



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 _____

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 of Lent
February 21, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Isn't it true that sometimes when we face trials and struggles in our lives it's difficult "to see the light at the end of the tunnel?" We may at times be overwhelmed and feel uncertain about how to deal with the responsibilities given to us as members of our families, of our communities, and of our professional associations, such as those we have at our jobs or in our schools. We may be burdened with illnesses, financial troubles, broken relationships, incomplete projects and/or unfinished business (*just to name a few*). We might even have come to the conclusion that we are separated from God's love because of our weaknesses and our sins. The reality is that while we journey through this life there are times when each one of us may face such moments of doubt and even despair. In those moments, "in the tunnel," it may seem to us that only the darkness of uncertainty and loss of hope will prevail. I believe the account of the *Transfiguration of Jesus*, related to us in the Gospel today, provides us with a Christian perspective on how to face such trials and struggles; it counsels us about how to resist temptations to wallow in doubt and despair, and it literally promises us a view into "the light" of future peace, consolation and happiness (*see Luke 9:28b-36*). The Gospel tells us that "Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray." While there, the Apostles witnessed a miraculous vision of a transfigured Jesus. According to the account, the Lord's face changed in appearance, and his clothing became dazzling white, and he was seen conversing with the great Old Testament figures of Moses, "the lawgiver" and Elijah "the great prophet." The Gospel tells us that these other two men also "appeared in glory." The Apostles heard them speak of things to come, about the trials and struggles Jesus would have to endure when he would enter Jerusalem. Although the Gospel does not specifically disclose the words they spoke, we believe they revealed to the Apostles how Jesus would have to suffer and die in order complete his mission as the Savior of all people. And the Apostles were both amazed and filled with fear as they beheld the sight and listened to the words that were spoken. Then a cloud enveloped them and a voice from heaven was heard to say "this is my chosen Son; listen to him." We understand this event gave the Apostles a foreshadowing of the difficulties that would come, but also a great promise of future glory to be enjoyed by those who would endure until the end. God the Father himself promised them that if they would maintain their faith and "listen to him" that they too would someday enjoy the reward of "heavenly glory." And so too can we! I believe today's Gospel clearly counsels us that when faced with trials, struggles, doubts and despairs, we must have confidence that as people of faith we will have a way to see clearly "the light at the end of the tunnel." As we continue this Lenten journey, a time in which we reflect on our call to "turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel" let us encourage each other to succeed in all of our earthly responsibilities. My friends, may we also be sure and certain about the promise of future peace, consolation and happiness given to us through Resurrection and eternal life with Jesus forever.

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

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

Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	Exodus 17:3-7
2nd Reading	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel	John 4:5-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Feb 21	8:00 am	For the Parishioners
	11:45	Martha Branch
Tues, Feb 23	8:00	Bob & Kathy Loftus (Living)
Wed, Feb 24	8:00	Wenceslaus & Mary Shimanek
Thur, Feb 25	7:00	Gwen MacVaugh (Gift of Hope)
Fri, Feb 26	8:00	Augusta & Anna Smith

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MOTHER LANGE AWARDS

It was a great turnout to celebrate the heritage of Mother Mary Lange, foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, and to honor the achievements of African-American Catholic leaders, volunteers, and youth at Martin's West on February 12. Among the honorees were Ronda Cooper, Nakia Renee Parker, and Victoria Clark of our parish. Their citations read in part:

Ronda Cooper has worked with the youth of St. Wenceslaus as a Sunday School Instructor from 1997-2000. Ronda began ushering at St. Wenceslaus in 1999 and continues to serve as an usher today. She was also an active member of the St. Wenceslaus Evangelization Committee until 2006 and mentored St. Wenceslaus Youth Group until 2008. Ronda continues to serve St. Wenceslaus Church by assisting with the annual Spaghetti Dinner and the annual Senior Luncheon.

Nakia Renee Parker began attending St. Wenceslaus with her grandmother Marcella Wesley at the age of 13. Ms Wesley introduced Renee to the Catholic religion and taught her how important God was going to be in her life. At the age of 16 Renee left St. Wenceslaus searching for a new church home. She attended several churches in the community, but at the age of 18 realized St. Wenceslaus was the family oriented foundation she wanted in her life and the life of her daughter. Renee has taught Sunday school, serves as an Usher and Eucharistic Minister.

Victoria Clark serves as an Altar Server at St. Wenceslaus and helps at the annual Senior Luncheon and annual Spaghetti Dinner. She assists with Sunday school activities helping the younger children. Victoria is a member of the Youth Group and is always ready to lend a helping hand as was evidenced at the Sunday school Fish Fry and Bingo. She volunteers at St. Thomas Aquinas and does community service at the Churches of Charles.

PROFIT FROM RACES

The January 31 Afternoon at the Races realized a profit of \$2,059.50 after expenses. Thanks to all who supported this fund raiser and especially to our faithful workers.

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

The first drawing of the Spring Investment Club will be Sunday, March 6. Additional tickets are available in the church office. Please make all returns by March 6.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. . .

St. Ann/St. Wenceslaus joint trip, **September 24, 2016** Sight and Sound Theatre to see **SAMSON!** Watch the bulletin for further information.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS			
	Masses	Attendance	Collection
2/7/2016	8:00 am	50	
	11:45 am	<u>37</u>	
Total		87	\$3,398.08
Last Year's Total – 2/8/2015			\$2,045.84
2/14/2016	8:00 am	54	
	11:45 am	<u>52</u>	
Total		106	\$1,687.10
Last Year's Total – 2/15/2015			\$1,145.13

OUTSIDE THE PARISH. . .

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

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 pm**, 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 Friar Timothy Dore, OFM, Conv.**

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.

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.

Prayer Walk...Bishop Madden will lead his next Prayer Walk for Peace on **Wednesday, March 9**, 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.

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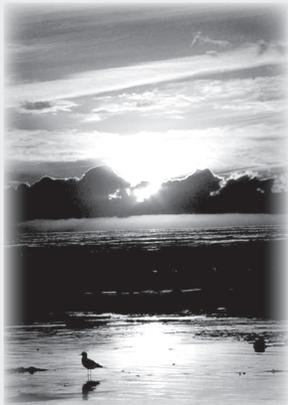
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