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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
HOLY DAYS 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018

This week's Reflections . . .

My Sisters and Brothers:

It seems to me today's readings, and especially the Gospel mandate to "*take up the cross and lose our lives for the sake of Jesus and the gospel*" are the perfect follow-up to those of last Sunday. Last week we were reminded of our Christian responsibility to put our faith into action by the way we serve others, especially the neediest among us. This faith challenges us to take responsibility for others, as we might be called to do in many situations, and according to our abilities. Therefore, if we say we are Christians, but then do nothing to improve our world, quite frankly we might not be genuinely responding to the demands of the Christian faith! We must put it into practice in very concrete ways, and in service to our fellow human beings, if we hope to be authentic Christians. Today's readings make this very clear!

Highlighting this Christian call to service, St. James states the following in the second reading: "*If faith is not demonstrated by the way it acts, it is completely dead*" (see James 2:1). Therefore, if we say we have faith but there are no "*good works*" done for others in the way we live our lives, then it's likely we don't really have genuine faith.

As we contemplate this Christian mandate of placing ourselves in service to others, perhaps it might be helpful to ask ourselves the following questions (*and others like it*): How can we say we love God if it is not obvious we also love others, even those who "*rub us the wrong way?*" How can we pray everyday "*forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,*" if we are unable to forgive those who have offended us? How can we receive Christ in the Eucharist, if we close the doors to the Christ who is embodied in the those who are the neediest among us? How can we believe in the joy of everlasting life, and set our hearts on Godly things, if our only concerns are those having to do with satisfying ourselves within the here and now? How can we wear an image of the crucified Jesus as jewelry, and then fail to treat others, who are true images of Christ among us, with complete respect? How can we serve and honor God on Sundays, but then fail to honor our family members, our neighbors, and our co-workers and others for the rest of the week? How can we call ourselves Christians if the way we live our lives doesn't match the claim?

In today's Gospel, Jesus says "*whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, for whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it*" (see Mark 8:34-35). Following this mandate is exactly what we are called to do as we put our faith into action and work to make our world a better place. Let's always discern well and accept both the sacrifices and benefits of the Christian life, as we strive to live in personal union with our God, and with our fellow human beings. My friends, let's always serve others with enthusiasm and dedication, even those with whom we don't agree, those we don't like, and even those who might simply "*rub us the wrong way.*" This way of treating others, this way of "*demonstrating our faith by the way it acts,*" is who we are as followers of the Lord Jesus! Let's encourage each other with this message!

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 also Fr. Xavier, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the main altar were given by Ms Naomi Bennett for the Parishioners Intentions.

PRAYER WALK FOR PEACE

Bishop Madden invites you to join him for his next prayer walk on **Wednesday, September 19** at **Immaculate Conception Church (1512 Druid Hill**

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Avenue, 21217). The evening will begin with a light meal at **5:30 p.m. and end before 7:30 p.m.** During the walk, we will pray at specific locations that have been affected by violence, and for all those individuals who have been so terribly affected by violence, and for a change of heart in those given to violence. Parking: There is on-street parking around the church.

from 9 am – 2 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church. The workshop is opened to all church members. We encourage all 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Wisdom 2:12, 17–20
 2nd Reading James 3:16–4:3
 Gospel Mark 9:30–37

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	Sep 16	9:00 am		Angela Davis
Tues	Sep 18	8:00		Bro. Clarence CSSR
Wed	Sep 19	8:00	SFX	Duane Bennett, Jr.
Thurs	Sep 20	7:00 pm	St. Ann	Fr. Joseph Coshan CSSR
Fri	Sep 21	8:00	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 items, paper products, drinks, help with setup/cleanup, etc. **Feast Day 50/50 raffle tickets** are still **available** and can be purchased for **\$5** each from the office.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

	Mass	Attendance	Collection
9/09/18	9:00 a.m.	73	\$961.00
9/10/17			\$1,724.13

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**

PASTORATE PRAYER DAY

Please join us for a **Pastorate Day of Prayer Saturday, October 6th 10 am – 12 pm, St. Ann’s Church and Prayer Garden.** All are invited as the three parishes of St. Ann, St. Wenceslaus and St. Francis Xavier come together for a day of worship and prayer. A light breakfast will begin at 9:30 am inside Mother Seton Academy Hall.

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 \$25.00 from 3 – 7 pm.** For more information see flyers on the table in back of the church.

The Josephites Fathers & Brothers

125th Anniversary

The Josephites Fathers & Brothers will celebrate their **125th Anniversary November 16–17** with a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Banquet to follow at the Baltimore Convention Center. Please help the Josephites keep to their missions to the African American Community and support the Josephite programs home and abroad. For more information see the flyer inserted in this week’s bulletin.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP – ‘JESUS’

Your next scheduled payment of **\$20 to see ‘Jesus’** in November is due **September 16th**. **Please make sure your payments are up to date.** If unsure of your balance see Alicia.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

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

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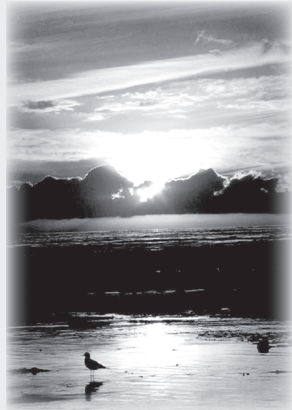


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