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*St. Wenceslaus is Pastorate with
St. Ann Church, at Greenmount Ave.
and E. 22nd St., 410-235-8169 and
St. Francis Xavier Church,
1501 E. Oliver St., 410-727-3103*

PASTORATE MASS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY St. Francis Xavier: 8:00 am & 11:00 am; St. Wenceslaus 9:00 am; St. Ann: 11:00 am
WEEKDAYS Tues. & First Friday Adoration: 8:00 am - St. Wenceslaus;
Wed. & Fri 8:00 am - St. Francis Xavier; Thurs. 7:00 pm - St. Ann
HOLIDAYS As announced in the bulletin

CONFESSIONS:

Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment for confessions

DEVOTIONS:

Infant of Prague Novena - Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.
First Friday Holy Hour for Vocations - 8:00 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 Church rectory from 9:30 to 11:30 A.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 CATHOLIC CHURCH
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 19, 2018

Friar Timothy's Reflection . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

I think we would agree that spiritual forces have a significant impact on the quality of our lives. We also know we need more than what *"the world"* offers in order to find fulfillment, and we want to be rooted in values that are deep and profound. And other than our basic needs for food and clothing, and a place to live, most *"material things"* are really not necessary for survival. Although we may be thankful for the material blessings we have received, the really important things sustaining our lives are not material at all. We know genuine happiness is rooted in things of deeper value.

Isn't it true we can't *"put our fingers"* on things like love, hope, freedom, peace, happiness, mercy and compassion, and yet these are perhaps the things most meaningful to us? People have been known to give up their lives to protect and preserve these more profound values. Such self-sacrifice is obviously not motivated by any type of material gain, and it's totally spiritual and full of power. For those of us who are Christians, the spiritual natures of the more profound values are rooted in our God who is love.

The Old Testament tells us *"people do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God"* (see *Deuteronomy 8:3*). We believe the Word of God is powerful, gives us reason to live, and sustains our very lives. When we worry too much about what we are to eat and what we are to wear, and other material worries, and we forget the really important things in life are spiritual and come from God, then we risk losing sight of the true meaning of our lives. The things that sustain our physical existence are important, but life, and the strength and power we receive from our God, are the most important things. These things give us true happiness and the promise of eternal life.

Jesus spoke of bread eaten by the Israelites in the desert. He said: *"Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, and . . . they still died, but whoever eats this bread will live forever"* (see *John 6:49&58*). That bread in the desert, given to the people by God so that they would not suffer hunger and die, fulfilled their material and physical needs. The bread they ate only temporarily sustained them, and it didn't in any way promise eternal life. And so, Jesus offered something much better: he said he was *"the living bread"* and whoever ate it would *"live forever"* (see *John 6:51*). Ordinary bread keeps people alive, but the *"Bread of Life"* offered by Jesus truly gives life, and it's eternal and gives people meaning and true happiness.

We are empowered by every word that comes from the mouth of God. And so, from an eternal perspective, material things really aren't unceasingly important to us. As we celebrate our faith together as a Eucharistic community, let's recall it's the living Word of God that empowers our lives. As we go forth from our Eucharistic table, from which we receive the true *"Bread of Life,"* let's responsibly put into action the power it give us. May our words, as followers of Jesus, and the actions that demonstrate them, effectively change the world in which we live! Let's encourage each other with this message!

Praise God!

PRAYER REQUEST

Keep in prayer our sick, homebound and recovering members, especially **Denise Branch** (Audrey Wesson & Jerry Branch sister); **Irene Gist**; **Fr. John Raymond Lyons** (Arthur Lyons brother); **Albert J. Novak, II**; **John Sherrill and Evelyn Turner**. Remember also our Pastor, his family, our relatives, friends, the elderly, lonely, the poor, destitute, unemployed, homeless, helpless, our city, those who

serve our country in the military, those who have no one to pray for them, our world and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a Memorial Service held for Ethel (Effie) Burris on Monday, September 20th at 11:00am in St. Wenceslaus Church. Following the service there will be a repast held in the church Refectory.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b
 2nd Reading Ephesians 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32
 Gospel John 6:60–69

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Aug 19 9:00 a.m. Enid Fung
 Tues Aug 21 8:00 Duane Bennett, Jr.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	Mass	Attendance	Collection
8/12/18	9:00 a.m.		\$1,846.51
8/13/17			\$1,553.00

'ICE CREAM' SOCIAL

Join us today in the Refectory after Mass for an Ice Cream Social and some conversation hosted by the Religious Education Ministry. Our next fellowship social will be hosted by the Choir Ministry on September 2nd.

Ss. JAMES & JOHN SCHOOL

The faculty and staff of **Ss. James and John Catholic School** invite you to join them for their **2018-2019 School Year Kickoff Celebration** held at **St. Francis Xavier** this afternoon **from 1-2pm**. Come meet the **new principal, Dr. Karmen Collins**, gain information on open enrollment for Pre-Kindergarten ages 3 & 4 and Kindergarten through 8th grade, and hear about the new ideas to build upon the great history at Ss. James and John Catholic School.

LABOR DAY PICNIC

We will gather at Rocky Point Park in Essex for our **Annual Labor Day Picnic**. The date is **Monday, September 3rd**. Tickets are available both in the **church office** and at the **park** - **\$7** for adults and **\$4** for children. **Raffle tickets for prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 are \$1 each or 6 for \$5**. **Transportation on the church bus** is available for a **\$3 fee**.

MASS SCHEDULES FOR PASTORATE CHURCHES

A listing of all Mass schedules for each of the Pastorate churches is on front of the Church Bulletin.

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS & CAKES

If you can lend a hand before, during, or after the picnic there are lots of tasks we need help with. Check the sign-up sheet in the back of the church and pitch in where you can. We need cakes for the Cake Wheel. You can drop them off at the rectory on Sunday, September 2, or bring them with you the day of the picnic.

KEEP ON TEACHING 2018 RETREAT

Keep on Teaching theme is "Traveling with Jesus as Missionary Disciples", sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries, will be held on **Saturday, September 8th** at the Holy Family Catholic Church, 9531 Liberty Rd., Randallstown, MD. Registration cost is \$20. **There Will Be No Walk-in Registrations!!! Registration Ends On August 30th**. Registration forms and more information are on the table in the back of the church.

DANIEL RUDD SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Office of Black Catholic Ministeries are sponsoring a fundraising benefit for the Daniel Rudd Scholarship Fund. A **Jazz Concert** will be held on **October 14th for \$25, 3 – 7 pm** at the Milbrook Park Community Center. For more information see flyers on the table in back of the church.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP – 'JESUS'

Those of you signed up for the Sight and Sound bus trip to see 'Jesus' in November the next **scheduled payment of \$20 is due today**. You may give your money to Antoinette, Shrene, Alicia or turn it into the church office. **Please make sure your payments are up to date**. If you want to know your balance please see Alicia.

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

St. Ann's Women's Retreat will be held **Saturday, September 15th, 9:00am – 3:00pm** at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center. The theme for the retreat is "**Never Underestimate the Power of a Woman of God.**" Tickets are **\$50** and include **breakfast, catered hot lunch t-shirt and bus transportation**. All money needs to be turned in by **August 30th**. Buses will depart from St. Ann's Church at 7:00am. If interested in attending contact Alicia at 443-722-6652.

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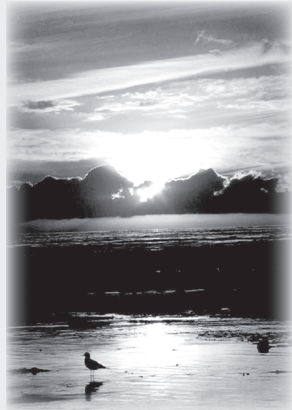
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