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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018

This week's Reflections . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

The lessons of our scriptures today are very clear. In all three readings, and in the Psalm, we are given examples of how the lives of the unfortunate are improved. Specifically, we are told the poor have a special place in the Kingdom of God, and that it's an obligation of our faith to strive to improve the lives of the neediest among us.

In the Gospel Jesus cures a man who is deaf and mute (*see Mark 7:31-37*). He doesn't just cure him by simply willing it to happen, like he does when he cures other people. This time, he performs a complicated ritual in which he touches the man, uses spittle and proclaims, out loud and very dramatically, certain words. The man is cured because Jesus wants him to be cured, but Jesus gives us an example by the action he did in order to accomplish the cure.

Jesus was well known for his compassion for those who were unfortunate and needy. We know many stories in which Jesus has pity and mercy for those who are suffering or oppressed. We may need to remind ourselves of the obligation to follow his example in the ways we serve and help others—especially those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Helping others, especially those who are poor, is part of our identity as Christians. Today's Psalm tells us “*God secures justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry*” (*see Psalm 146*). How could this happen if we would not be willing to be instruments of God in this world and do works of justice and mercy?

Sometimes it seems there is poverty all around us. Many people on our streets are homeless and/or they have all kinds of other problems and issues. It might also seem we can do very little in order to help such people. The needs of the poor in our world are tremendous, and our inability to help them completely can be frustrating, but we must do something. In fact, the neediest people we know might be those with whom we live and work every day. And so, I believe it's an obligation of our Christian faith, placed on each one of us according to our abilities, to work to improve the lives of others. If we aren't doing anything to help the less fortunate, especially those with whom we live and work, then I believe we might not be doing the best we can as followers of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, each one of us might want to ask ourselves: “*What can I do to work to improve the lives of others, especially those in my daily life who are less fortunate than myself?*” Each one of us, of course, will answer this question differently, but I believe we must each have an answer. I believe we must accept our obligation to be merciful people and to work for justice in our homes, in our communities, and in our world.

Although each one of us has the same obligation to work to improve the world, we might be very limited by what we can actually do. The things we do to improve our world may be just “*ordinary*” things. But let's not forget we are followers of Jesus, who himself was a humble carpenter! We must never be ashamed if we ourselves are not people of great wealth or power. We are “*ordinary*” people and the things we do to improve our world may also be very “*ordinary*.” Always respecting others, being peaceful and loving people, helping the members of our families and our friends with daily tasks, being a good neighbor, visiting the sick, working diligently in our jobs, praying for those who are suffering or oppressed, giving small donations to works of charity—these are the ordinary things we do that make us great! So, let's do them well!

As we celebrate this Mass, let us recommit ourselves to the obligations we have as followers of Jesus. Let's encourage one another with the tasks we have to do, and most of all, may we be people who love and serve others, especially those we meet everyday and who are the neediest.

Praise God! Friar Timothy

PRAYER REQUEST

Keep in prayer our sick, homebound and recovering members, especially **Essie Allen (presently in Johns Hopkins Hospital)**, **Denise Branch** (Audrey Wesson & Jerry Branch sister); **Irene Gist**; **Mack Johnson**, **Fr. John Raymond Lyons** (Arthur Lyons brother),

Albert J. Novak, II and Evelyn Turner. Remember our Pastor, family, 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.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 st Reading	Isaiah 50:4c–9a
2 nd Reading	James 2:14–18
Gospel	Mark 8:27–35

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	Sep 9	9:00 am		Mel & Ann Procanyn
Tues	Sep 11	8:00		For the Parishioners
Wed	Sep 12	8:00	SFX	William & Margaret Semeta
Thurs	Sep 13	7:00 pm		St. Ann
Fri	Sep 14		SFX	

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION and more

Sunday September 23rd we will celebrate the Feast of St. Wenceslaus. This is the Annual celebration of the Anniversary of our Parish and that of Family & Friends Day. This year marks the 104th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our church by Cardinal James Gibbons in 1914. This celebration will begin with **Mass at 9:00 am**, to which members, former members, family and friends are all invited. A potluck luncheon will immediately follow in the church Refectory and courtyard. Please sign-up on sheet on the table in back of church to bring food item(s), paper plates, cups, plastic ware, napkins, drinks, help with setup/cleanup, etc. **Feast Day 50/50 raffle tickets** are still **available** from the church office and can be purchased for **\$5 each**.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	Mass	Attendance	Collection
9/02/18	9:00 a.m.	81	\$2,091.00
9/03/17			\$2,524.10

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.

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 7:00 am. If interested in attending contact Alicia at 443-722-6652.

GOD'S GIFT WORKSHOP

Dr. Kirk Gaddy from St. Francis Xavier Church will hold a workshop on **“God's Gifts of the Sacraments, Mass and the Bible”** on **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.** Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheet and flyers are on the table in back of the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS....

Fall Investment Club – October 7th
 Afternoon at the Races – October 13th
 Shrimp Feast – November 16th
 Breakfast with Santa – December 15th
 More information on these events will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

St. Gregory the Great Spiritual Group presents their **Bi-Annual In-Town Retreat Saturday, October 6th** from **9:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Bring your Bible. **Cost \$20,** includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. For more information and registration see forms on table in the back of the church. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 29TH.**

WorkBaltimore 2018: Baltimore City Mayor, Catherine Pugh and the Department of Human Resources will host **WorkBaltimore 2018: Empowerment to Employment Convention** on **Wednesday, September 26 & 27,** at the Baltimore Convention Center. There will be 30 days of Pre-Convention Workshops, Seminars and Job Readiness Activities from August 20 – September 21 that will focus on Applying for Baltimore City Careers, How to Write a Compelling Resume and Learning Other Applicant Essentials. For more details and registration: WorkBaltimore.BaltimoreCity.gov or call 410-396-9897.

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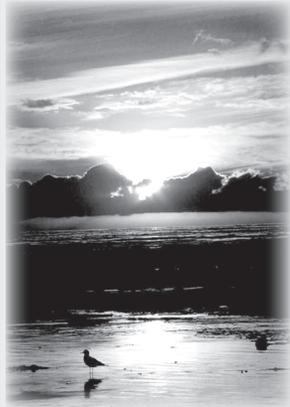
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