



Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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*St. Wenceslaus is "twinned" with St. Ann Church,
at Greenmount Ave. and E. 22nd St.
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*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 _____

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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
Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
January 29, 2017

From the Pastor . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

Today's Gospel presents us with "*the Beatitudes*," essential teachings of Jesus found in "*the Sermon on the Mount*" (see *Matthew 5:3-12*). These admonitions and promises were meant to guide his followers as they went about their lives at home, and also in the "*public squares*." Jesus said: "*Blessed are those who are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, persecuted for righteousness sake, reviled, persecuted, and falsely accused because of their faith.*" He promised those who were so disposed would receive great blessings in return; they would be "*given the kingdom of heaven, comforted, made inheritors of the land, satisfied, shown mercy, granted visions of God, called children of God, and bestowed with great rewards in heaven.*" Isn't it true these teachings of Jesus, so familiar to us today, were some of the most thought-provoking he offered to his followers? There's no doubt even people from other faith traditions have taken great inspiration from them as well! And as they guided the earliest of Christians, they continue to provide great and much needed wisdom for us today.

I think my favorite *Beatitude* is "*blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*" And it's not surprising to me this one was highlighted by Jesus right in the middle of these teachings. This suggests to me it was a "*very central theme*" of this sermon! The great need for "*mercy*" among the people in Jesus' day probably wasn't too much different than in our own time. Even though we are Christians, like those who first heard the preaching of Jesus, any one of us might be tempted to "*withhold mercy*" from those who have "*sinned against us*," from those who have disappointed us, and from those who may have caused us emotional damage or pain. I'm sure all of us can think of individual people, and even organized groups of people, who've fit these descriptions – some of them we've encountered close to home, and others we've been beset by in the "*public square.*" And let's be honest, when people have wronged us, isn't it then very easy to "*withhold mercy*" and not to forgive? I know this is true for me!

Of course, Jesus' all important teaching on mercy is also notably found in the words of the "*Our Father*," perhaps the prayer most often recited by every Christian. In it, we say "*forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" With these words in mind, and as we contemplate all of the *Beatitudes*, especially the one about "*mercy*," let's ask ourselves if we really believe these basic teachings of Jesus. Do we affirm and give witness to them with all of our thoughts, words, and actions? If not, it might be a good idea for us to think about how we might once again conform our lives to the wisdom of Jesus! This is no easy thing to do, but it's required of us because we call ourselves "*Christians.*" At same time, and with just about every teaching contained in "*the Beatitudes*," I believe we should remind ourselves "*mercy and forgiveness*" have more to do with those who give, than with those who receive (*but that's the subject of another essay*).

Remaining faithful to the teachings of Jesus' "*Sermon on the Mount*" can be challenging, as well as the source of great blessings. As devoted Christians, we can be confident we will be "*given the kingdom of heaven, comforted, made inheritors of the land, satisfied, shown mercy, granted visions of God, called children of God, and bestowed with great rewards in heaven.*" May "*the Beatitudes*" always inspire us, especially in the manner in which we show mercy and we forgive others, both at home and in the "*public square.*"

Praise God! *Friar Timothy*

FIRST FRIDAY

February 3rd is the First Friday of the month. Holy hour begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continues with Vocations for World Peace.

AFTERNOON AT THE RACES

Afternoon at the Races is being held today in the lyceum from **1:00 to 5:00 pm**. Come out and join us for an afternoon of fun and refreshments.

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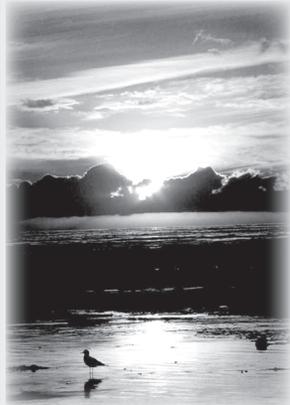
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