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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
Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 7, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Jesus warns us in today's Gospel that we "*must be prepared, for at an hour we do not expect, the Son of Man will come*" (see Luke 12:40). While this passage actually challenges us to be ready for that moment when Jesus will "*come again in Glory,*" I believe it also teaches us something about how we ought to be ready for our own personal deaths, and those of others we know and love. Like the coming of Jesus in Glory, the passing-away of any one of us might occur today or tomorrow, and it might catch us by surprise. In both cases, we believe and hope we will see the Lord "*face to face.*"

When I contemplate the passing from this life to the next, I often think about the surprising death of my very dear Aunt Mary Margaret. She passed-away very suddenly and unexpectedly a few years ago when she was just fifty-two years old. I will never forget that late night phone call from my mom informing me of the terrible news. In my heartache at that moment, I pleaded with God: "*How's it possible that a person who seemed to have good health, had just begun a promising new business venture, was a very loving mother and grandmother, and who was in the 'prime of her life,' could have been taken so suddenly?*" My aunt's unforeseen death caused tremendous grief for all who loved her, including me. Most likely, all of us have had similar experiences when dealing with the unexpected deaths of friends and loved ones. Such moments can be very difficult, and sometimes they may even cause us to doubt our faith, but we would probably agree that it's because of that very faith that we are given the strength not to lose hope, and to look beyond the darkness of such moments!

Jesus tells us that we "*must be prepared.*" With this in mind, isn't it true we can be very consoled by our faith when we know our loved ones who have died were "*ready to meet the Lord?*" Death would even be more difficult to bear if we couldn't be sure our loved ones were right with God before they departed us. I know my Aunt Mary Margaret lived an exemplary Christian life; I have no doubt she was certainly ready to meet the Lord "*face to face*" when she passed from this life to the next. No doubt, you can think of your own deceased loved ones for whom you can have this same confidence. And it's probably true for all of us that the passing-away of such people challenges us to do some self-reflection. We should then think about our readiness to embrace the Lord of Glory at a moment when we ourselves least expect it. In response to the Gospel, and as people of faith, we must always strive to be prepared!

Jesus tells us today: "*Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival*" (see Luke 12:37a). And so, are we ready and waiting, and not distracted by the problems of the moment, or the temptations of this life? Do we live each moment of our Christian lives as those who are prepared to accept the Lord when he comes? Do we have confidence that when the Lord comes, he will greet us as his own and that he will lead us to the joys of eternal life?

Let us encourage each other to be ready for the coming of Jesus in Glory! As he warns us to "*be prepared*" for that day, so let us also be ready for our own personal deaths, and those of our friends and loved ones. May we always keep our faith-based hope that when we pass from this life to the next, we will all enjoy the fullness of life and the Glory of God forever! My friends, we don't know if these things will occur today or tomorrow, and we may even find ourselves surprised when they happen, but let's pray that each one of us will always be prepared and ready!

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

Sympathy

We express our condolences and sympathy to the family of Joseph Green, who died on Sunday, July 31st. Funeral services were held at St. Wenceslaus Church on Saturday, August 6th. Interment at Oaklawn Cemetery, followed by a repast in the lyceum. Please keep the Green family in your prayers through this difficult time.

Photo Makeup Date

August 18th, 2 pm – 8:30 pm is your last chance to have your family photo in the church directory. Sign up at the table in back of the church or contact Judy Singleton to schedule your time.

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Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 7, 2016

Prayer Requests

Continue to pray for our sick and homebound, **especially Donald Benedict; Beatrice Hradsky; (William) Pete Moody; Albert J. Novak, II; Mary Schwartz; Charles Supik and Joan Pittman** (sister of Michael Hall). Remember also Fr. Timothy and his family, relatives, friends, our city, those who serve our country in the military and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

Black and Indian Collection

Our second collection is **for the Black and Indian Missions of the United States**. This ministry benefits our church both locally and nationally. Thank you for your support of this mission effort.

Lector Training

A **formal training session for all lectors** and anyone interested in becoming a lector will be held at St. Wenceslaus Church on **Saturday, August 20** from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** All lectors are encouraged to attend. There will be a light breakfast provided. Please sign the sheet on table in the back of church.

SUMMER BINGO!

Join us for an afternoon of Bingo. Plenty of refreshments to buy. **Saturday, August 27th, 1 – 5 p.m.** See flyers in back of church for more information.

For Next Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Jeremiah 38: 4–6, 8–10
2 nd Reading	Hebrews 12:1–4
Gospel	Luke 12:49–53

Mass Intentions

Sun.	Aug 7	8:00 am	C. E. Goldbeck
		11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues.	Aug 9	8:00	Bartlett & Marie Regan
Wed.	Aug 10	8:00	Herb & Emma White
Thur.	Aug 11	7:00	Bartlett & Marie Regan
Fri.	Aug 12	8:00	Denise Garrett

Sunday Attendance & Collections

	Masses	Attendance	Collection
7/31/2016	8:00 am	50	
	11:45	<u>47</u>	
		97	
Total			\$1,769.58
Last Year's Total 8/2/2015			\$2,175.42

Friar Timothy's Visits to Sick and Homebound
Please call the parish office if your aged or infirmed friend or loved one who is a parishioner of *St. Wenceslaus* would like to receive a hospital, nursing home, or house visit from a Friar Timothy. He is most willing and desires very much to do this. Before you call the office, please be sure your friend or loved one wants to be visited. Also please provide their full names, the addresses of where they are located, their phone numbers, and if necessary the names and phone numbers of the family members who can serve as the contact persons. Ideally, such sick and home-bound members should also be receiving regularly scheduled visits from parish Eucharistic ministers. This can also be arranged if it's not being done already.

Prayer for Peace Walk

Please join Bishop Madden for his next prayer walk on Tuesday, **August 16, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church**, 4502 Park Heights Ave. The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 and a prayer in the church and end before 7:30 p.m

Next Upcoming Church Event . . .

September: 9/5 – Labor Day Picnic

Outside the Parish Events... see bulletin board in back of church for more information

SS Philip and James Annual Crab Feast...
Today at 12:30 pm, Tickets \$40, 2801 N. Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21218.

Oblate Sisters of Providence Annual Homecoming... **Today, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Rd, Baltimore, MD 21227

Community Health Fair & Block Party:
Blessed Sacrament Church, **Saturday, August 13, 2016** 10 AM – 3 PM. 4103 Old York Rd. Baltimore, MD. 21218.
Call 410-323-0424 for more information.

Women's Retreat... **St. Ann's Sista Circle** will host an Ecumenical Women's Retreat, "**WOMAN THOU ART LOOSED... Now, What?!**" on **Saturday, September 17, 2016 8:30 am – 3:30 pm** at the Mission Helpers Center 1001 W. Joppa Rd. 21204. **Donations are \$25** and include a light Breakfast & Luncheon as well as Workshops and Door Prizes. For ticket information contact **Cynthia Johnson @ 443-854-8094.**

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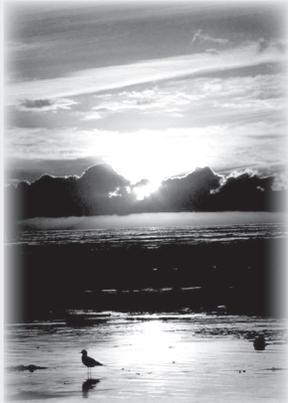
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