



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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**  
**Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**February 12, 2017**

## *From the Pastor . . .*

### **My Sisters and Brothers:**

Today, we continue our reflection on Jesus' "*Sermon on the Mount*" (see Matthew 5:17-37). As we contemplate the passage before us today, I believe we should recall Jesus often challenged his listeners to put aside their "*old ways of thinking and of doing things.*" Let's remember his radical message of change and renewal had enabled his followers to escape the tyranny of obsolete and legalistic "*religious rituals and practices.*" It had empowered them to accept the fullness of the "*Good News*" and to be "*born-again*" to the new way of life he had come to offer them. And I believe this new way of life had much to do with the way they were called to demonstrate their genuine love and concern for others. But unfortunately, the Scribes and the Pharisees, religious leaders who should have been most receptive to his message, were those who were most often opposed to what he taught. In fact, the message of Jesus threatened their prestige and power, and was the principal reason they constantly sought to condemn him. This is what eventually led them to put Jesus to death on the cross. Certainly, this never-ending conflict between the radical and new message of Jesus and the "*old ways*" of those religious leaders is what set the stage for today's lesson from the "*Sermon on the Mount.*"

Jesus said: "*I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven*" (see verse twenty). In order to illustrate such "*righteousness,*" Jesus cited specific Old Testament teachings having to do with the prohibitions against killing others, against committing adultery, and against the taking of false oaths. I believe these were merely examples from among many others he might have used. But these three things clearly illustrated the essence of all of Jesus' teachings. Simply put, the **actions**, the **thoughts**, and the **words** of the "*the righteous*" would always show respect and affirm the true worth and dignity of other people. And so, for example, they would avoid even the slightest forms of anger, they would refrain from the merest of disrespectful and/or lustful thoughts, and they would always and sincerely say "*yes*" when they meant to say "*yes,*" and "*no*" when they meant to say "*no.*" This is essentially how they would demonstrably show their love and concern for others.

I believe these teachings of Jesus were clearly an indictment of those Scribes and Pharisees. It was precisely because of their obstinacy they were unable to adapt "*new ways of thinking and of doing things.*" Instead, they were hopelessly stuck in their old ways. And in fact, their anger against Jesus would lead them to kill him; it was their disrespectful treatment of Jesus and his followers, and their own "*lust*" for power and control that predisposed them to treat other human beings like "*objects*"; it was their inability to attest to the truth, even under the pretexts of oaths, that made them completely untrustworthy, and unable to adapt to the "*Good News*" and new way of Jesus. Jesus warned his followers not to be like them in any way!

Even in our own time I believe our faith sometimes challenges us to put aside "*old ways of thinking and of doing things.*" As we continue to reflect on the teaching of Jesus in the "*Sermon on the Mount,*" let's ask ourselves if we too might be tempted to be like those unregenerate Scribes and Pharisees of old. Are we resistant to Jesus' radical message of change and renewal when these things are necessary in our own lives? As we live our lives today with all of its modern complexities (*and with respect for our traditions*), do we truly accept every aspect of the "*Good News*" of Jesus, and are we willing to be "*born-again*" to the new ways of thinking and living he might offer to us? As such, are we always willing to show love and respect for others, and to affirm their true worth and dignity? My friends, may all of our actions, our thoughts, and our words, truly reflect our love and concern for others, and may these things attest to genuine faith residing in our hearts!

**Praise God!** *Friar Timothy*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue to keep in prayer our sick and homebound members, especially **Arnold Anderson, Donald Benedict, Shrene Burnett, Beatrice Hradsky, Irene Gist, Sheila Lambert, Kimberly Lambert, Rosetta Lane, Albert J. Novak, II, Mary Schwartz, Charles Supik, Evelyn Turner and Lillian Tyler.** Remember

also relatives, friends, our city, those who serve our country in the military and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next **Pastoral Council** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the church

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rectory. All members are encouraged to attend. The meetings are opened to all parishioners.

**YOUTH GROUP SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Saturday, February 18**, we will hold the **16th** Annual Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner, Bingo and Bazaar, from **12:00 to 4:00 pm** in the lyceum. The **cost** is still **\$5**, which includes spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, beverage and desert. Take-out orders are also accepted. Cash bingo, a white elephant table and other activities will round out the afternoon. Enjoy an affordable family day out and support our youth. Tickets are available in the church office or from Youth Group members.

**ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS**

	<b>Masses</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Collection</b>
2/5//2017	8:00 am	54	
	11:45	<u>38</u>	
		92	
Total			\$3,684.01
Last Year's Total – 1/31/2016			\$2,345.50

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading                      Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading                      1 Corinthians 3:16–23  
 Gospel                              Matthew 5:38–48

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	Jan 29	8:00 am	Joseph & Louise Herold
		11:45	For the Parishioners
Tues	Jan 31	8:00	Anne Diedrich
Wed	Feb 1	8:00	Margaret Burns & Family
Thurs	Feb 2	8:00	(Gift of Hope)
Fri	Feb 3	8:00	Sr. Albertine Mallet, FMM

**LENTEN FISH FRY**

Let us do the cooking for you each Friday of Lent. **Starting Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and every Friday until March 31<sup>st</sup>**, the Sunday School staff will be selling Fried Fish Dinners at the rectory. Each dinner is \$12 and includes fried whiting, green beans, cornbread, your choice of potato salad or mac 'n' cheese and a canned beverage. Fish sandwiches are \$8. Order forms and more information will be provided in the back of the church.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE WALK**

Please join Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk for Peace in the City on **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, at **St. Edwards Parish**, 901 Popular Grove St. The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 pm and end before 7:30 pm.

**OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE  
EVENT**

The Oblate Sisters of Providence will hold their **10th Annual Chicken Dinner** at St. Francis Center, 501 E. Chase St. On **Saturday February 25 from 11am – 3:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00.** Volunteers and donations are needed. Please contact Sr. Helene Therese, OSP 410-536-5687 or Mr. Ralph Moore 443-255-5600. Proceeds are towards the Mother house expenses.

**MINISTERS' RETREAT AT ST. FRANCIS  
XAVIER**

Our parish's **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers** and **Ushers** (Ministers of Hospitality) are cordially invited to participate in the "**Annual Ministers Retreat**" to be hosted by our good neighbor, the **Historic St. Francis Xavier Church**, 1501 Oliver Street, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (*preceded with a continental breakfast and fellowship for everyone at 9:00 a.m.*) on **Saturday, March 11, 2017**. The theme of the retreat is "**God is Calling.**" A donation of \$10.00 is asked of each participant to defray the cost for meals and materials. Please sign-up with the sheet provided on the table in the back of the church, and then provide payment to the St. Wenceslaus parish office before **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** in order to sign-up and to register for the retreat. This is a wonderful opportunity for collaboration among the ministers of the parishes of our cluster.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal campaign for 2017 has kicked off. Many of our parishioners should have already received a mailing from Archbishop Lori asking you to make a pledge. The Annual Appeal funds current programs of the Archdiocese and many services that are of great help to our parish. The parish receives a percentage of all contributions up to our goal. Pledge materials are available in the back of the church. We encourage everyone to make a pledge, large or small, and Thank You for your continued support.

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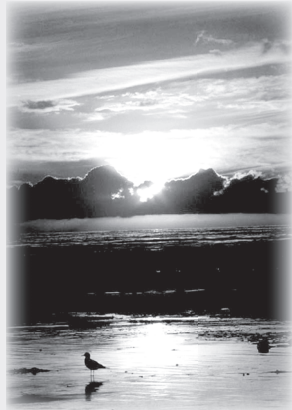
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