



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 Easter
April 3, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Today's Gospel teaches us that although signs and wonders done by good and holy people may wonderfully inspire us, "believing without seeing" might actually lead to a stronger kind of faith; this type of faith would involve a trust based more on the Spirit's movement within our hearts than on any type of concrete "proof" (see John 20:19-31). It seems to me that such faith would require a kind of unworldly and simple confidence in the great message of our salvation—a message we can both deliver and receive! Some of those who had lived and walked with Jesus during the time of his public ministry did not initially accept the news about the Resurrection. The Gospel tells us that the Apostle Thomas refused to believe unless he could see Jesus for himself and touch his wounds. He wanted physical proof before he would believe, and he simply was not satisfied with what others had testified about the Risen Jesus (see John 20:25). The case of Thomas may be similar to our own: he believed only what he could see and touch. Isn't it true that sometimes we may behave and doubt like Thomas because our faith isn't always comfortable, nor is it an easy thing to have? At times, we may desire something concrete and demonstrable in order to believe the faith testimonies of others. Like Thomas, we might seek some kind of proof of the presence and/or the action of Jesus in our lives, but today's Gospel challenges us to take a different approach. The Gospel clearly teaches us that we may not always have the satisfaction of concrete "proof" concerning the matters of our faith. I believe the message for us today is that faith, like love, demands letting go of our need to control; it involves a poverty of spirit, and a trusting acceptance of God's ways. This is to say that a deep faith does not always ask for proof, and that it is based upon trust. Jesus told Thomas: "Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed" (see John 20:29). Can we say that we are people of faith who believe without seeing? Or do we only respond to the goodness of our faith when we see people doing great and marvelous things? In this Easter season, we proclaim our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus. We do this without the benefit of experiencing his actual physical presence, and we know that the reality of the Resurrection is not something we can "touch." Today's Gospel challenges us to continue on with the eyes of faith—one that involves a profound trust, and one that does not need material proof of God's presence and action in our lives. Let us rejoice when our faith leads people to action and to good works; more importantly, let us always maintain our faith, even when it might otherwise be easier for us to be overcome with doubts. My friends, with great faith let us enthusiastically continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus!

Christ is Risen, Truly, He is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy Easter my friends!

Praise God! Friar Timothy

PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm in the church rectory. All members are encouraged to attend.

POSTPONED ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual attendance count at Mass for the Archdiocese has been postponed at this time. Please watch the bulletin for new date.

FASHION & TALENT SHOWCASE INCOME

To all of you who participated and volunteered in the Family & Friends fundraiser celebrating the lives of our Youth and Young Adults, a big thank you for making it a success. We were able to realize a profit of \$400 after expenses for this event.

INVESTMENT CLUB WINNERS

Week 3 Winners

\$100 – Marie Pamagua	Seller: Subscriber
\$ 50 – Loretha Pitts	Seller: Subscriber
\$ 25 – Elaine Welkie	Seller: Mrs Burris

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Week 4 Winners

\$100 – Pat Marruffo Seller: Joan Gampel
\$ 50 – Arnold Anderson Seller: Andrea Anderson
\$ 25 – Edward S. Skudma Seller: Self

FISH FRY INCOME

Thank you to all who supported the Sunday School Fish Fry. Thank you to all the dedicated workers who volunteered every Friday. After expenses the profit is \$1,191.00. A special Thank You to Friar Timothy for the use of the kitchen in the rectory.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41
2nd Reading Revelations 5:11–14
Gospel John 21:1–19

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Apr 3 8:00 am Albert & Arlene Novak
11:45 For Parishioners
Tues, Apr 5 8:00 Wenceslaus & Mary Shimanek
Wed, Apr 6 8:00 Joanne & Howard Beecher
(Living)
Thur, Apr 7 7:00 Lila Markle (Gift of Hope)
Fri, Apr 8 8:00 Bernard & Mary Kalista

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	<i>Masses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Collection</i>
3/27/2016	9:00 am	101	
Total			\$3,486.25
Last Year's Total – 3/29 /2015			\$1,841.36
3/20/2016	8:00 am	55	
	11:45	<u>64</u>	
Total		119	\$2,070.80
Last Year's Total – 3/22 /2015			\$1,535.62

FACEBOOK

Be sure to visit the St. Wenceslaus Roman Catholic Church Facebook page.

PRAYER WALK

Bishop Madden will lead the monthly Prayer Walk on **Tuesday April 12, starting at 5:30 pm at the Immaculate Conception Church, 1512 Druid Hill Ave. in West Baltimore.**

OUTSIDE THE PARISH...

St. Matthew's Church ...Spring Luncheon & Bingo Wednesday April 6. Held in St. Matthew's Church Hall, 5403 Loch Raven Blvd. Doors open at 10:30 am. Tickets/Donation: \$13. For more information flyer on bulletin board in back of church. **Contact Caroline Grayson for tickets: 410-323-7617**

St. Thomas More Church... Italian Dinner: April 10 from 12:30 – 3:30 pm, 1608 McClean Blvd. Served in Children's Guild Conference Center, enter from lower parking lot. **Catered by CARRABBA's.** Adult - \$16, Child under 10 - \$12 and Carryout - \$17. Basket of Cheer, Jewelry and Prizes. **NO SALES AT DOOR - PURCHASE AHEAD call 443-798-0556//410-302-4641.**

St. Bernadine's Parish invites you to journey to the National Shrine "Grotto" of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, Maryland on April 21st. The bus will leave from St. Bernadine's Church at 8:30 a.m.; the \$40 p/p cost includes: round trip transportation, a buffet lunch at the Mountain Gate Restaurant, tax & tip. For tickets contact, Deacon Paul Barksdale (410) 404-7133 or Denise Stanley (410) 362-8664.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary... Prayer Service for Peace in Baltimore Monday, April 25 at 7 pm, 409 Cathedral St. All faiths are invited to pray for healing in Baltimore on the one-year anniversary of the unrest following the death of Freddie Gray. "Together, with faith and with God's help, we can heal our broken city." Parking is available in the garage on Franklin Street between Charles and Cathedral Streets.

Israel Baptist Church...18th Annual Community Care Initiative Health Fair Sunday April 17 from 12 – 3 pm, 1220 N. Chester St. Free health screenings, health insurance, free snacks and groceries. For more information flyers are on the table in back of church.

International Sisters in the Struggle BI-Annual Retreat... May 13-15, at Oblate Sisters of Providence Retreat and Conference Center, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD. **Join us for a weekend of Reflection, Renewal and Rest. Donation \$250** See flyer posted in back of church for more information. **Contact: Debbie (410) 467-2313.**

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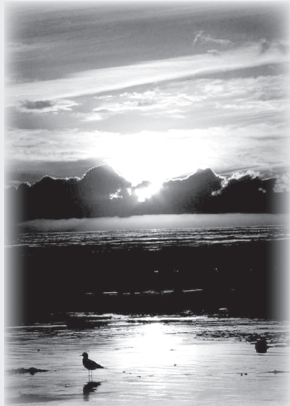
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