



# St. Hedwig Church

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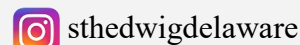
## Parish Office

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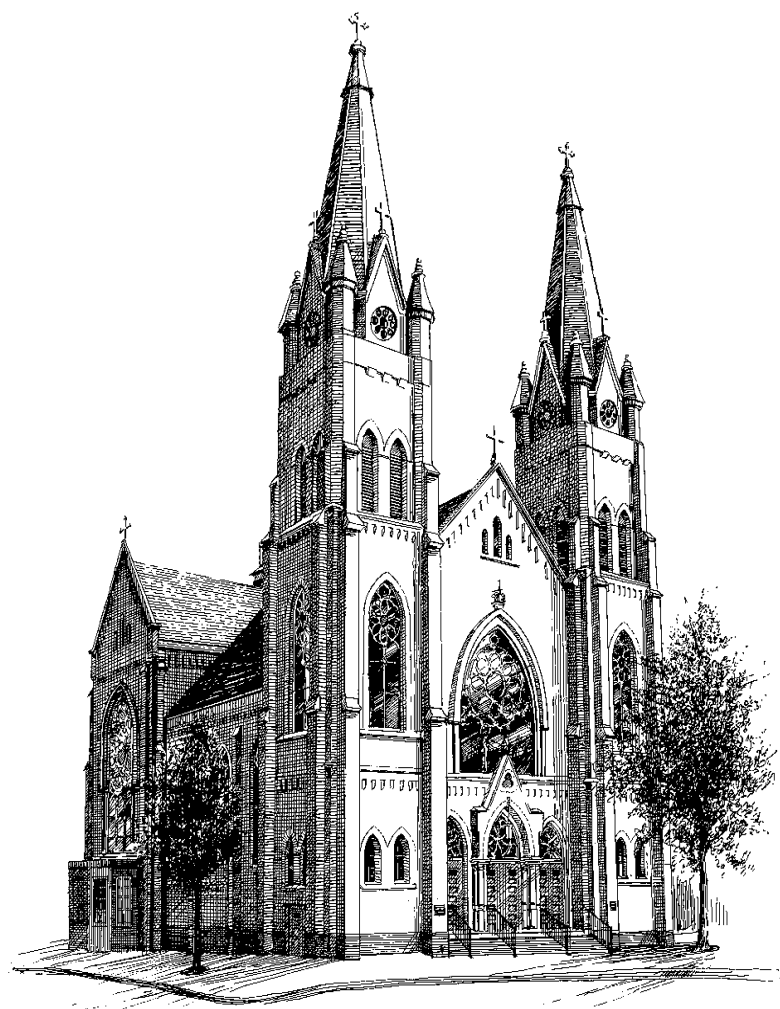
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January 8, 2023 † THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD †



**Fr. Andrew Molewski**  
**Pastor**

**Fr. Julian Kaczowka, 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 5:30-6:25pm 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.*



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Wealth in the ancient Mediterranean world was centered around trade and therefore those cities with harbors or located on trade routes acquired massive riches. Jerusalem, some forty miles east of the nearest seaport of Joppa and about an equal distance from major caravan routes, had little hope of accruing bounty from trade. But the poem from Second Isaiah depicts a marvelously altered reality. After suffering her long exile, Jerusalem will rise up in splendor, her light reflecting God's presence with her. To her will the nations stream. Her children will return. And the riches of the sea from the West, and the caravans from the East will bring their wealth to her in praise of God (Isaiah 60:5,6).

The short reading from Ephesians captures the theme of the letter: the Gentiles are coheirs and copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus. Paul has suffered and been imprisoned because of his testimony to the Gentiles, but he is compelled. He has been commissioned by God's grace and given a revelation. Though the Letter to the Ephesians comes two decades after Paul's martyrdom, it continues to depict the Gentile mission as part of the mystery hidden for ages in God.

Today's Gospel reading from Matthew presents us with the quintessential Gentiles seeking the Jewish king. The word magos originally referred to a member of the Persian priestly class. It later took on the connotation of those who engage in Eastern philosophy and science – magicians and astrologers. Matthew's magi report that they have seen a star rising. In popular understanding, such a phenomenon signaled birth. But this star is unusual. It directs the magi to Bethlehem, where they pay homage to baby Jesus and present Him with gifts befitting a king – gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They are warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they go home by a different route. The introduction of the "wise" men from the East bearing riches foreshadows the inclusion of the Gentiles into the developing Christian faith.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

## † Słowo Księdza Wikariusza †

Kochani Parafianie,  
Czego chce nas nauczyć Pan Bóg poprzez swoje Słowo, odczytywane nam w Niedziele Chrztu Paskiego? O czym to Słowo Boga mówi?

Najkrócej rzecz ujmując przedstawia nam prorocko starotestamentalną wizję życia i działalności przyszłego Mesjasza, zwanego w pierwszym czytaniu "Sluga Boga"; chrześcijańska refleksja nad ziemskim posłannictwem Jezusa zwana inaczej biografia Jezusa; i wreszcie krótka relacja o chrzcie Jezusa.

Ze starotestamentalnego wizerunku Mesjasza zechcemy sobie zapamiętać stanowczość zatroskania Sługi Bożego o cały rodzaj ludzki, ale nade wszystko łagodność, dobroć Sługi Bożego: nie złamie trzciny, nie zgasi knotka, otworzy oczy niewidomym, uwolni uwięzionych.

Szczególnie weźmy sobie jednak do serca ten już nowotestamentalny, najkrótszy jaki dotąd napisano, żywot Jezusa Chrystusa: Przeszedł przez życie wszystkim dobrze czyniąc. I nasze życie będzie pozbawione wszelkiego sensu, jeśli nigdy nie zadamy o to, żeby coś dobrego drugim uczynić. Taka filozofia życia Jezusa Chrystusa powinna nas prawdziwie zobowiązywać, jeśli chcemy się uważać za chrześcijan czyli wyznawców Jezusa Chrystusa.

Opis chrztu Jezusa nasuwa spostrzeżenie nasepujące: Swoją misję dobroczyńcy całej ludzkości, wypełniał Jezus przez to, że był ciągle tak blisko Ojca Niebieskiego – to On przecież nazwał Jezusa swoim Synem umiłowanym – a równocześnie stał się do nas podobny – przyjął chrzest jak wszyscy ludzie – we wszystkim oprócz grzechu.

Droży moi! Niech nam towarzyszy przez cały tydzień postać Jezusa dobrego, łagodnego, wszystkim czyniącego dobrze. Niech będzie dla nas natchnieniem w naszym małym czynieniu dobrze naszym bliźnim dnia każdego.

Pozdrawiam was serdecznie i wszystkim błogosławię.  
Amen.

Szczęście Boże,  
Ks. Julian

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Dec. 24 & 25 \$ 7659.00**

Offertory Envelopes—\$ 4765.00  
& Special Collections —\$ 2894.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

JANUARY

### **Birthright Bottles for Babies Fundraiser**

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of our Bottles for Babies Fundraiser 2022. St Hedwigs raised \$765.25 so far. We are expecting straggler bottles to trickle in and all coins have not been counted, at that point, we will continue to add to your total.

Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies! We really appreciate EVERY one of you!

### ***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff of The Dialog!***

*Pick up our annual Christmas edition in the back of church beginning on Dec. 17th. The next edition of The Dialog will be on January 13, 2023. As always, up-to-the-minute Catholic news for Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore is available online at [TheDialog.org](http://TheDialog.org). We thank all our dedicated readers and advertisers for your support throughout the year!*

### **MANY THANKS**

to those who donated to the Winter Clothing Drive. Over 140 new items (hats, gloves, socks, scarves) were received, and 7 bags of used items were collected. All have been delivered for distribution to those in need.

### **Little Sisters of the Poor**

A weekend for single women ages 18-35  
“Sacredness of Life Retreat Weekend”  
with the Little Sisters of the Poor  
January 13 -15, 2023  
Speakers include Sophia Mittman, Susan Middleton, Sarah Lage

Contact: Sister Janet Mary by January 3, 2023  
302-368-5886 or [vocneark@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocneark@littlesistersofthepoor.org)



### **Catholic Forum Radio**

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. . Next Saturday, January 14th, learn about the new book, “The Prayer Book for Tired Parents” by Debbie and David Cowden. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, “Like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Father Andrew, Katie, Joe Rybaltowski, Fran Golden, John Yasik, Bri Iacona, Rosalie Wilner, Mary Ann Romano, Anna Kaminska, Wanda Weikel, Evor Olson, Sharon Kozlowski, Cindy, Dot, Joe, Hanna, Terry, Aleksander,

Janet Karick, Lori Weikel, Erin Rathmanner, John & Sally Sitek, John & Marie Larouche, Jack McDermott, Rudolf Wolanin, Josephine Szczerba and her brothers, Emma Kozlowski, Sr. Vickey Bartlowski and Frank Kuharski

**HEAL THEM O LORD!**



## Masses For The Week



### Monday, January 9, 2023

6:30pm Renee, June, & Parker Dorsey  
Int. Bozena Samborska

### Tuesday, January 10, 2023

6:30pm Alex Youstic  
Int. Wife, Rose

### Wednesday, January 11, 2023

6:30pm Renee, June, & Parker Dorsey  
Int. Izabela Toner

### Thursday, January 12, 2023

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

### Friday, January 13, 2023

6:30pm Cezary Zyskowski  
Int. Family

### Saturday, January 14, 2023

8am Benjamin Strain  
Int. Gary Michalowski  
4pm Anna A. Sieminski  
Int. Daughters, Dorothy & Beatrice

### Sunday, January 15, 2023

9am Renee, June, & Parker Dorsey  
Int. Joanne & Ron Gawinski  
11:30am Parishioners & Benefactors  
4pm Healing Mass



**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—Thursday 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 loving memory of

**Alfred Rutkowski Sr.** (birthday)

as requested by Children, Grandchildren,  
& Great Grandchildren

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN "ACTIVE CATHOLIC?"

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, one must be registered and in our parish records, attend Mass regularly, & be committed to a stewardship of time/talent/treasure. If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please consider filling out a registration/census form located on the table in the back of the Church.

**Parish Membership:** We welcome new parishioners and all who wish to join our Parish Family. To register, call or visit the Parish Office. Registration forms are available on the table in the back of the Church. Please drop the form in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

**Holy Rosary Society:** Members attend Mass monthly on the Sunday following First Friday. Recitation of the Rosary begins one-half hour before Mass. New members are always welcome. For more information call the Parish Office at 302-594-1400, ext. 0.

**Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul Council 7608:** Meets the second Tuesday of every month. Mass at 6:30 pm in the Chapel, followed by meeting. New members welcome. Contact John Lagowski, Grand Knight.

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace Prayer Group:** Meets on Thursday evenings immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass in the Chapel. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

**The Gift that Keeps on Giving:** In your will you can remember your loved ones and the institutions that have been important in your life. We hope St. Hedwig merits your consideration.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- January 11– 3pm Deanery Meeting (Union Street Diocesan Office)

*Thank  
you*

### THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II, Council 7608 would like to thank everyone for making the Christmas Babka and Bake Sale such a huge success. We greatly appreciate your support throughout the year and thank you.

### REMEMERING LOVED ONES SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions are available for 2020 and can be reserved for a deceased relative or friend or for a living intention for a loved one. To reserve the sanctuary lamp/candle for a week, call the Parish Office at 594-1400, ext. 0. Offering is \$20 for the week and each lamp/candle will burn from Sunday through the following Saturday for the intention listed in the bulletin each week.



### T a k e t i m e t o p r a y

Find a quiet place and time. Prayer can be done anywhere but it is good to have a place that is conducive to relaxing and focusing our attention on God.

*Start the new year*



*with a prayer...*

### ANNUAL WEDDING MASS WITH BISHOP

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12. For information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or [egaus@cdow.org](mailto:egaus@cdow.org).