



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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

There's lots of symbolism in the fishing story found in today's Gospel (*see John 21:1-19*). According to the account, the disciples had spent the whole night fishing, but had caught nothing. Then Jesus appeared to them in the morning and told them to cast their nets to the "*other side of the boat.*" We can only imagine how incredulous the disciples might have been at this suggestion, but they followed his direction and then caught so many fish their nets nearly broke; in fact, the Gospel tells us very precisely they caught "*one-hundred-fifty-three large fish.*" It also tells us that only then, after the big catch, did the disciples recognize who Jesus was. Scriptural numbers are usually used symbolically. For example, when Jesus told his disciples they had to forgive "*seventy times seven,*" he did not literally mean that they should forgive only *four-hundred-ninety times*, but rather he challenged them to forgive others *without limits and without end*. Because the Gospel reported the disciples caught exactly "*one-hundred-fifty-three large fish,*" it specifically intended to teach Christians about the universal mission of the church. At that time, it wasn't coincidental that there were only "*one-hundred-fifty-three*" types, or species of fish known to the disciples of Jesus. This number clearly signified to them that the mission of the Church was not simply to serve one specific community of people (*i.e., one "type" of fish*). The early disciples therefore were called to move beyond their own cultural, religious, and social "*comfort zones,*" and instead to take the message of the Gospel to all peoples and to all places of the world. I think this may have been symbolized by Jesus' challenge to them to throw their nets to the "*other side of the boat.*" In our own time we are called to do the same, but isn't it true that we might be tempted to want to stay within our own "*comfort zones,*" and not to dare to reach out to those who are different from us? Yet we too are called to throw our nets out to the "*other side of the boat.*" I believe that if we fail to do this, then we might just continue to convince people who are different that they are not welcomed by our church. Many such people may believe we have judged them to be terrible sinners, or that they have made life choices unacceptable to us, or that we could never be flexible enough to allow them to thrive as they are within our communities of faith. If this would be the case, then it would be no surprise to me if our so-called efforts to "*evangelize*" would have little or no success. Simply put, if we are afraid to throw our nets out to the "*other side of the boat*" it will not be possible for us to take the Gospel to all people and to all places; likewise, it will not be possible for us to catch that metaphorical "*one-hundred-fifty-three large fish.*" I believe the Lord of our faith embraces every kind of person, every race, and every culture; he embraces sinners and saints, the lowly and the mighty. May we, like those disciples of Jesus who were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias after his resurrection from the dead, never be afraid to throw our nets out to the "*other side of the boat.*" Like them, may we rejoice when we follow Jesus and then catch our own "*one-hundred-fifty-three large fish!*" It's in doing such, and in all those fish, that we too will recognize the presence of the Risen Jesus!

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

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated to our Easter flower fund in memory of loved ones. A list of flower memorials is located in the back of the church.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next 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.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember in your prayers Friar Timothy and his family, 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.

MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize – Edith Pumphrey – 32” Flat Screen HDTV
2nd Prize – Loretha Pitts – \$75.00 Walmart Gift Card
3rd Prize – John Sherrill – (2) \$25.00 Outback Restaurant Gift Cards

BUS SERVICE

There will be no church bus service available on **Sunday April 17.**

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.**

INVESTMENT CLUB WINNERS

Week 5 Winners

\$100 – Patricia Brown Seller: Subscriber
\$ 50 – Patricia P. Schuhart Seller: Self
\$ 25 – Lorenzo Ayers Seller: Andrea Anderson

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 13:14, 43–52
2nd Reading Revelations 7:9, 14b–17
Gospel John 10:27–30

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun,	Apr 10	8:00 am	Albert & Arlene Novak
		11:45	For Parishioners
Tues,	Apr 12	8:00	Frances & Barbara Holub
Wed,	Apr 13	8:00	James Miller
Thur,	Apr 14	7:00	Ronald Frederick (Gift of Hope)
Fri,	Apr 15	8:00	Shannon B. Wilson

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	<i>Masses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Collection</i>
4/3/2016	8:00 am	58	
	11:45	<u>35</u>	
Total		93	\$2,469.00
Last Year's Total – 4/5/2015			\$3,552.30

LOOKING AHEAD...

Family and Friends Day Luncheon - Sunday May 15, a single Mass will be held, followed by a complimentary luncheon in the Lyceum.

Outreach Center Crab Feast - Saturday July 16, the Lyceum. Benefit the Lucille Fitzgerald Food Pantry.

Labor Day Picnic – Monday September 5, at Rocky Point Beach and Park.

Sight and Sound Trip - Saturday October 29, to see performance of Samson.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH...

St. Ann's Sista Circle... 'Walk It Off' every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at Lake Montebello. All are welcomed to come out and enjoy the sun and burn a few calories.

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.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church... The ChristLife National Conference, Wednesday April 20 – Friday April 22 9:00 am. You will be spiritually renewed, challenged, inspired, equipped, and connected so you can bring ChristLife to your home parish. 6405 Orchard Road, Linthicum, Maryland 21090. Contact: Jennifer King, 443-388-8910, email: jen@christlife.org

St. Bernadine's Parish... 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.

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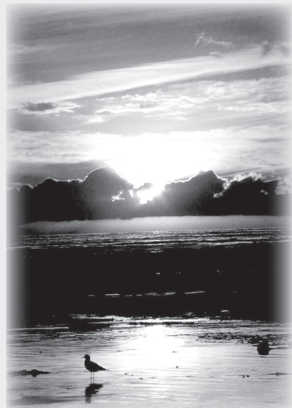
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