show solidarity with all people who could be thought to be "*unworthy of God's love*." Because of this, I believe the original and faithful followers of Jesus, his disciples and the Apostles who were truly "*religious people*," understood it to be their mission to preach the Gospel to every land and people—to both the gentiles and to those who had already and always been faithful to those prophets of old. The clear message of today's Gospel is that with the beginning of the Messianic ministry of Jesus, faith and salvation became possible for all people of the world. All people means "*all people*." And so my sisters and brothers, in our own day when we hear of modern-day "*gentiles*" who are considered by some "*religious people*" to be unworthy of God's grace and love, let us recall the words of Jesus concerning the widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon, and Naaman the Syrian. May we not be "*filled with fury*" when we find out that such people, even so-called "*sinners*," have a place at God's table as well. My friends, I believe our faith is one of "*inclusion*" and not "*rejection*." Let us admonish and encourage each other with this message of our Gospel!

**Praise God!** *Friar Timothy*

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**FIRST FRIDAY**

February 5 is the First Friday of the month. Our Holy Hour begins with Mass at 8:00 am and continues with vocations for world peace at 8:30.

**THANK YOU**

The Outreach Center Volunteers would like to thank the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity for donation of a refrigerator. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember in your prayers all parishioners who are sick or recovering from an illness, relatives, friends, our city, those who serve our country in the military and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–18
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or 15: 3–8, 11
Gospel	Luke 5:1–11

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun, Jan 31	8:00 am	Lola Migel and Family
	11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues, Feb 1	8:00	Dolores Pope (deceased)
Wed, Feb 2	8:00	Dolores Pope (deceased)
Thur, Feb 3	7:00	Janice Bethea (Gift of Hope)
Fri, Feb 4	8:00	Dolores Pope (deceased)

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS**

Due to inclement weather, there is no report for January 24, 2016. To be listed in next Sunday's church bulletin.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REDEMPTION**

Please continue to be mindful of the pledges you made to the capital campaign of the archdiocese "Embracing Our Mission." The archdiocese and our parish are counting on your faithfulness to this commitment. An extra offering envelope for each month is enclosed in your envelope packet. This may be used to redeem your pledge or to make an additional gift to the campaign.

**JOBS**

**Part-time housekeeper:** Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Mount Washington, is seeking a P/T housekeeper 2 days per week. Applicants must provide references, pass a

criminal background check, and be fingerprinted. If you are interested, please call: 410-466-6884, Ext. 10. EOE

**Location:** 1701 Regent Rd, Baltimore, MD

**Full-time Registered Nurse:** A Catholic Congregation is seeking applicants for a full time position in their community residence of 30 religious women, located in Baltimore County.

**Location:** 1531 Greenspring Valley Road, Stevenson, MD

**More info:** RN needed for shifts Monday through Friday from 1:00pm- 9:00pm which include on-call requirements every other week.

Geriatric experience preferred and experience working with a religious community would be beneficial. Full-time benefits are included with this position.

**Full-time Pastoral Associate:** Needed for ministry to the 900 Catholic residents at Oak Crest Village, a large retirement community in Parkville, MD.

**Location:** 8820 Walther Blvd, Parkville, MD

**More info:** Provide leadership in meeting the residents' needs in sacramental ministry, programs, administration, liturgy, and spiritual care. Position open to Catholic priest, religious, or trained lay leader. Bachelor's degree and parish ministry experience required. Must be willing to work within a corporate environment, have a pastoral mindset in ministry, and function well in a religiously and spiritually diverse environment. Apply at [www.elmjobs.com](http://www.elmjobs.com). EOE

**SAVE THESE DATES...** Annual Youth Group **Spaghetti Dinner and Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday, February 20**, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm in the lyceum. The cost is still only \$5.

**The Oblate Sisters of Providence... Eighth Annual Chicken Dinner** at St. Francis Center, 501 E. Chase St. On **Saturday February 27** from 11am to 3:00pm. The price of the dinner is just **\$10.00**. For more information or tickets, contact Sr. Helene Therese 410-536-5687.

**St. Louis Catholic Church...** 12500 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, MD 21029. **The Shroud of Turin Talk and Replica** coming on **Wednesday, March 2** from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in Parish Hall Don't miss this opportunity to experience the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in a way that can make this an unforgettable Lent.

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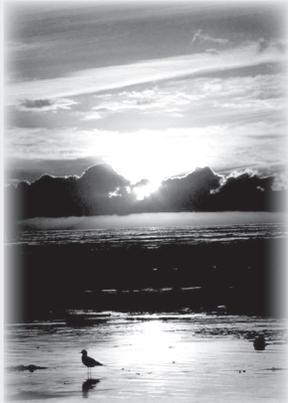
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