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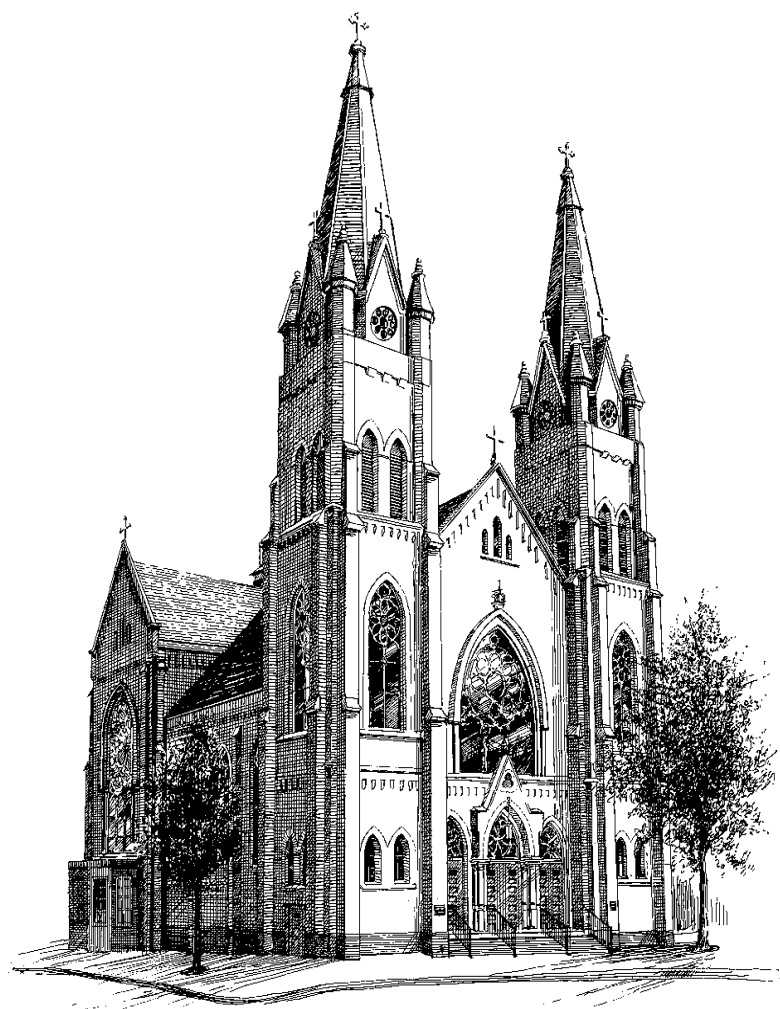


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February 12, 2023 † SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



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,

Wisdom literature (Job, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Ben Sira) is a collection of texts that present God's revelation not primarily in historical events but in the ordinariness of life. The goal of such wisdom is practical. How are we to live, love, and prosper in the face of the challenges of life? Jewish Wisdom theology held that God was the prime author of ordered creation, so fear of the Lord was the beginning of wisdom. Writing in the second century B.C., Ben Sira, from whose writings our first reading is taken, attempts to counter the influence of Hellenism. He reminds the Jews of his day that the traditions of Israel and not Greek philosophy and culture were the foundations of true wisdom. The choice is simple: keep the commandments and be saved.

Paul's eschatological biases are showing in today's second reading. Like many first-century Jews and early Christians, Paul believed that the current evil age would be ended when the Messiah came (Jewish perspective) or the Son of Man returned (Christian understanding). Through this lens, we see that the "wisdom of this age" and "rulers of this age" likely refer to the cosmic powers that are ultimately responsible for the crucifixion of "the Lord of glory". But Paul preaches against this evil age, proclaiming God's wisdom, a mystery hidden from the rulers of this age but available to believers.

Following the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-11) and two parables (Matthew 5:12-16), Jesus turns to questions about the law and the prophets in today's Gospel reading. Jesus assures His disciples that His intent is not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). He proposes six reinterpretations of scripture that address murder (vv. 21-26), Adultery (vv. 27-30), divorce (vv. 31-32), the taking of oaths (vv. 33-37), retaliation (vv. 38-42), and treatment of the enemy (vv. 43-48). In order to enter the kingdom of heaven, the disciples are to possess righteousness that exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, whom Matthew critiques as the very purveyors of inadequate interpretations.

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,

Od Medra Panskiego z dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa dowiadujemy się, że właściwe decyzje podejmuje i słusznych wyborów dokonuje ten, kto boi się Pana i ufa Jego mądrości. Bóg się Boga tzn. być zatroskanym o to, żeby nic z tego, co mówi Pan Bóg, nie uszło naszej uwagi; żeby się nie zmarnowało żadne Słowo Boże. W atmosferze takiego zatroskania o zgodność naszych słów, myśli i czynów z wolą Bożą mamy dokonywać wszelkich wyborów.

Św. Paweł przestrzega nas, że w podejmowaniu decyzji, w dokonywaniu wyborów zgodnych z mądrością Bożą będziemy natrafiali na pokusę różnych powabów zgodnych z mądrością Bożą będziemy natrafiali na pokusę różnych powabów ze strony mądrości tego świata. Tak jest po dzień dzisiejszy: mądrości Bożej przeciwstawia się tzw. nowoczesność życia zbiorowego, szerokość horyzontów, wizje przynależenia do wspólnoty narodów w pełni cywilizowanych – czytają: bardziej pełnego wejścia do Europy i tym podobne. Otoż Paweł precyzuje tamte starotestamentalne kryterium naszych wyborów: mądrość Pana, wspomniana w pierwszym czytaniu, ujawnia się według Pawła najpełniej na krzyżu, czyli w zbawczym dziele Jezusa Chrystusa. Wiadomo zaś, że to zbawcze dzieło – to wyraz największej miłości do człowieka. Nie wolno nam podjąć żadnej decyzji, nie wolno dokonać żadnego wyboru, który by kolidował z przykazaniem miłości bliźniego. Nigdy nikomu nie wolno świadomie, dobrowolnie zrezygnować z miłości bliźniego. Gdyby się na to zanosilo, stanelibysmy wobec niebezpieczeństwa wybierania śmierci a nie życia i ponadto dawalibysmy do zrozumienia, że zbawcze dzieło Jezusa Chrystusa nie wydało w nas żadnego owocu. Mamy tedy decydować, wybierać zawsze poprzez miłość do Boga objawiającego się w naszych bliźnich.

Ewangelista podsuwa nam jeszcze jedną wartość: sprawiedliwość; ale nie taka zwykła, znana ze Starego Testamentu, widoczna w zewnętrznych czynach. Od nas domaga się Chrystus czegoś więcej: "Jeśli wasza sprawiedliwość nie będzie większa niż uczonych w Pismie i faryzeuszów, nie wejdziecie do królestwa niebieskiego". W praktyce chodzi o to, żeby sprawiedliwe były nie tylko nasze uczynki lecz najbardziej skryte myśli, uczucia, pragnienia; całe nasze wnętrze, w którym Jezus wszystko dostrzega. Jest to także wezwanie nas do ciągłego doskonalenia naszego życia.

Chrześcijanin – to człowiek, który nie tylko unika zła, a wybiera dobro, ale jest także zatroskany o to, by nie poprzestawać na dobrym, wybierać to, co lepsze.

Szczęście Boże,
Ks. Julian

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Jan. 28 & Jan. 29 \$2,900.00

Offertory Envelopes—\$2,629.00

& Special Collections —\$271.00

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.



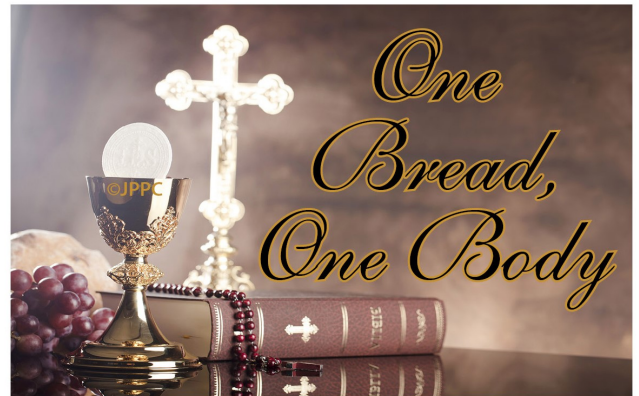
PRAYER GROUP

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!

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



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, Theresa Bartkowski, Terri Starr and Frank Kucharski

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



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. Jeunette, Chris, Lynn, David & Eli
11:30am Robert Zyskowski
Int. Gary & Suggie
4pm Living Int. & Blessings for Deacon Ray
& Family
Int. Rosary Society

Monday, February 13, 2023

- 6:30pm Anthony Podsiad
Int. Sisters

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

- 6:30pm Josephine (A) & John Kwiatkowski
Int. Daughter

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

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

Thursday, February 16, 2023

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

Friday, February 17, 2023

- 6:30pm Margaret Pietras
Int. Margie, MaryAnn & Helena

Saturday, February 18, 2023

- 8am Stanley & Sophia Pietras
Int. Margie, MaryAnn & Helena
4pm John Murphy
Int. Sandra Murphy

Sunday, February 19, 2023

- 9am Brian Watson, Jr.
Int. Suzanne Watson
11:30am Joseph Kryspin
Int. Family
4pm Healing Mass –Colleen Ditro
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski



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

Joseph & Sophie Rutkowski

as requested by

Family

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- February 11th & 12th—Holy Rosary Society will sponsor a Valentine's Day Bake Sale after all Masses
- 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.



REMEMBERING 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