



St. Hedwig Church

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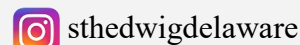
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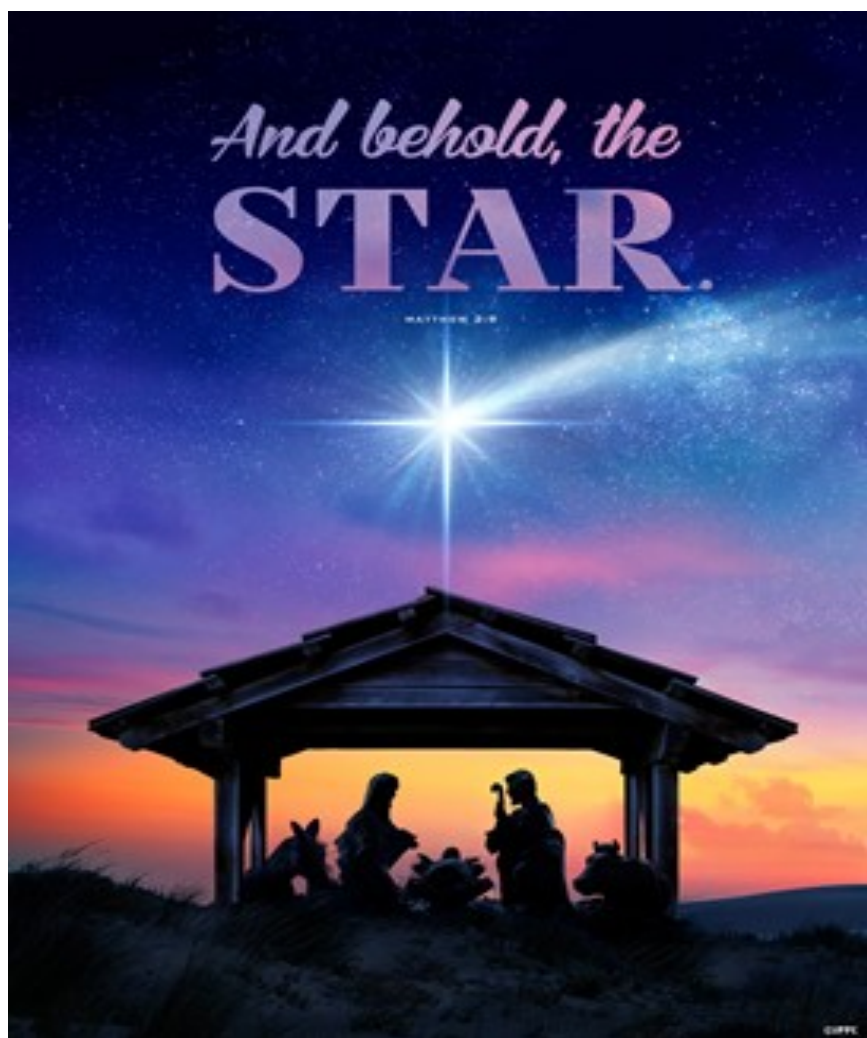
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JANUARY 7, 2024 † THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD †



Fr. Andrew Molewski
Pastor

Fr. Adam Slominski, SChr
Assistant Pastor

Deacon Ray Zolandz

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (Polish)

4:00 p.m.

Holy Days: see website & bulletin

First Friday: 6:30 p.m.

Purgatorial Society Mass

Adoration: Sunday 3-4:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

(in Saint Pope John Paul II Chapel)

Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m.

(Adoration 5:30-6:30pm each evening)

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession on Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
and on weeknights before Mass

Parish Office Business Hours

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Hedwig Church welcomes you ...

We the faithful of Saint Hedwig Parish, a Catholic Community, are committed to living and sharing the Gospel values as disciples of Jesus Christ, celebrating our lives together around the table of the Eucharist and other sacramental times during our journey of faith.



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jerusalem is not only a city of Israel but also a metaphor for Israel. Chapter 1-39 are the work of the historical prophet Isaiah, who lived in Jerusalem in the eighth century B.C. Chapters 40-55 were composed by "Second" Isaiah, an unnamed prophet writing in the late sixth century. This prophet only dreamed of Jerusalem, since he was writing in exile. Today's reading comes from what scholars call "Third" Isaiah and was written when the exiles had returned to the city. But the glorious city envisioned in this reading is yet to be realized. The exiles had to rebuild both city and temple. To encourage them, Third Isaiah reminds them that one day Jerusalem (and they as a people) will rise up in splendor, for the glory of God shines upon it.

The Letter to the Ephesians, though attributed to Paul, was written long after his death. Like the Letter to the Colossians, it may have been a circulating letter that was sent to the various churches of western Asia Minor in order to encourage the Gentile believers. The word that is translated as "Gentiles" in Ephesians is the Greek word *ethne*, which can be translated as "nations". But in this context, it refers to all non-Jews, hence "Gentiles." Through the preaching of the gospel, the Gentiles had become fellow heirs and members of the same body, sharing in the promises of the gospel. As Paul had announced in Galatians 3:28, there is no longer Jew or Gentile, but all are baptized into Christ.

Whereas the first reading tells of caravans bearing gold and frankincense to the glorious city of Jerusalem, in today's Gospel it is a trio of astrologers who journey from the East. They seek the newborn king of the Jews whom they find not in the city of kings, but in Bethlehem, the city of David. The term *magus* originally referred to a member of the Persian priestly class. The Magi pay homage to baby Jesus, presenting Him with gifts befitting a king: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Uroczystość Trzech Króli, czyli Objawienia Paskiego, jest jednym z najstarszych świąt chrześcijańskich. W dniu tym czcimy objawienie się Boga w widzialnej postaci. Chrystus Bóg objawił się poganom w osobach Trzech Mędrców. Za nimi w bramy Kościoła Chrystusowego wchodzić będą coraz nowe ludy. W dniu tym Chrystus otworzył bramy Kościoła dla całej ludzkości. Dary Mędrców mają znaczenie symboliczne. Składając je Mędrcy uznali w Chrystusie Króla (złoto), prawdziwego człowieka (mirra) i Boga (kadzidło).

W dniu tym w tradycji polskiej zachował się do dziś piękny zwyczaj znaczenia świeconą kredą drzwi domów. Dlatego dawniej, jak przekazał nam relacje Oskar Kolberg, przed każdym kościołem już od świtu stały stragany i sprzedawano na nich kadzidło i krede świeconą. Po powrocie z kościoła, kadzidłem wierni wykadzali swe mieszkania, a kredą, gospodarz przy udziale całej rodziny, kreslił z powagą na drzwiach wejściowych inicjały Trzech Mędrców: K+M+B (Kacper, Melchior, Baltazar). Czyniąc i my to samo dzisiaj, wspominamy zdarzenie opisane w Księdze Wyjścia. Narod Wybrany przed wyjściem z niewoli znaczył drzwi domów krwią baranka, wtedy Bóg "nie pozwolił niszcycielowi wejść do tych domów." Drzwi i próg domu stanowią jakby granice naszego domowego Kościoła, a jednocześnie łącznik z otaczającym nas światem. Znacząc drzwi świętymi imionami i znakami, wyrażamy pragnienie, aby tylko dobro i błogosławieństwo przekraczało próg naszego domu.

Szczęście Boże,
Ks. Andrzej



If there are no ushers present at the Mass you attend, please place your envelopes in the donation boxes at the front and back of the church. Thanks for your help!

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
December 23 & 24, 2023

Offertory Envelopes - \$4967.00

& Special Collections - \$4347.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

Hospital Visitations– Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, or email stshedwigchurch@comcast.net if you are in the hospital and would like a priest to visit you. The pastoral services at the hospitals are no longer making weekly calls to update us on admissions.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



We invite you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint John Paul II Chapel, Monday-Friday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions are heard during Adoration. Holy Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration, we “watch and wait”, we remain “silent” in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. Come and pray!



PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening in the parish hall, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Join us for Mass,

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 8, 2024 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11, 2024 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2024 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2024 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14, 2024 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monday, January 8, 2024



Parish Council Meeting

There is **no** Parish Council meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on February 7th.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Remember and Pray for all who are sick in our parish and community.

Remember and Pray for all who have departed this life.

Father Andrew, Katie, Joe Rybaltowski, Fran Golden, John Yasik, Bri Iacona, Rosalie Wilner, Mary Ann Romano, Anna Kaminska, Wanda Weikel, Aleksander Bielecki, Sharon Kozlowski, Cindy, Dot, Joe, Hanna, Terry, Lori Weikel, Erin Rathmanner, John & Sally Sitek, John & Marie Larouche, Jack & Kathy McDermott, Rudolf Wolanin, Josephine Szczerba, Joy Deluchia, John W. Foskey, Sr., Sandra Boom, Mary Eva Ross and Frank Kucharski.

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Monday, January 8, 2024

6:30pm Carol Reese
Int. Jingles & Theresa

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:30pm Living Intention— Health of
Fr. Andrew Molewski
Int. Suzanne Watson

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:30pm Family of Paul David (Gus,III) Sargent
Int. Fr. Sean Connery

Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:30pm Alex Youstic
Int. Wife, Rose

Friday, January 12, 2024

6:30pm John M. Nawrocki
Int. Wife, Hope & Family

Saturday, January 13, 2024

8am Living Intention—Gemma Neutz
Int. Kim-Marie Cox

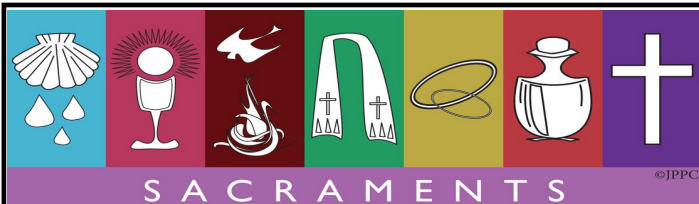
4pm Anna A. Siemienski
Int. Daughters

Sunday, January 14, 2024

9am John Appel, III
Int. Theresa Blackadar

11:30am Cezary Zyskowski
Int. Family

4pm Al Rutkowski (B)
Int. Children, Grandchildren &
Great-Grandchildren



Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Parish Office during office hours to make arrangements for Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Engaged couples should call the Parish Office so that the proper preparation may be made at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One-half hour before daily Mass in the Chapel, Monday—Friday and on Saturday from 3:00– 3:45 p.m. in Church; or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist: Please call the parish office to arrange for Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick. Parishioners who are planning surgery should contact the priest to receive the Anointing of the Sick before the surgery.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): All adults who are discerning readiness to join the Catholic Church and are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments should call the Parish Office. All are welcome.

Religious Education Classes (CCD): Children not attending Catholic School are educated in the faith through our Religious Education Program. Please contact the Office of Religious Education and leave a message at 594-1400 Ext. 4.

† Sanctuary Lamp †



signifying the Eucharistic Presence
of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
will burn this week in Memory of

Al Rutkowski

Requested by:

Children, Grandchildren &
Great-Grandchildren



Reminder: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is offered at St. Hedwig Church Monday - Friday between 5:30-6:30pm (during Eucharistic Adoration) in the Chapel and on Saturday from 3-3:45pm before the 4pm Mass in the Church.

Please take this opportunity to turn to our Merciful God, receive His forgiveness and be reconciled with Him.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Monday thru Friday - Eucharistic Adoration, St. John Paul II Chapel 5:30-6:30pm.
- Family Mass - 9:00am first Sunday every month.
- Rosary Mass - 8:30am first Sunday after the first Friday every month.
- Confessions - Every evening during Adoration & 1/2 hour before Masses.
- Blessing of Religious Articles - Second weekend of each month after all Masses.
- Healing of the Sick - Third weekend of each month after 4pm Sunday Mass.
- Prayer Group - Meets every Thursday after 6:30pm Mass.
- Flame of Love - Meets the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 2:30pm in Gulcz Hall
- Knights of Columbus - Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. John Lagowski, Grand Knight, 302-992- 0309
- Religious Education Classes 10-11:30am every Sunday- Sept. —May
- R.C.I.A. every Monday at 7pm from October-March
- Jan. 5th & 6th—Alliance of the Two Hearts
- Jan. 7th— 9:00am —Family Mass
- Jan. 7th— Holy Rosary Society Meeting after 9am Mass
- Jan. 9th—Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Jan 13th —Flame of Love - Meets at 2:30pm in Gulcz Hall



Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass 2024 with Bishop Koenig

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, wedding

anniversary or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 2431 Frazer Rd., Newark, DE 19702.

Reservations are required by February 2, 2024. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass.

Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage And Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The program is open to people 16 years of age or older. Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation?

Have you been away from the church, returned and would like to know more about the Catholic Church? If any of these questions apply to you, you might want to consider participating in the R.C.I.A. process.

Or, if you know of anyone who could answer yes to any of these questions, perhaps you could extend an invitation to them.

If you are interested and have questions, or would like to register, please call the rectory office at (302)594-1400, ext. 0. R.C.I.A. classes are held one evening each week at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory and will begin in late October. There is no cost for the program and all materials will be provided.

We welcome everyone to the program.



Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.: Pro-life vigil, outside Wilmington Planned Parenthood, 7th and Shipley Sts., Wilmington. Members of the Wilmington for Life team will be present from 9AM until 1 PM on Mondays through Saturdays. Join us anytime during those hours to take a prayerful stand for life. To register your parish or yourself for a day/time or more information contact Nancy at 302-893-1039 or nancyfrick93@verizon.net.

January 19, 2024, March for Life

Free bus provided compliments of the District 26 Knights of Columbus. 9 a.m., bus departs Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown. 9:25 a.m. Route 213 and Route 18, Centreville, 9:45 a.m. Chesapeake College, 10 a.m. Route 8 and Route 50 Park & Ride (Kent Island). Noon rally and program, 1 p.m. March on Constitution Ave., 3 p.m. Depart for home. Bus returns at 5 p.m. with stops in reverse order. For reservations, contact Kenny Platt, (443) 926-2801, plattkpc@aol.com