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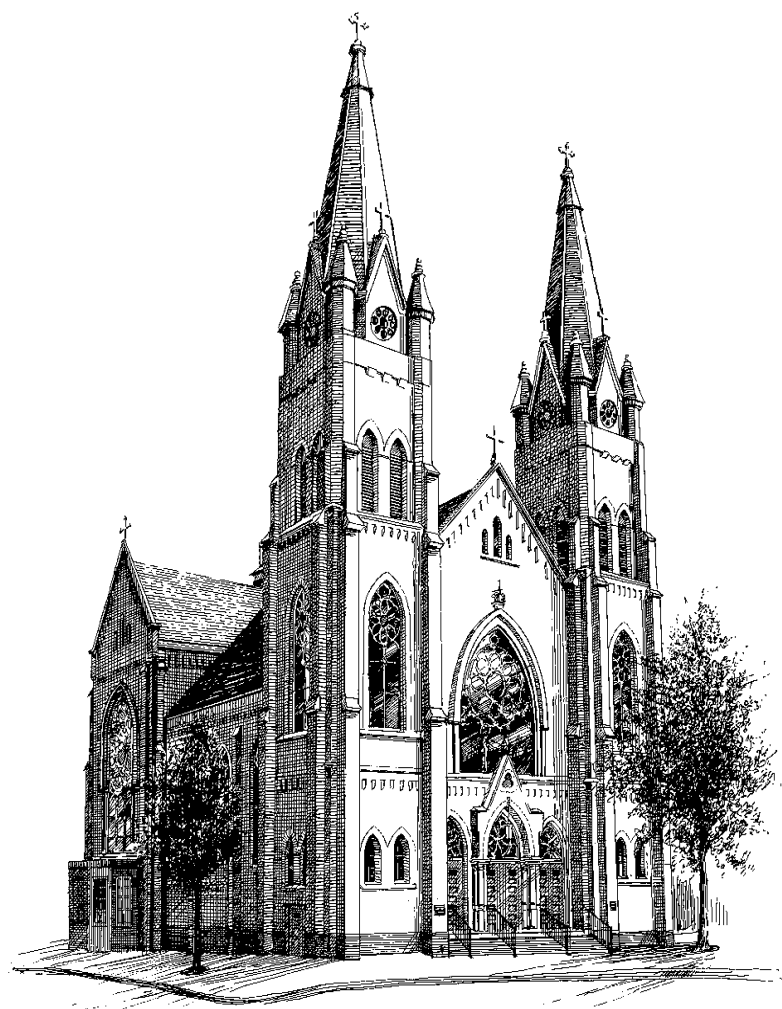


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March 19, 2023 † Fourth Sunday of Lent †



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,

The portrait painted in Exodus of the wandering Israelites is none too flattering. They grumble against Moses because the water source is bitter (Exodus 15:24). They complain that they are hungry and miss “the fleshpots of Egypt” (Exodus 16:3). In today’s reading, they are quarreling with Moses again over their thirst (Exodus 17:3). Despite God’s miraculous rescue of the people from the Egyptians, the Israelites require additional assurances of God’s presence. In response, God directs Moses to take witness from among the elders and to travel to Horeb, where God will be stationed. With the staff given to him by God, Moses strikes the rock and water pours forth. Apparently the water traveled back to the people at Rephidim via a wadi or dry riverbed (Exodus 17:1). The place was named Massah (“quarreling”) and Meribah (“testing”) as a reminder of the people’s doubt, “Is the Lord in our midst or not? (Exodus 17:7).

The reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans reads as explanation of 1 Corinthians 13:13- “So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” As Paul explains, salvation in Christ awaits the believer who first has “faith” (Romans 5:1) in Jesus Christ, who has secured peace between God and us. Therefore, we can “hope” to stand before the glory (understood as “presence”) of God (Romans 5:2). But the root of our faith and hope is not based on our own actions. Rather, the source is God’s “love”, made manifest through Christ’s sacrifice (Romans 5:8) that is poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5). Indeed, the “greatest of these is love.”

In order to understand the significance of Jesus’ interaction with the Samaritan woman in today’s Gospel, we need to turn to the chapter before. In John 3:1-21, Nicodemus is introduced as a man of the Pharisees and ruler of the Jews (John 3:1), and a teacher of Israel (John 3:10) whose primary trait is misunderstanding (John 3:4, 9). He is attracted by the signs that Jesus produces (John 3:2), but fails to grasp Jesus’ teaching. But the Samaritan woman is presented without any significant credentials (John 4:9), nor does she see Jesus produce any signs. Rather, she and Jesus engage in a theological conversation that leads her to see Jesus as “prophet” (John 4:19) and wonder if he is the “messiah” (John 4:25, 29). For the first time in John’s Gospel, Jesus responds, “I am,” the same self-designation used for God in Exodus 3:14.

God Bless,
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Księdza Wikariusza †

Drodzy Parafianie,

Dzisiaj w trzecią Niedzielę Wielkiego Postu – jakby w samym środku naszych przygotowań do Świąt Wielkanocnych – liturgia Słowa mówi o wodzie i o trzech cnotach teologicznych. O wodzie mówi czytanie pierwsze i ewangelia, zaś o wierze, nadziei oraz miłości – czytanie drugie, a wszystkie trzy – podobnie jak cała Biblia – ukazują znowu niezmierną dobroć Boga.

Woda odgrywa niesłychanie ważną rolę w życiu czysto fizycznym każdego człowieka, zaś w życiu chrześcijanina jest materialem jednego z siedmiu Sakramentów i symbolizuje łaskę Bożą, która spływa na nas właśnie poprzez owe Sakramenty. Woda, której Izraelitom zabrakło na pustyni – oczywiście element niezbędny do zachowania życia, ale tylko życia doczesnego. Pismo św. ma wyraźnie za złe Izraelitom to, że gotowi byli zrezygnować z odzyskanej wolności, byleby mieć dostęp do wody. Doczesne przetrwanie przedkładali ponad wszelkie wartości, ponad Boga samego.

I Pan Bóg im ustąpił, bo dobry, bo – jak mówi Psalmista – na wieki miłosierdzia Jego. Ale nie tak powinni postąpić Izraelici. Nie zaufali Bogu, szemrali przeciwko Niemu.

Postanowmy sobie, że gdy będziemy korzystali z wody, bez której nie ma życia doczesnego, pomyślimy zawsze o tym, iż jest także inna woda. Trzeba nam wzbudzać w sobie pragnienie tej wody czyli łaski, gdyż bez niej nie ma życia wewnętrznego.

Wiara, nadzieja i miłość możemy żyć tylko dlatego, że dokonało się dzieło naszego zbawienia. To z niego cała swoją moc czerpie te trzy sprawności moralne.

Św. Paweł powie na innym miejscu, że największa z tych trzech jest miłość, a dzisiaj przypominam, że jej najpełniejszym uosobieniem jest Jezus Chrystus, który nas ukochał i wydał siebie samego za nas.

Drodzy moi! Biorąc sobie prawdziwie do serca pouczenia dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa, zechcemy dołożyć wszelkich starań, żeby ten czas wielkopostnego skupienia przeżywać w stanie łaski, która oby nam przypominała zwykłą, niezbędną do codziennego życia wodę. I pytajmy też siebie samych dnia każdego, czy przybywa w nas choć trochę wiary, nadziei i miłości.

Szczęście Boże,
Ks. Julian

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!

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

March 11 & 12

Offertory Envelopes -
& Special Collections -

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

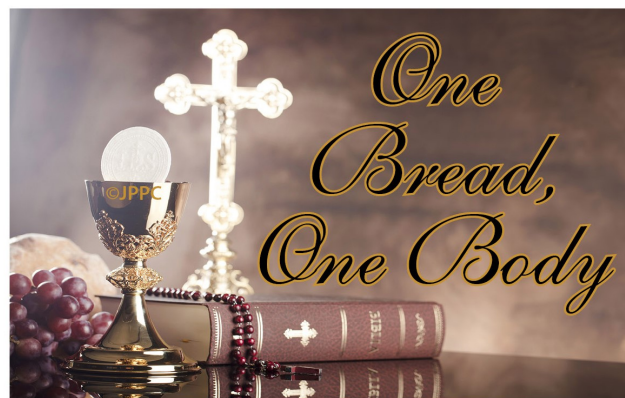
Sweet Poppy seed Loaf - \$16.00

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 & Kathy 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 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

Monday, March 20, 2023

6:30pm Adam & Anna Jakobowski & Daughters
(Living Intentions & Blessings)
Int. Izabela Toner

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

6:30pm Agnieszka & Jozef Halabura
Int. Basia Malek

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

6:30pm Emilia Bialecki (14th Anniversary)
Int. Children

Thursday, March 23, 2023

6:30pm Rev. Thomas Gardocki
Int. Rosary Society

Friday, March 24, 2023

6:30pm Eleanor Wykpisz
Int. Family

Saturday, March 25, 2023

8am Stella Mondzelewski
Int. Daughter, Linda

4pm Evor Olson
Int. Diana Rykaczewski

Sunday, March 26, 2023

9am Steven Quindlen
Int. Toni Quindlen

11:30am Anna Boruta
Int. Aneta Grocholski

4pm Jane Hawkins (Anniversary)
Int. Husband, Joe



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

Al Nickerson

as requested by Wife, Beatrice

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