



Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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*Masses at St. Ann: Sunday – 9:45 a.m.
Thursday - 7:00 p.m.*

MASSES

SUNDAY
WEEKDAYS
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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.

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SAINT WENCESLAUS CHURCH
Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity
May 22, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Today the Church celebrates the great feast of the Most Holy Trinity! The “*Trinitarian formula*” has been used by Christians since the very first days of the early church. Even so, for many it’s difficult to grasp the concept of a “*Trinity—or three persons in one God.*”

As I personally reflect on the meaning of the Trinity, I like to recall the words of that ancient and well known Latin hymn “*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*” The modern English rendition of this song reads “*where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found.*” I also very much like the Spanish version which reads “*donde hay amor y caridad, se encuentra Dios.*” In each of these languages, the words of the song speak to me, and I believe they give me some insight into the nature of the Trinity; I imagine the three persons of the Most Holy Trinity, “*the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*” as existing in a kind of “*perfect relationship*” of charity and love.

The Church teaches us that the “*three persons*” of the Trinity “*subsist in one nature*” (*that’s to say, there is just One God – “One God in three persons*”). As we try to contemplate the meaning of this, we might recall that the actual word “*Trinity*” isn’t found anywhere in the Bible (*and as a side point here, we might note that the word “Bible” isn’t found in the Bible either!*). However, we believe Christians have pondered the concept of the Trinity from the earliest days of the Church. The word “*Trinity*” has been specifically used by theologians since at least the fourth century, and has been used in order to explain a basic Christian understanding of who God is (*i.e., “One God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit*”).

Based on this, and if we can then say that “*the Trinity is a harmonious, charitable and loving community of persons,*” how might this effect the way in which we live our daily Christian lives? Is there no better way to live out our Trinitarian faith than for one another to be a reflection of the Trinity’s perfect example of charity and love? I believe the one answer to both of these questions is that we are called to follow the example of the Trinity, this relationship, this “*community*” of charity and love, in the way that we relate to other human beings, especially those with whom we come in contact every day (*i.e., our family members, our classmates, our co-workers, our clients, our neighbors, our fellow travelers on the road, and so on*). If we effectively live in harmony with others, and demonstrate charity and love in the way that we live our lives, then I believe we can very truly reflect the love of God and the “*community of charity and love*” that is the Trinity.

As Christian men and women, and in fellowship with one another, we are made in the image and likeness of our Trinitarian God! We need one another in order to lead faith filled lives that are complete, life-giving and joyful (*and that are characterized by the way we demonstrate charity and love for one another*). And so, on this Trinity Sunday, let us recommit ourselves to the God of charity and love, and to all of our brothers and sisters. May we always remember our obligation to live in harmonious relationships with others and to form a perfect community of relational charity and love that truly reflects our Trinitarian God!

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue to 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.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the Sewell Family on the death of their father William J. Sewell. Funeral services were held on Tuesday May 17th at St. Wenceslaus Church.

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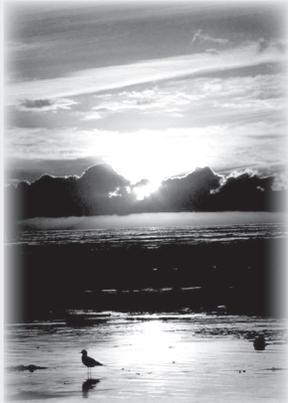
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