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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

SATURDAY St. Francis Xavier: 5:00 pm
SUNDAY St. Francis Xavier: 8:00 am & 11:00 am; St. Wenceslaus 9:00 am; St. Ann: 11:00 am
WEEKDAYS Tues. 8:00 am & First Friday Adoration and Mass : 8:00 am (as announced in bulletin) - St. Wenceslaus
Wed. 10:00 am & 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
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018

Reflections . . .

That Which is Within

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” Mark 7:14-15

Jesus speaks this passage after calling the Pharisees “hypocrites.” He rebukes them for being obsessively concerned about the externals and about the externals and failing to be attentive to the internals. Jesus makes it clear that evil comes from within and that the heart should be our true concern. The thing that sparked Jesus’ strong rebuke of the Pharisees was the fact that they criticized the disciples for not washing their hands and, thus, they ate their meal with “unclean hands.” What’s sad is that the Pharisees seem to make a huge deal about this fact. What this reveals is that the Pharisees seemed to think that holiness is something that you obtain by scrupulous external observance of the laws and customs of the times. But they failed to see the importance of what was within.

St. Teresa of Ávila has a couple of beautiful quotes that speak of the importance of that which is within. “Within you dwells your God. Enter within, look at Him, talk to Him, listen to Him and stay with Him in your heart.” And, “Indeed, we have heaven within ourselves for the Lord of Heaven is there.”

Jesus also points out the types of evil that come from within. “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile” Mark 7: 21-23.

So what’s in your heart? When you spend time alone and quietly look at your life, what do you see? What is it that makes up your interior life?

Reflect, today, upon that which is within. Know that any sin in your heart must be acknowledged, confessed and purged. Only when that is done can you meet God who dwells within. Only then can you allow God to transform your exterior from His presence in your soul.

Lord, please do come into my heart. Set my heart on fire with love for You. Purge my heart of all sin and allow Your divine presence to shine forth for all to see. Jesus, I trust in You.

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FIRST FRIDAY

September 7th is the First Friday of the month. Adoration begins with prayers for Vocations and World Peace at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mass.

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** and **Evelyn Turner**. Remember also our Pastor, his family, our relatives, friends, the elderly, the 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 st Reading	Isaiah 35:4–7a
2 nd Reading	James 2:1–5
Gospel	Mark 7:31–37

SAINT WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	Sep 2	9:00 am		Enid Fung
Tues	Sep 4	8:00		Sr. Vasclava SSND
Wed	Sep 5	8:00	SFX	Helen Rosenberger
Thurs	Sep 6	7:00 pm	St. Ann	Louis Ernst
Fri	Sep 7		SFX	Srs. Methodia & Eliazar SSND

sheet in the back of the church and pitch in where you can. We also 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. We thank you for all of your support.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on **Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm** in the church Refectory. All members are encouraged to attend. Meetings are open to any church member.

OUR PASTORATE CHURCHES MASS SCHEDULE
Effective as of Sunday September 2, 2018 until further notice our Mass schedule remains as follows:

- SATURDAY** St. Francis Xavier: 5:00 pm
- SUNDAY** St. Francis Xavier: 8:00 am & 11:00 am
 St. Wenceslaus: 9:00 am
 St. Ann: 11:00 am
- WEEKDAYS** Tues. 8:00 am & 1st Friday Adorations & Mass as scheduled – St. Wenceslaus
 Wed. 10:00 am & Fri 8:00 am - St. Francis Xavier
 Thurs. 7:00 pm - St. Ann
- HOLYDAYS** As announced in the bulletin

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 September 7th.** Buses will depart from St. Ann's Church at 7:00am. If interested in attending contact Alicia at 443-722-6652.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	Mass	Attendance	Collection
8/26/18	9:00 a.m.	84	\$1,160.46
8/27/17			\$1,481.89

GOD'S GIFT WORKSHOP

Dr. Kirk Gaddy from St. Francis Xavier Church will be holding a workshop on **"God's Gifts of the Sacraments, Mass and the Bible"** **Saturday, September 22nd from 9 am – 2 pm** at St. Wenceslaus Church. The workshop is opened to all church members, We are encouraging the different ministry members to attend. **Deadline to sign-up** for the workshop is **September 16th**. A Continental Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheet is on the table in back of the church.

CANDLES

Please remember if you would like to light a candle in honor of a loved one small candles are **\$.25 cents** each and **\$3.00** for large ones. You may purchase a large candle from the church office. **Please have the exact change for purchasing candles we can no longer provide change.**

FELLOWSHIP IN THE REFECTORY

Please join us after Mass today in the Refectory for some light refreshments and conversation. We thank the Choir Ministry for hosting the social today. Our next fellowship social will be held on September 16th and hosted by the Men's Club.

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 still available 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**. 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast Day / Family & Friends Day Celebration Potluck Luncheon, September 23rd
 Afternoon at the Races, October 13th
 More information on these events will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

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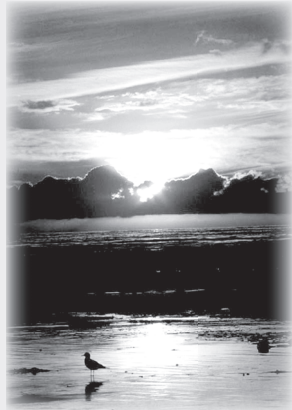
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