



St. Hedwig Church

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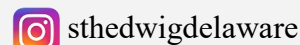
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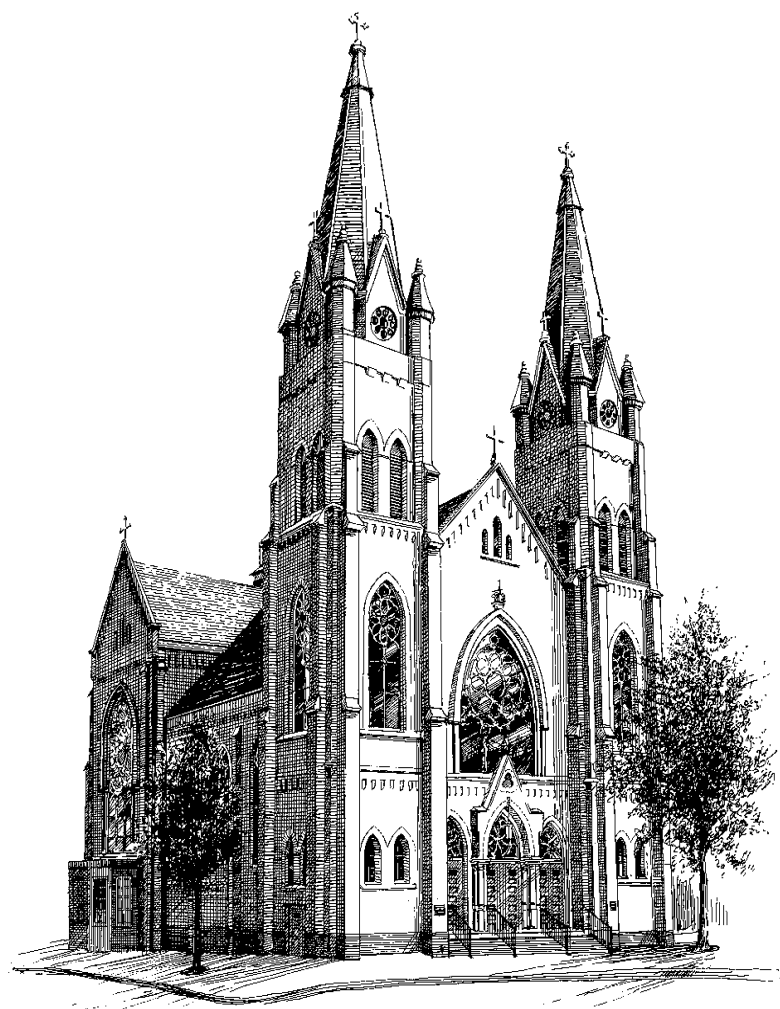
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February 5, 2023 † FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



**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,

The first reading today is taken from yet another anonymous prophet writing in the tradition of Isaiah of Jerusalem. Third Isaiah is thought to be prophesying after the Exile. The joyous return to the land was soon dampened when the people discovered the monumental task of rebuilding their ruined city. Infighting and lethargy thwarted attempts to rebuild the temple and reestablish religious and cultural practices. Today's reading offers a very simple plan to help heal the people wounded by exile, so that they become again a people worthy of God. Sharing food with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and homeless, clothing the naked – these actions of mercy will be as a soothing balm. Then “your wound shall quickly be healed” (Isaiah 58:8).

The apostle Paul, by his own admission, was not a grand orator (1 Corinthians 2:4) and in fact, his opponents used his weakness against him. And yet, he was exceedingly successful. The singularity of his message (Jesus Christ crucified) and the power of the Spirit formed him into a fitting vessel (2 Corinthians 4:7). Paul acknowledges his weakness in order to stress that the Corinthians' belief is not the result of Paul's persuasive speech but of God's power.

The Sermon on the Mount is continued in today's Gospel reading. These three short analogies describe how the disciples are to behave, and serve as a transition from the third-person address of the eight beatitudes to the first-person address of the rest of the sermon. The disciples are to be like salt, which serves only one purpose and without that it is useless. The disciples are lights of the world (reminiscent of the light described in Matthew 4:16 and Isaiah 9:1-2). They show the world that the show of death is abated, but only if they remain unhidden. Finally, the disciples have a personal mission. They are to give light to “all in the house” (Matthew 5:15). Their illumination for the world may have represented the Gentile mission in Matthew's day, while the light at home could signal the mission to the Jews.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew



Why go to Confession?

The Church invites us to receive a wonderful gift from Jesus, the gift of reconciliation. Sometimes called Penance or confession, this beautiful gift is offered freely to all.

† Słowo Księdza Wikariusza †

Kochani Parafianie,

W dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa miłosierdzia czyniacy prok Izajasz zdaje się podpowiadać – i to aż dwukrotnie – kto do owego miłosierdzia ma szczególne prawo. Otoż prawo takie mają przede wszystkim głod cierpiacy i z takimi trzeba się dzielić ostatnim kawałkiem chleba. Jeden z Ojców Kościoła powiedział, że każdy chleb posiada smak autentycznego pożywienia, kiedy jest dzielony z potrzebującymi.

Szczególne prawo do wsparcia – czyli już nie tylko chrześcijańskie ale w ogóle ludzkiego miłosierdzia – mają bezdomni. Prawo do naszego miłosierdzia mają także niedostatecznie odziani, cierpiacy dotkliwe zimno. Wielu świętych własne szaty dzieliło wspaniałomyślnie na połowe, żeby takim okazać miłosierdzie. Wreszcie prawo do naszego miłosierdzia mają wszyscy cierpiacy, uciskani bez powodu, krzywdzeni. Obowiązkiem naszego sumienia jest zawsze brać takich w obronę – jeśli już nie inaczej, to przynajmniej słowem. W ten sposób służy się prawdzie.

Wskazania dla nauczających redagował Paweł z myślą przede wszystkim o głoszących Ewangelię, ale są one pomocne także dla tych, którzy nauczają dziś religii w naszych polskich szkołach. Co im Paweł doradza? Żeby w tym, co mówią i jak mówią, byli skromni; żeby nie próbowali pokazywać swojej przytłaczającej wyższości wobec nauczanych; żeby głosili prawdę Bożą – dokładnie Chrystusa ukrzyżowanego – a nie próbowali imponować swoją tylko ludzką mądrością; żeby nauczani wiedzieli, że byli przekonani, że nauczający świecie wiarą w to, co mówią. Powinnością zaś nauczanych jest modlić się o tak nauczających. Niech chrześcijanscy rodzice przypominają, żeby ich dzieci pomodlili się czasem o takich nauczycieli religii.

Wreszcie wskazania dla nas wszystkich, ludzi ochrzczonych: mamy być dla świata jak sól dla smaku i przechowywania pokarmów i jak światłość dla tych, którzy pragną wiedzieć w ciemnościach. Obydwa porównania są dla nas wysoce zaszczytne ale i bardzo zobowiązujące. Nie może nam być obojętne to, co się wokół nas dzieje. Nam musi zależeć na świeżości i trwałości Kościoła. Chrzęścjanin to człowiek odznaczający się niezmienną młodością ducha. Jeśli przestanie być takim, będzie jak sól zwiędła.

Droży moi, weźmy sobie do serca te oto słowa św. Pawła: “Jeden drugiego brzemiona nście i tak wypełnicie prawo Chrystusa” (Gal 6,3).

Szczęść Boże,
Ks. Julian

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Jan. 21 & Jan. 22 \$2,902.00

Offertory Envelopes—\$2,292.00

& Special Collections —\$174.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

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!

The Benedictine Sisters of St. Gertrude Monastery, Newark, DE 25 Gender Road are in need of a full-time cook for 12 Sisters. This would involve preparing lunch and dinner for the Sisters. The approximate hours would be from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30p.m. The schedule would vary from week to week. If you are interested, please contact Heidi Christopher at 410-829-8873 or 302-414-8076 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2023

Mass Intentions are available for the month of February and March for deceased relatives and friends as well as Living Intentions and Blessings for that special someone in need of prayer. Call the Parish Office at 594-1400, ext. 0, to check availability of dates and times for the 2023 Year. The cost of Mass is \$10.00

Catholic Forum Radio

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, February 4th, tune-in to learn about the new book, “How I Became a Man: A Life with Communists, Atheists, and Other Nice People,” by Father Alexander Krylov. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at 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).

PRAYER GROUP

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

Join us for Mass, then stay and pray! All are welcome!



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, Emma Kozlowski, Sr. Vickey Bartkowski and Frank Kucharski

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Saturday, February 4, 2023

8am Suzanne Shields Boucher
Int. Yasik Family
4pm Renee, June, Parker Dorsey
Int. Chris Paraskewich

Sunday, February 5, 2023

9am Living & Deceased Members of Holy
Rosary Society
11:30am Barbara Zack
Int. Dorothy Zaremba
4pm Renee, June, & Parker Dorsey
Int. David Rykaczewski

Monday, February 6, 2023

6:30pm Carolyn Vebit
Int. Gary & Coleen Michalowski

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

6:30pm Marsha Shrader
Int. Gary & Coleen Michalowski

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

6:30pm Stephen Harkins
Int. Family

Thursday, February 9, 2023

6:30pm Rev. Joseph Wharton
Int. Rosary Society

Friday, February 10, 2023

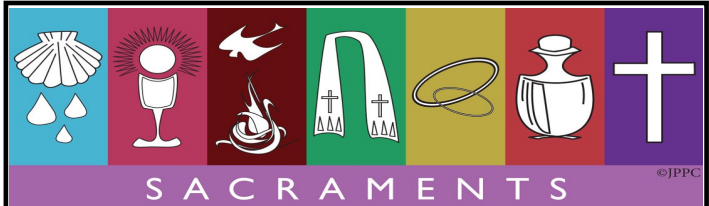
6:30pm Samborski Family
Int. Family

Saturday, February 11, 2023

8am Renee, June, & Parker Dorsey
Int. Patti Gawinski & Family
4pm Living Int. for John Paul Brake (Birthday)
Int. Suarez Family

Sunday, February 12, 2023

9am Renee, June, & Parker Dorsey
Int. Jeanette, Chris, Lynn, David & Eli
11:30am Robert Zyskowski
Int. Gary & Suggie
4pm Living Int. & Blessings for Deacon Ray
& Family
Int. Rosary Society



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
Parishioners & Benefactors

of St. Hedwig
as requested by

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- February 5 - 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Family Mass
- February 11th & 12th - Blessing of Religious Items
- February 18th & 19th - Healing of the Sick all Masses

Pray for Ukraine "Lord, O Lord, look down from heaven! See and visit this vineyard and bring it to perfection, for your right hand has planted it. May your hand be upon your sons and daughters of Ukraine whom You armed for yourself. Amen."



REMEMERING LOVED ONES SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions are available for 2023 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.

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.



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 7:15 p.m. in the parish rectory and will begin in late November. There is no cost for the program and all materials will be provided. We welcome everyone to the program.

Take time to pray

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.

How can Catholics' experience of the Eucharist deepen their friendship with Jesus Christ and then inspire them to share that friendship with others? That question lies at the heart of upcoming Year of Parish Revival which begins June 11, 2023. Learn more about the National Eucharistic Revival at www.eucharisticrevival.org