



# St. Hedwig Church

408 S. Harrison Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19805

## Parish Office

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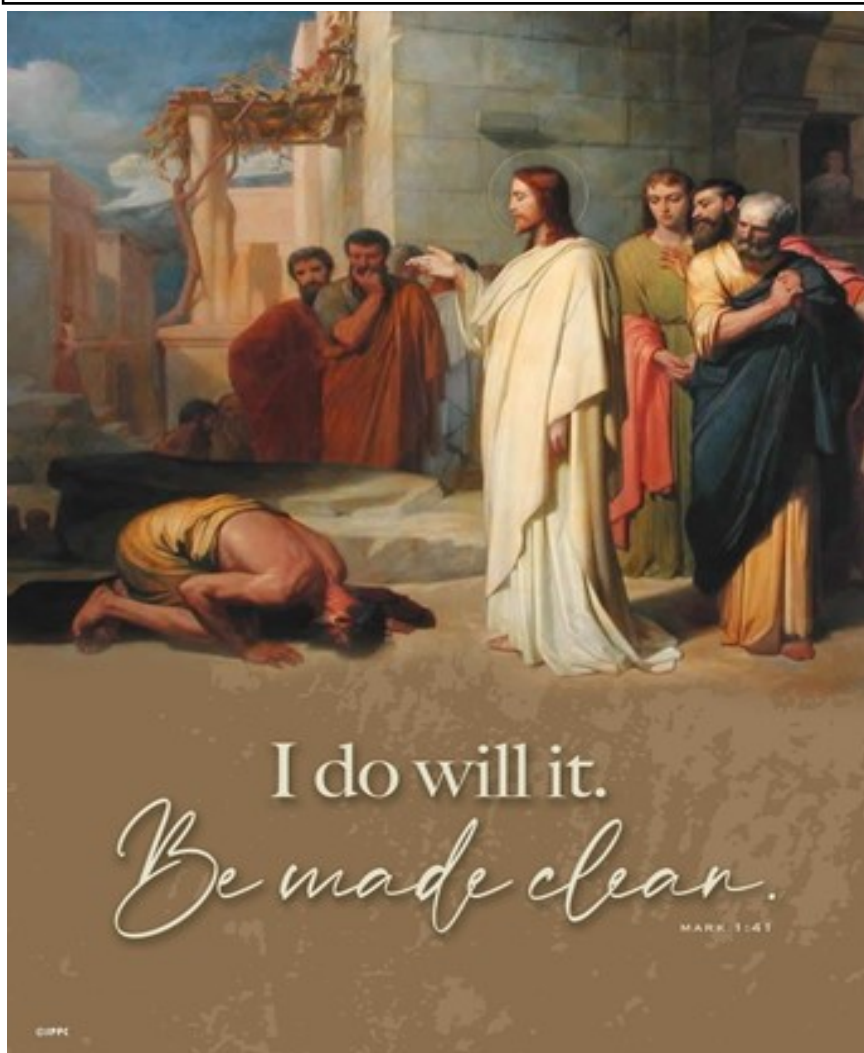
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**FEBRUARY 11, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †**



**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 and Friends,

Today's first reading is from the book of Leviticus, a collection of laws and legislation attributed to Moses. Leviticus is concerned with the faithful practice of ritual, sacrifice, the priesthood, purity, atonement, and holiness. Today's reading comes from the section on purity, and outlines the procedure for declaring a leprosy person unclean. In the ancient world, the term leprosy covered a multitude of skin diseases, some of which were benign. However, to avoid its spread most societies outlined containment procedures. The leper is to dwell apart from others.

In the second reading from First Corinthians, Paul directs the Corinthian believers on how to negotiate their new life in Christ within pagan society. Since most meat was sacrificed in the name of an idol, the Corinthians wonder if they can attend banquets at which meat will be served. As he did in 1 Corinthians 8:9, Paul reminds them to choose that which will not offend the conscience of others, whether Jews or Greeks or the church of God. Whatever they eat or drink should be for the glory of God. As a living example, Paul presents himself and challenges the believers to "be imitators of me, as I am of Christ".

In the Gospel reading, a leper approaches Jesus, obviously unaware of the proscriptions of Leviticus 13 that required that he (the leper) announce himself first. Throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus is noted to be moved with compassion. The Greek word is *spagchnizomai* and means literally "to have one's guts moved." Here Jesus is moved with compassion at the pitiful state of the leper. The leper does not ask to be healed but rather to be made "clean", though it's clear that it is physical healing that occurs. After Jesus has healed the man, He instructs him to go to the priest to initiate the process described in Leviticus 14:1-32, by which the man will be declared "clean" and thus allowed to return to his home. Jesus directs Him to go directly to the priest and to tell no one anything. The man publicizes the matter so that Jesus cannot openly enter a town. Despite this, the people keep coming to Him from everywhere.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

14 lutego obchodzone są tzw. Walentynki, czyli święto, kiedy posyłamy sobie życzenia z zapewnieniem przyjaźni i miłości. Św. Walenty, biskup i męczennik, rzeczywiście znany jest jako patron zakochanych, ale jest on także orędownikiem podczas ciężkich chorób, zwłaszcza nerwowych i epilepsji. Jedną z angielskich legend opowiada o tym, że św. Walenty martwił się, że nie potrafi czynić wielkich dzieł dobrot. Wtedy ukazał Mu się anioł, który odpowiedział Mu: CZYŃ DOBRO MAŁYMI RZECZAMI.

Podobne słowa św. Paweł kieruje dzisiaj do nas: CZY JECIE, CZY PIJECIE, CZY COKOLWIEK INNEGO CZYNICIE, WSZYSTKO NA CHWAŁĘ BOŻĄ CZYNICIE (por. 1Kor10,31-11,1). Ciekawe jak wyglądałoby życie każdego z nas, nasze relacje, gdybyśmy cały czas pamiętali o tym, że wszystko co robimy, mamy robić dla chwały Bożej? Spróbuj dzisiaj jeść, pić, chodzić, mówić, słuchać, patrzeć właśnie w ten sposób. Popatrz też, że wszystko co masz jest darem Boga dla ciebie. On troszczy się o ciebie, wyciąga do ciebie rękę przez cały czas, abyś mógł się jej chwycić w każdej chwili, kiedy potrzebujesz pomocy. W czytanej dzisiaj ewangelii (Mk1,40-45) Jezus wyciąga rękę do trędowatego i uzdrawia go. Trąd jest chorobą, która atakuje cały organizm, prowadzi do deformacji ciała i niepełnosprawności. Uzdrawienie Jezusa ma głębsze znaczenie - przemienia całego człowieka. Relacja z Jezusem sprawia, że nie tylko jakaś część zmienia się w człowieku, ale cały człowiek staje się jakby nowy, inaczej zaczyna myśleć, inaczej wchodzić w relacje i je kształtować, inaczej postrzegać swoje życie. Słowa, by wszystko czynić na chwałę Bożą stają się wówczas pierwszą, wybijającą się motywacją we wszelkich podejmowanych działaniach.

Może jest to jakaś zachęta dla nas w kontekście rozpoczynającego się w najbliższą środę Wielkiego Postu, który bardzo związany jest ze zmianą człowieka, jego myśleniem, czyli z metanoją, a bardziej potocznie mówiąc nawróceniem. Może właśnie słowa: czyni dobro małymi rzeczami i wszystko czyni na chwałę Bożą staną się dla ciebie motywacją do podjęcia konkretnego postanowienia wielkopostnego?

Szczesc Boze,  
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!*

**Hospital Visitations**– Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, Ext. 0, or email [sthedwigchurch@comcast.net](mailto:sthedwigchurch@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.

## Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**January 27 & 28, 2024**  
 Offertory Envelopes - \$3246.00  
 & Special Collections - \$465.00  
 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!



### 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 !



*Ash Wednesday is on February 14th*

*Mass times are as follows:*

*12:00pm*

*5:30pm*

*7:00pm (Polish)*

*All Masses are celebrated in the Church.*



**Monday, February 12, 2024** Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024** Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024** Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 15, 2024** Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, February 16, 2024** Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 17, 2024** Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, February 18, 2024** Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



**9-11 a.m. Pro-life vigil, every Tuesday-**outside Wilmington Planned Parenthood, 7th and Shipley Streets, Wilmington. For more information, contact Nancy at 302-893-1039 or nancyfrick93@verizon.net.

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

**HEAL THEM O LORD!**

# Masses For The Week



## Monday, February 12, 2024

6:30pm Thomas Devlin  
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

## Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:30pm Eugene Gurczenski  
Int. Mary & Children

## Wednesday, February 14, 2024

12pm Carl Koekkoek

Int. Wife, Dorothy

5:30pm Margaret Pietras (A)

Int. Margie, MaryAnn & Helena

7:00pm Chris & Joan Podsiad

Int. Family

## Thursday, February 15, 2024

6:30pm Msgr. John S. Gulcz  
Int. Holy Rosary Society

## Friday, February 16, 2024

6:30pm Rev. Edward Wisniewski  
Int. Holy Rosary Society

## Saturday, February 17, 2024

8am Frances Gaska  
Int. Angie Summers & Marcy Duman-Lucko

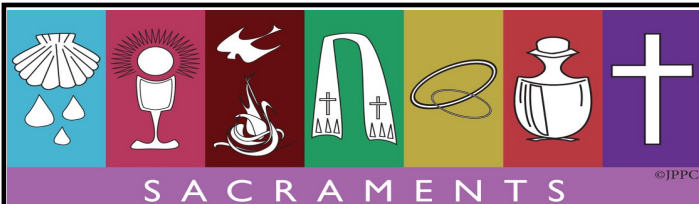
4pm Ron Gawinski, Sr.  
Int. Dot Dorsey

## Sunday, February 18, 2024

9am John Murphy  
Int. Sandi Murphy

11:30am Kazimierz Leonarski  
Int. Wife & Family

4pm Gus Sargent, III  
Int. Dot Dorsey



**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

Joe & Sophie Rutkowski  
(Wedding Anniversary)

Requested by:  
Clare Rutkowski



## 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
- February 14th-Ash Wednesday Masses— Noon, 5:30pm & 7:00pm (Polish)
- February 16—Stations of the Cross (Traditional) 7:00pm
- February 16—Parish Soup Supper after Stations of the Cross
- February 23— Stations of the Cross (Shadow Stations) 7pm
- February 23-Parish Soup Supper after Stations of the Cross



*Friday evenings at 7:00pm in the Church.*

*Traditional Stations in English & Polish on February 16, March 1 & 15.*

*Shadow Stations will be performed by children of the parish (in English) on February 23, March 8 & 22.*



**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 on Monday 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.



*Please join us for a free Soup Supper which will be served in Msgr. Gulcz Hall immediately following the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent:*

*February 16 & 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22.*

*Soup and bread will be served each week.*

*Gorzkie Zale -Traditional Polish Lenten Service of Hymns retracing the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ. The devotion is preceded by Benediction and chanted kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament. Gorzkie Zale (in English) after the 4pm Mass every Saturday and every Sunday after the 11:30am Polish Mass.*