



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
Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
November 6, 2016

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

In the prayers of the Mass, we proclaim and profess “*Save us Savior of the World, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free!*” We call this “*the Mystery of Faith,*” and as baptized Christians, we believe freedom from sin, salvation, resurrection, and unending life, are promised to us by our faith. These concepts help us to understand who we are as children of God, they guide our paths through our present lives, they give us abiding hope, and they’re great consolations for those who mourn the passing of loved ones. Today’s Scripture readings give us reason to reflect on these fundamental Christian ideas, and they challenge us to know who we are from eternal perspectives!

The Old Testament “*martyrdom of a Maccabean mother and her seven sons,*” only partially narrated in today’s first reading, happened nearly two-hundred years before the birth of Jesus (*see 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14*). At the time, faithful Jews who lived in and near Jerusalem were persecuted and martyred by the evil pagan ruler *Antiochus IV Epiphanes* and his cohorts. As they were about to die at the hands of their tormentors, the mother and her sons fearlessly testified to their belief in the resurrection of the dead; these testimonies gave them courage to face their deaths with the hope of new lives that would never end.

The professions of faith of the Maccabean mother and her sons speak to the theme of today’s Gospel, in which Jesus taught about the resurrection of the dead (*see Luke 20:34-35*). As with the new realities and eternal lives expected by the Maccabees, Jesus assured his followers their heavenly existence would also be very much different from those experienced in the flesh. Jesus promised salvation and an eternal life of complete and total happiness in the presence of God the ever-loving Father. He clearly proclaimed a life after death to be enjoyed with those loved and cherished in the here-and-now (*such as family members and dear friends*), but that would be passionately focused completely on God, and free of any earthly limitations (*such as the worldly needs to have possessions, or to be contractually bound to husbands or wives*).

Teachings about salvation, resurrection, and eternal life are often at the top of my thoughts as I celebrate baptisms and funerals, the two “*bookends*” of most Christian lives! In fact, I always get a little choked up when, after baptizing a newborn baby and presenting the child’s family with a lighted candle, I speak the words “*this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly . . . when the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.*” Similar words get me a bit “*verklempt*” during funeral rituals when I pray “*merciful Lord, turn toward us, and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our dear loved one forever.*” The hope of resurrection permeates our journey of life, from beginning to end!

“*The Mystery of Faith*” assures us Jesus “*saves us as the Savior of the World, and by his cross and resurrection, he has set us free!*” As we contemplate the salvation, resurrection, and eternal life promised by our baptismal faith, let us fear no evil, nor worry about any human limitations we might face while walking the paths of our present lives. My friends, keeping our eyes focused on the promise of eternal life, let’s be confident Jesus saves us and has come to set us free!

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

CORRECTION - PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm in the church rectory. All members are encouraged to attend

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask your special prayers for **Mrs. Lillian Tyler** recovering from surgery at Union Memorial Hospital. Please continue to pray for our sick and homebound,

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especially **Arnold Anderson, Donald Benedict, Beatrice Hradsky, Irene Gist, Sheila Lambert, Albert J. Novak, II, Mary Schwartz, Charles Supik, and Joan Pittman.** Remember 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

ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

Our annual All Souls Day Novena of Masses began Wednesday, November 2nd and ends November 10th. We remember by name the loved ones of our church family who have died since last November. The Book of Remembrance will be on display in the sanctuary throughout the month of November. It contains names from past years and space to add names of those recently deceased.

INVESTMENT CLUB WINNERS

Week 4

\$100 – Louise Cuffie Seller: Naomi Bennett
 \$50 – Karen Thaniel Seller: Subscription
 \$25 – Dee Dee Clark Seller: Naomi Bennett

NEXT SUNDAY

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Malachi 3:19–20a
 2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7–12
 Gospel Luke 21:5–19

MASS INTENTIONS

November 2 – 10 All Souls Novena
 Sun. Nov 6 8:00 am Zachery Wilson

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	Masses	Attendance	Collection
10/30/2016	8:00 am		
	11:45	<u>32</u>	
		32	
Total			\$1,120.03
Last Year's Total 11/01/15			\$2,469.30

ELECTION TUESDAY

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 8, 2016.** Polling will be open from 7 am – 8 pm. For sample ballots and polling locations in your area visit: www.elections.maryland.gov or call 410-396-1444 for city residents or 800-222-8683 for locations in your zip code. **Remember to get out and vote!**

BULL AND OYSTER ROAST

Our next parish event is the Bull and Oyster Roast on **Saturday, November 12, from 2:00 – 6:00 pm** at **Columbus Gardens.** Tickets are available in the church office for **\$40** each or \$350 for a table of ten. Please take a flyer from the back of the church to help us promote this event.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

November is the month that we celebrate Black Catholic History Month. The insert in this week's bulletin contains some historical facts. Look for more in the coming weeks. Please check out the posters of individuals who have made this celebration possible posted throughout the church.

THANKSGIVING DAY BASKETS

You can sign-up to receive a Thanksgiving Day Basket for a **donation of \$12.00** at the Lucielle Fitzgerald Outreach Center Food Pantry **every Wednesday and Thursday until November 17th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm** Baskets will be ready for pick up on **Monday, November 21st and Tuesday November 22nd from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.** The Food Pantry is located at 2100 E. Madison Street and will be closed from November 23rd and reopen on December 1st. For more information call 410-675-3320 Wednesday or Thursday between 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

CRACKING THE CODES

Race relations continues to be one of the challenging issues facing all Americans. Having an honest conversation with someone different than you is a great first step. It's time to step out of our comfort zone and attend this special program. We promise you each evening will be honest, timely, and yes necessary for us to be a part of. **There will be two more showings tomorrow, November 7 and Monday, November 14 at Most Precious Blood Parish, 5010 Bowley's Lane 21206, from 7 pm – 8:30 pm.**

MOTHER SETON ACADEMY

Mother Seton Academy presents its 10th Annual **Wine Harvest and Auction Saturday, November 12 5:30 – 8:00 pm** at **Loyola University.** Tickets are **\$50.** For information or to purchase tickets, visit mothersetonwineharvest.org or call 410-563-2833.

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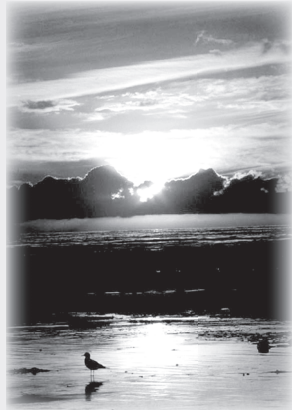
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