

St. Hedwig Church

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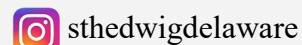
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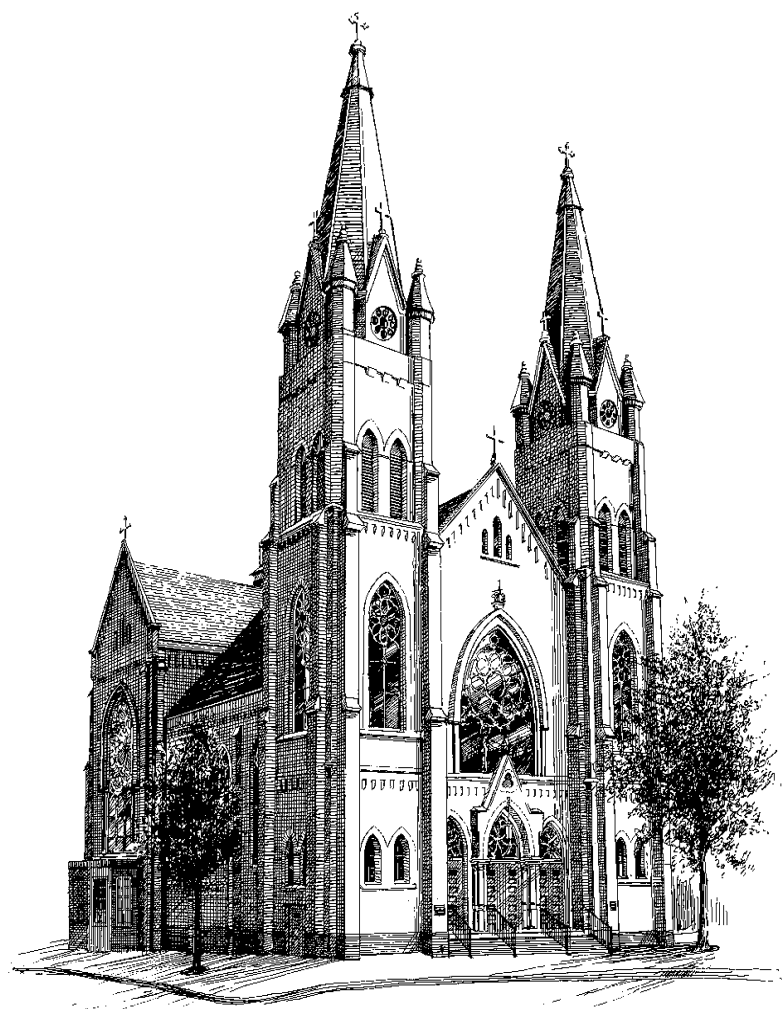
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March 12, 2023 † Third Sunday of Lent †



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,

Our first reading is taken from the book of Genesis, chapter 12. While the previous eleven chapters depicted a mythic past belonging to all humanity, chapter 12 describes the call and response of a particular people, represented by their patriarch Abram. We are not told why Abram is singled out, but God invites him to leave kith and kin and travel to a land yet to be revealed. As surety, God makes Abram a three-fold promise of land (Genesis 12:1), nationhood (Genesis 12:2), and blessing (Genesis 12:2). The promise will include numerous descendants. Despite his advancing age, Abram trusts God, who credits his faith as righteousness (Genesis 15:6).

The second reading is taken from Second Timothy, which is doubly pseudonymous, purporting to have been written by Paul to his protégé Timothy, but long after their deaths. The early second-century writer hopes to encourage his community to bear their "share of hardship for the gospel" (2Timothy 1:8), indicating either a literal or spiritual struggle among the believers. They are to be encouraged because through no effort on their part, the grace has been bestowed on them in Christ Jesus even before time began (2 Timothy 1:9). This grace has been manifested in Christ's resurrection and appearance so that immortality awaits the faithful (2Timothy).

The Gospel recounts the transfiguration of Jesus and serves three functions in the Gospel of Matthew. First, it confirms Jesus' identity (Matthew 1:23) as God's Son by means of the heavenly apparition of Moses (Israel's greatest prophet) and Elijah (the prophet whose return would signal the end-times), and by the direct statement by the voice from the cloud (Matthew 17:5). Second, it foreshadows Jesus' resurrection: "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). And finally, it reminds Matthew's community (and today's readers) not to dwell on the mountain of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:4) so as to avoid the Passion, but to "Rise, and... not be afraid" (Matthew 17:7) of what awaits true disciples.

God Bless,
Fr. Andrew

Weekly Collection

Because of the shortage of paper, the envelope company cannot supply our February/ March envelopes. They have secured a permanent supply of paper so that this will not happen again. Service will resume with the April/May envelopes.

Please use the envelopes that are provided at all entrances. We are sorry for the inconvenience. If you know your number please write it on the envelopes.

Thank You for your patience!

† Słowo Księdza Wikariusza †

Drodzy Parafianie,

Rozpoczynamy dziś drugi tydzień wielkopostnego skupienia i zadumy nad sensem naszego życia. Myslom naszym patronuje Abraham zwany ojcem naszej wiary. Skąd to określenie? Ano stąd, że Abraham bez wahania wypełniał Boże polecenia, że zawierzył Bogu całkowicie.

Drodzy moi! Podczas wielkopostnych rekolekcji będziecie nie raz słyszeli różne pouczenia, wezwania do poprawy i nawrócenia. Odpowiadajmy na nie tak, jak Abraham odpowiedział na Boże powołanie.

Boże wezwanie skierowane kiedyś do Abrahama powtórzył na swój sposób Paweł w liście do umiłowanego ucznia Tymoteusza. Jest to pouczenie już o wiele bardziej szczegółowe niż to, co słyszał Abraham. Paweł przypomina Tymoteuszowi, że jako biskup powinien nauczać. Otóż treścią owego nauczania winno być zbawcze dzieło Jezusa Chrystusa. Paweł jest w ogóle ogromnie i przez całe swoje apostołskie życie zatroskany o to, żeby nie zmarnowało się nic, żadna kropla krwi, zbawczego dzieła Jezusa Chrystusa.

W opisie Przemienienia Paskiego ważne jest to, że Jezus ukazuje się razem z Mojżeszem i Eliaszem. Ma to oznaczać ciągłość zbawczych planów Boga, jedność obydwu Testamentów. Najważniejsze jest jednak to, że w czasie Przemienienia świadkowie tego niezwykłego wydarzenia mieli okazję dostrzec Boski majestat Jezusa. Ten, który już wkrótce pozwoli się pojąć, ubiczować, ukoronować i zawiesić na krzyżu, On jest także Bogiem.

Tym większa była obawa uczniów – zwłaszcza Piotra – że Jezusowi może się stać coś złego w Jerozolimie. Wierzył, że Jezus nie szedł do Jerozolimy. Lepiej będzie rozbic na górze Tabor trzy namioty i tam pozostać.

Ale to byłoby sprzeniewierzeniem się zbawczym planom Boga. Św. Marek był prawie oburzony tą propozycją Piotra i zauważył mimochodem, że Piotr z przerażenia nie wiedział, co mówił.

Dla nas stąd nauka, że nie powinniśmy nawet próbować, korygować Bożych zamiarów. Pan Bóg wie, co jest dla nas najlepsze. Trzeba w to uwierzyć nawet wtedy, kiedy wypadnie nam cierpieć.

Drodzy moi, zwłaszcza chorzy, cierpiący, zapracowani, zatroskani o najbliższą przyszłość! Błogosławie Wam wszystkim z całego serca na czas wielkopostnego skupienia, życząc wszystkim dobrego przygotowania się do Świąt Zmartwychwstania Paskiego. Amen

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Julian

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

March 4 & 5

Offertory Envelopes - \$3114.00

& Special Collections - \$210.00

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!

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

PREPARE YOUR HEART
FOR EASTER

RECONCILIATION MONDAY
APRIL 3, 2023 3 - 8 P.M.

VISIT A CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DELAWARE OR MARYLAND'S
EASTERN SHORE DURING OUR EXTENDED CONFESSION HOURS.
VISIT CDOW.ORG TO FIND A CHURCH NEAR YOU.



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!



Easter Babka & Bake Sale

Pre-order only & Pick-up on Saturday, April 1, 2023 in St. Hedwig Parish Hall.

The Knights will have their annual Easter Babka & Bake Sale Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 9am - 11am.

All items must be ordered in advance no later than 3/25/2023 by calling Stan at 302-429-0102. (leave your name, number and your order)

Plain Babka - \$10.00 — Cheese Babka - \$18.00

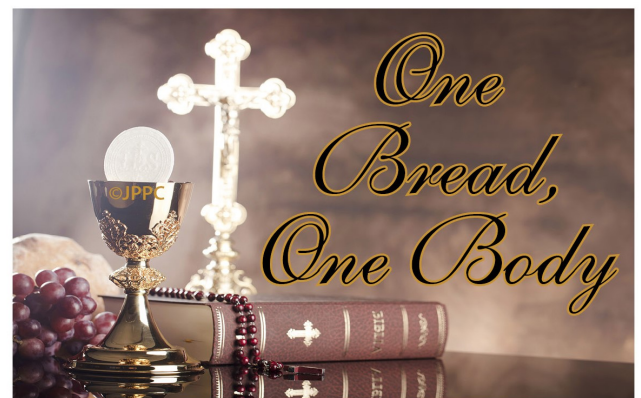
Sweet Poppy seed Loaf - \$16.00

Sliced Rye Bread (loaf) - \$8.00

Box of Chrusciki (angle wings) - \$8.00

Pre-orders only by March 25th.

No items will be sold on the day of pick-up or at any of the Masses!



This is My Blood



PRAY FOR THE SICK



Father Andrew, Katie, Joe Rybaltowski, Fran Golden, John Yasik, Bri Iacona, Rosalie Wilner, Mary Ann Romano, Anna Kaminska, Wanda Weikel, Aleksander Bielecki, Sharon Kozlowski, Cindy, Dot, Joe, Hanna, Terry, Janet Karick, Lori Weikel, Erin Rathmanner, John & Sally Sitek, John & Marie Larouche, Jack McDermott, Rudolf Wolanin, Josephine Szczerba, Emma Kozlowski, Theresa Bartkowski, Terri Starr, Ann, Francis Lally and Frank Kucharski

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Saturday, March 11, 2023

- 8am Roseann Hickey
Int. Clare
- 4pm Maureen Kemble
Int. Louise Bishop

Sunday, March 12, 2023

- 9am Ann Marie Tidwell
Int. Pat Noonan
- 11:30am Deceased Members of Ryjewski &
Wrublewski Families
Int. Izabela Toner
- 4pm Susan Miller
Int. Mary Johnson

Monday, March 13, 2023

- 6:30pm Charles & Eleanor Wykpisz
Int. Patricia Wykpisz

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

- 6:30pm Teresa Wood
Int. Gary Michalowski

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

- 6:30pm Joseph Skomorucha
Int. Wife, Charlotte

Thursday, March 16, 2023

- 6:30pm Joe Klackiewicz
Int. Family

Friday, March 17, 2023

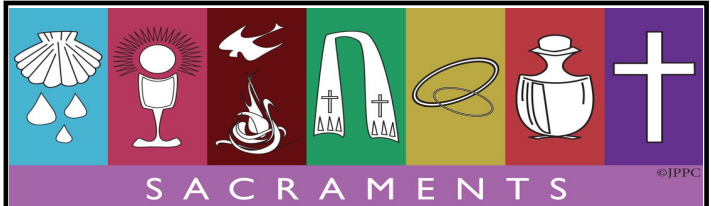
- 6:30pm Cathy Dabrowski
Int. Nawrocki Family

Saturday, March 18, 2023

- 8am Robert & Frances Zawisza
Int. Valerie Kunicky
- 4pm Carl Koekkoek (1st Anniv)
Int. Wife

Sunday, March 19, 2023

- 9am Brian Watson, Sr. (Living Intention &
Blessings)
Int. Suzanne Watson
- 11:30am Eugenia & Wladyslaw Walaszek
Int. Syn & Rodzina
- 4pm Healing Mass—Jenny Minakowski
Int. Bill & Dolores Rybaltowski



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
George & Florence Czerwinski's
19th Wedding Anniversary
as requested by Family

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 - Meeting every Thursday after 6:30pm Mass.
- Flame of Love - Meets the 2nd & 4th Saturday after 4pm Mass in Gulch Hall
- Knights of Columbus - Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month. John Lagowski is the Grand Knight his phone # is: 302-992-0309
- Feb. 24th/March 10th/March 24th - Stations of the Cross (soup and bread to follow sponsored by the Rosary Society)
- March 3rd/March 17th/March 31st - Shadow Stations of the Cross in Church 7pm (soup and bread to follow sponsored by the Knights of Columbus) - Mass in Chapel at 6:30pm.
- March 25 & 26 - Gorzkie Zale after 4 P.M. Mass Saturday and after 11:30 A.M. Mass.
- March 29 - Wednesday Parish Council meeting after 6:30pm Mass.
- April 3 - Reconciliation Monday in Church 3-8pm.



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.



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.



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.

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