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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

First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

The Old Testament tells us the stories of Moses, “*the lawgiver*” and of Elijah “*the great prophet.*” Before each ascended Mount Sinai and had unique encounters with God, and before they embraced their missions of service to others, these most important of Biblical figures prayed and fasted for forty days. Although they were in fact called to greatness, neither could escape their humanity, and at times while praying and fasting, were weakened with temptations to flee from the responsibilities given to them. But it was precisely because of their prayers and fasting that each gained the strength and the power to do what they were called to do! And so to Moses was given the Law of God that was to be shared with the chosen people (*see Exodus 34*), and Elijah was charged to bring to completion his prophetic vocation in service to God’s people (*see 1 Kings 19*). On this *First Sunday of Lent*, and recalling the “*desert experiences*” of Moses and Elijah, we are invited to reflect upon the “*Temptation of Jesus*” (*see Luke 4:1-13*). Like them, Jesus also spent forty days of praying and fasting as a time of “*preparation*” for what he was called to do. With this in mind, it’s no coincidence that we understand the mission and ministry of Jesus as the fulfillment of all of the Laws and of the Prophecies given to us through the Old Testament (*Moses and Elijah were their standard-bearers, and for this reason would also be seen at the Transfiguration of Jesus in the days before his public ministry was brought to its conclusion*). In Luke’s account of the fasting of Jesus in the desert, we find that Jesus as a human being (*one like us*) was tempted three times by devil: the first was to misuse his power in order to satisfy his own bodily desires, the second was to settle for worldly power instead of the eternal glory destined to him as the Son of God, and the third was to entrap people into a false understanding of his purpose by giving them only fleeting and passing (*instead of eternal*) reasons to pledge allegiance to him as the Messiah. Of course, Jesus did not yield to the temptations of the evil one, and because he prayed and fasted, and even submitted himself to the test, we believe he completely understands our own sacrifices, our struggles and our temptations—and he gives us all the power we need to grow in faith, and to overcome any obstacles to grace! While certainly none of us have the stature of a Biblical figure like Moses, “*the lawgiver,*” nor of Elijah “*the great prophet,*” all of us are individually called by God to our own personal greatness. Our God desires that we enthusiastically embrace the missions and the responsibilities to which we have been called. As we strive to do this, we are invited us during this Holy Season of Lent to give special attention to prayer, to fasting and to service to others. With Jesus as our model and guide, and knowing these types of actions empowered Moses, Elijah, and so many saints and holy people before us, may we embrace them with faith and confidence. May we truly believe they will indeed strengthen us when weak, and empower us when tempted! My friends, as we once again enter the Holy Season of Lent, may we use this time of preparation to respond without defeat to whatever greatness God has called us to do and to be.

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST RAFFLE

The Men’s Club will hold a raffle drawing on April 3, 2016. Prizes include a 32” HDTV, \$75.00 Walmart Gift Card, and a \$50.00 Outback Restaurant Gift Certificate. Raffle tickets are a donation of \$1 each or seven for \$5, available from the Men’s Club members and the church office.

SPRING INVESTMENT CLUB

Tickets have been mailed out for the Spring Investment Club which begins on March 6 and runs for ten weeks. Tickets cost \$10 and offer forty chances to win cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$200. Extra tickets are available in the office. Please

make all returns by March 6.

YOUTH GROUP SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, February 20, we will hold the 14th Annual Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner, Bingo and Bazaar, from **12:00 to 4:00 pm** in the lyceum. The **cost** is still **\$5**, which includes spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, beverage and desert. Take-out orders are also accepted. Bingo, card games, a white elephant table and other activities will round out the afternoon. Enjoy an affordable family day out and support our youth. Tickets are available in the church office or from Youth Group members.

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LENT

Devotional Materials. **The Word Among Us: "It All Comes Down to Mercy"**, mass and daily meditations.

Living the Eucharist: "From Exodus to Easter" offers scripture readings, prayer and action for each day of Lent. Group sessions are being held again this year starting the week of February 14 and continue for 4 weeks. Signup sheet is in the back of the church. Consider being a group leader.

Fast and Abstinence... Each of us is encouraged to take up voluntary acts of prayer, penance, and works of mercy during Lent. Besides our individual practices we also strive to give a community witness to our faith by abstaining from meat on the Fridays of Lent and by eating only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Lent parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will once again promote participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the program, The Light is on for You. We will participate in the following way:

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016 –

Eucharistic Exposition and Confessions:

- **3:00 – 4:30 pm St. Wenceslaus**
- **5:30 – 8:00 pm St. Ann**

Please take advantage of this opportunity during Lent and before Holy Week in order to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18
2 nd Reading	Philippians 3:17–4:1 or 3:20–4:1
Gospel	Luke 9:28b–36

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Feb 14	8:00 am	Maria Livingston (Living)
	11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues, Feb 16	8:00	Howard Bucher (Living)
Wed, Feb 17	8:00	Deceased Members of St. Wenceslaus Altar Society
Thur, Feb 18	7:00	Theresa V. Novak (Gift of Hope)
Fri, Feb 19	8:00	Tim & Hilda Driscoll (Living)

PRAYER WALK

Bishop Madden will lead his next Prayer Walk for Peace on Wednesday, February 17, at St. Ignatius Church, Calvert and Madison Streets starting with a light meal served at 5:30 pm in Ignatian hall. Violence in our city is a concern for all of us, so everyone is invited to join in this common witness for peace.

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.

No Weekly Attendance & Collections information due to snow. Posted in next week's bulletin

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to those who responded last week to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. More pledge envelopes are available in the back of the church. Our contributions further the educational and charitable work of the church beyond the boundaries of our own parish. Consider a pledge or a one-time gift as part of your Lenten sacrifice.

NEW BALLOT VOTING EQUIPMENT

The Baltimore City Elections Board has been giving voters the opportunity to try out the new equipment that will be used in coming elections. New voting procedures will be significantly different from those of previous elections. **The last demonstration will be held on March 19 from 9 am to 3 pm at Paul L. Dunbar High School, 1400 Orleans Street.** For further information check the bulletin board in back of the church.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH...

Soup and Scripture at St. Ann. Each Wednesday, from **February 17 to March 16**, St. Ann's Church will host a meal of soup and bread at **6:15**, followed by a presentation and discussion on the themes of *"Doorway to Mercy: Daily Reflections with The Message"*. This week's special guest speaker will be Fr. Joe Muth from St. Matthew's Church.

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. **St. Ann's Spring Fling Friday April 1.** Shrimp and Bull Roast, Columbus Gardens from 8 pm to 12 pm. Donation of \$45. For tickets contact St. Ann office at 410-235-8169.

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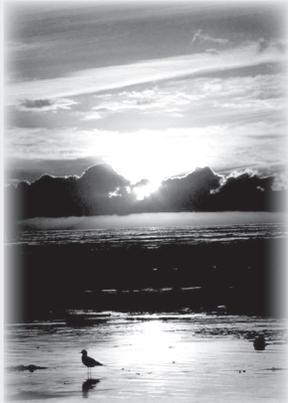
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