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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 _____

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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
Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 2, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Today, I believe the Scriptures challenge us to evaluate the “*true*” depths and the daily consequences of our “*faith*.” I believe they also invite us to reflect on how our “*religious worship*” relates to our lives of faith. In the first reading, from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk, we heard the words “*the just one, because of his faith, shall live*” (see *Hab 2:4a*). In the second reading, Paul admonished his disciple Timothy “*to stir into flame the gift of God he received . . . with the help of the Holy Spirit . . . and to have faith and love in Christ Jesus*” (cf. *2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*). According to the Gospel, Jesus’ disciples pleaded with him to “*increase their faith*” (see *Luke 17:5-10*). And so as we contemplate these passages we may desire to ask the questions “*what is true faith, how do we worship God, and how should our faith impact our daily lives?*”

With these questions in mind, I think we should clearly understand the relationship between “*true faith*” and “*religious worship*.” Some mistakenly believe these two things are one and the same. Jesus however taught his disciples “*true faith*” existed in those who hoped for eternal life, and who “*loved the Lord their God with all their hearts, beings, strengths and minds, and their neighbors as themselves*” (cf. *Luke 10:27*). I believe acts of “*religious worship*” then are those “*earthly*” rituals we use to show reverence and homage to a “*heavenly*” God we cannot yet fully comprehend. Unfortunately, it’s also true such rituals can be “*performed*” by people who really have no faith at all. There are numerous examples attesting to this kind of behavior found in both the Old and the New Testaments. Jesus himself addressed such when, criticizing the Pharisees, he quoted Isaiah saying “*this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts*” (cf., *Mark 7:5-8*). Those Pharisees knew very well how to put on a show of “*religious worship*,” while they really possessed nothing other than pretentious or false displays of “*faith*.”

Even in our own time, I believe there are people within the “*Christian*” community who unfortunately engage in “*religious worship*” that’s actually devoid of “*true faith*.” I believe when “*religious worship*” does not really express “*true faith*,” it can also become a kind of idolatry. In such cases, its adherents may then actually “*worship*” the “*idols*” of money, of materialism, of religious traditions, and of church institutions and/or buildings (*not that these things, used properly, don’t genuinely benefit us!*). Worse still, modern day Pharisees who abuse their power and who instill false senses of security and purpose in the lives of the powerless, may also in a sense be “*worshipped*” as “*idols*,” these are the same pharisaical people who are quick to condemn others who don’t “*fall in line*” with their ideologies. I believe these kinds of things happen when otherwise “*religious*” people replace their passion for God, and Godly things, with the likes of things just mentioned. Of course I hope and pray I’m not describing any of us!

So then assuming we are people who have “*true faith*,” how must it impact our daily lives? I believe if we truly commit ourselves to love of God and neighbor, then as the disciples of Jesus we will always want to pray for an “*increase of faith*.” Our lifelong passion will therefore involve not simply and only our “*religious worship*,” but more importantly our continuous desire to grow as people of faith; we will then never cease to put into concrete action our love for God and our neighbor. Our faith will not be something we merely profess with our lips, and certainly at no time will we “*worship idols*” that take us away from “*true faith*.” My friends, may we always and honestly seek to evaluate the “*true*” depths and the daily consequences of our “*faith*.” And may we never waver in it!

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The main altar flowers were given in memory of PFC Shrvol Burnett on his 46th birthday from his mother Shrene Burnett. Flowers on the Blessed Virgin Mary,

St. Joseph, Infant of Prague and Our Lady of Perpetual Help altars were given in memory of Arden and Marie Livingston by her sister Barbara Comegna.

SAINT WENCESLAUS CHURCH
Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 2, 2016

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the soul of Kaniyah Thames, infant niece of Marcella Obot, who passed on September 15, 2016. Also, pray for the souls of Eddie Carr, Sr. and Evelyn Thames, she would have been 70 years old on September 29th.

Please continue to pray for our sick and homebound, especially **Donald Benedict, Beatrice Hradsky, Irene Gist, Sheila Lambert, Albert J. Novak, II, Mary Schwartz, Charles Supik, Joan Pittman** and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is welcome to our Open House for Sunday School today **from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.** Please join us and visit our new space on the 2nd floor of the Rectory! All are welcome.

MEN'S CLUB

There will be a meeting of the **St Wenceslaus Men's Club Holy Name Society** today at **10:00 am** in the parish rectory. The purpose of this meeting will be to select and confirm new officers and to plan for upcoming events for 2016/2017. All Men of the Parish are encouraged to attend. "We Need Your Input"

OCTOBER PRAYER

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. **We will pray the Rosary together in church 15 minutes before Mass each Sunday in October.** Volunteers are needed to help lead us in prayer. If you are interested in leading us in prayer one of the Sundays, please notify the church office (410) 675-7304.

TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a Town Hall meeting held on Saturday, October 8th at 12:00 pm in the lyceum. Pot luck style refreshments will be provided by the Young adults of the parish. Remember to mark the date on your calendar. We need your participation.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Fund Raising Committee will be held on **Sunday, October 9th at 1:15 pm** in the parish rectory. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council will have its next meeting on **Tuesday, October 11th** in the parish rectory at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend!

OLDIES BUT GOODIES DANCE

The Survivors Club is sponsoring a night of old fashion fun and dancing. **Friday, October 21st** in the lyceum from **9 pm – 1 am**. Tickets are **\$10 per person** and can be purchased from any Survivors Club member. See flyers in back of church for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	2 Kings 5: 14-17
2 nd Reading	2 Timothy 2: 8-13
Gospel	Luke 17: 11-19

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct 2	8:00 am	Deceased members of St. Wenceslaus Holy Name Society
	11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues. Oct 4	8:00	Kathy F. Goldbeck
Wed. Oct 5	8:00	Bro. Joachim CSSR
Thur. Oct 6	7:00	William & Katherine Regan (Gift of Hope)
Fri. Oct 7	8:00	Jennifer Organ

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	Masses	Attendance	Collection
9/25/2016	10:30 am	101	
Total			\$1,686.40
Last Year's Total 9/27/2015			\$2,124,11

FALL INVESTMENT CLUB

The Fall Investment Club begins October 9 and concludes on December 11. Each \$10 membership brings 40 chances to win cash prizes from \$200 to \$25. Additional Tickets are available in the church office.

OUTREACH CENTER

The Lucielle Fitzgerald Food Pantry will be **accepting donations of non-perishable food items not outdated every other month starting in October.** This helps ensure our pantry is always well stocked. Please leave your donation under the table in the back of the church. If you prefer a monetary donation place it in the basket at the front of the church. For more information contact Alicia Champlin at the Outreach Center, 410-675-3320.

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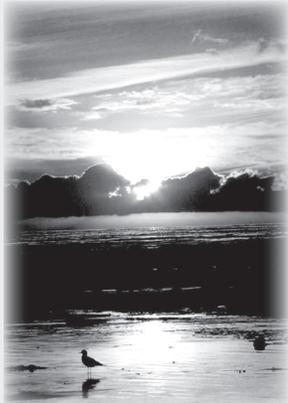


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