

St. Hedwig Church

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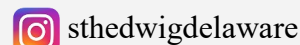
Parish Office

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March 10, 2024 † FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT †



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,

The First and Second books of Chronicles present an alternative account (to that of First and Second Kings) of the rise of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, their subsequent destruction, and finally, the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. Since the accounts include the restoration after the Exile, scholars propose a post-400 B.C. date of composition. In today's first reading, we learn that enemies of God burnt down the temple and carried off those who remained to Babylon. When Cyrus the Persian comes to power, God inspires him to send the exiles back to Judah, so that they might rebuild the House of God.

The author of the second reading from Ephesians recognizes that God's grace, not our works, brings about salvation. Though dead in our transgressions, God's mercy and love bring us back to life in Christ, and thus believers already participate in the Resurrection. Attributed to Paul writing during one of his imprisonments, Ephesians is likely pseudonymous, and served as a general summary of Paul's genuine letters, which circulated among the churches in southwest Asia Minor.

John's Gospel presents three distinct groups: those who believe in Jesus and live in the light, those who see signs but do not fully believe, and those who remain in darkness. The story of Nicodemus introduces a Pharisee who first comes to Jesus at night. By the end of the Gospel, he appears again beside Joseph of Arimathea, suggesting that Nicodemus, Jesus reveals his mission. The son of Man will be lifted up so that those who believe in Him will have eternal life. God's actions are not for condemnation but for salvation. But despite God's efforts, "people preferred darkness to light."

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Dzisiaj przeżywamy niedzielę Laetare, czyli niedzielę radości. Tak jest nazywana IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu. Jej nazwa pochodzi od słów antyfony na wejście: *Raduj się, Jerozolimo*.

Teksty liturgiczne tego dnia może nie nawołują w szczególny sposób do radowania się, ale mimo to możemy w nich odnaleźć wiele słów mogących napędzić nas nadzieją i mogących prowadzić nas do ewangelicznej radości.

Zarówno kolekta jak i Ewangelia mówią o tym, że Bóg bogaty w miłosierdzie daje nam Syna po to, by świat pojednał, a nie potępił, aby każdy kto w Niego wierzy nie zginął, ale miał życie wieczne (por. J3,14-21). Zauważ, że Bóg pragnie jednać, nie dzielić, chce dawać życie, a nie potępiać. Ważne jest zatem, abyśmy również i my umieli jednoczyć, integrować wszystko co spotyka nas w codzienności: trudne sytuacje, trudne relacje i nasze wewnętrzne słabości. Każde bowiem zdarzenie i każda nasza osobista trudność tworzy nas, buduje naszą historię, jedyną i niepowtarzalną. Zrozumienie i przyjęcie siebie takim jakim jestem jest dopiero podstawą do zmiany. Takich kocha nas Bóg. Nie musimy w żaden szczególnie sposób zasłużyć sobie na Jego miłość. *Łaską jesteśmy zbawieni przez wiarę*, która jest darem Boga, a nie z uczynków, aby się nikt nie chlubił (por. Ef 2,4-10). Bóg za darmo daje nam swoją miłość i zbawienie. Tylko jedno jest nam potrzebne: wiara w Niego, bo ona buduje relację z Nim. Nie musisz więc nic szczególnego robić, by zasłużyć na miłość Boga. Nie oznacza to, że nie masz dobrze czynić, ale twoje dobre uczynki mają wynikać z twojej relacji z Bogiem. Jeśli bowiem kogoś kochasz to chcesz dla niego jak najlepiej, robisz wszystko, by zbliżyć się do niego, dbasz o drugą osobę. Czyny twoje wynikają więc bardziej z miłości do drugiej osoby niż z lęku przed karą, czy ze starania się, by ktoś ciebie pokochał. To bardzo zmienia nastawienie do działania, do życia, do siebie samego. Spójrz na swoje motywacje w czynieniu dobra, może dzisiaj jest czas, aby je bardziej zweryfikować.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
February 24-25, 2024
 Offertory Envelopes - \$2707.00
 & Special Collections - \$180.00
 We appreciate your generosity and thank you.



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.

Hospital Visitations– Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, Ext. 0, or email 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.

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 !



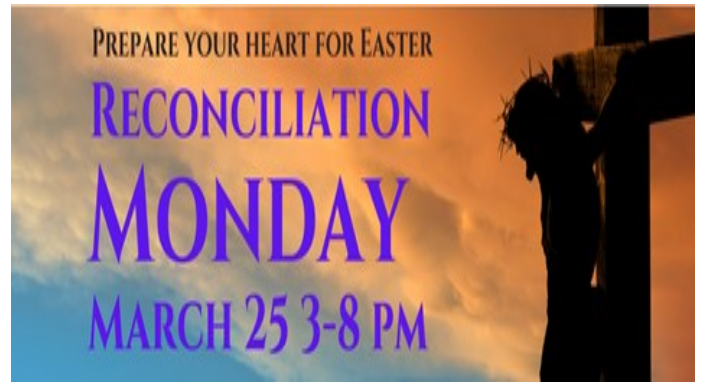
contact vocations@cdow.org for more information

*Attention high school boys: What is your greatest love? What compels you? Could priesthood be a thought? Come to a day for reflection among peers at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bear, DE, on Thursday, March 14, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for **Pass the Word 2024 with Bishop Koenig**. Sponsored by the Office for Priestly and Religious Vocations of the Diocese of Wilmington. Contact vocations@cdow.org for more information and to RSVP.*



2023 Contribution Statements are now available.

Please call the Parish Office at (302) 594-1400, Ext. 0, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00am and 3:00pm.



Our third annual Reconciliation Monday will take place on Monday, March 25th from 3 until 8 p.m. Not only will we have confession here in our church during that time, but all parishes in the diocese will be holding confessions. Please invite those friends and family members who have been away from the Sacraments to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday for more information.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY .

Czeslawa Sawicki	February 10
Lech Aleksander Skiba	February 15
Christine 'Jingles' Paraskewich	February 19

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, 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., Joy Deluchia, Frank Kucharski, Irene Olson, Steve Fillion, Leo Rostocki and John Streck.

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Monday, March 11, 2024

6:30pm Mark Joseph Robuck, Jr.
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:30pm Frank Hollweck
Int. Wife, June

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:30pm Terry Starr
Int. Family

Thursday March 14, 2024

6:30pm Anthony & Helen Szostkowski
Int. Margie, MaryAnn & Helena

Friday, March 15, 2024

6:30pm Sophie Odom
Int. St. Hedwig Knights of Columbus
Pope John Paul II Council

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8am Linda Goad
Int. Sandi Murphy

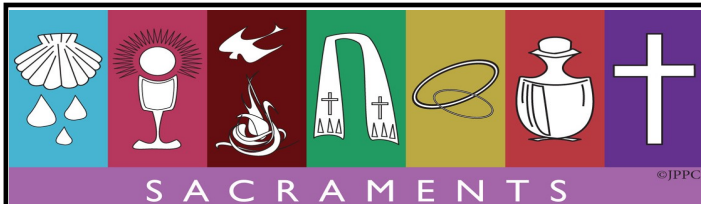
4pm Albert Nickerson
Int. Wife, Beatrice

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9am Walter & Ethel Dalecki
Int. Margie, MaryAnn & Helena

11:30am Zygmunt & Lucjan Frackiewicz
Int. Dorota Zarzecka

4pm Catherine G. Dabrowski
Int. Hope Nawrocki-Dabrowski



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

Steve Fillion

(Living Intention)

Requested by:

St. Hedwig Knights of Columbus

Pope John Paul II Council



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.

*Cinemark Movies 10
1796 West Newport Pike
Wilmington, DE 19804
Please join Fr. Adam and fellow
parishioners of St. Hedwig on
Sunday, March 10, at the 3:15pm showing
of "Cabrini"*



*Those who are interested in going
should plan on meeting us in the
lobby of the movie theatre at 2:45pm.
Tickets can be purchased in advance by
visiting Cinemark.com (\$6.25) or
Angel.com/tickets/Cabrini (\$5.44)
Hope to see you there!*



The Knights of Columbus Annual Easter Babka & Bake Sale!

Pick-up Orders on **Saturday, March 23rd** in the Parish Hall (beneath St. Hedwig Church).

9:00am-11am ONLY!

Please note that all items **must** be ordered in advance and picked up on **Saturday, March 23rd** between the hours of 9-11am in the parish hall beneath St. Hedwig Church. *PLAIN BABKA*-\$12.00, *CHEESE BABKA*-\$20.00, *SWEET POPPY SEED LOAF* \$18.00, *BOX OF CHRUSCIKI*- \$10.00 and *LOAF OF (sliced) RYE BREAD* \$9.00.

**CUTOFF DATE FOR ORDERING:
MARCH 16TH.**

To place an order, please call **John** at **(302) 992-0309** by **March 16th!** Please leave your name, phone number and the quantity of each bakery item you would like to order.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings at 7:00pm in the Church: Traditional Stations in English & Polish on March 15. Shadow Stations performed by children of the parish on March 8 & 22. Confession will be heard following Stations of the Cross.

PARISH SOUP SUPPER

A free Soup Supper will be served in Msgr. Gulcz Hall immediately following the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent: March 8, 15, & 22. Soup and bread will be served each week.

GORZKIE ZALE

Traditional Polish Lenten Service of Hymns (Ancient chants) retracing the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ. The devotion is preceded by Benediction and chanted kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament. Gorzkie Zale (in English) following the 4pm Mass every Saturday and Gorzkie Zale (in Polish) following the 11:30am Polish Mass every Sunday until March 22.