

# St. Hedwig Church

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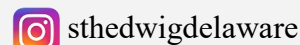
## Parish Office

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April 16, 2023 † Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday †



**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,

In today's first reading, the author of Acts of the Apostles paints a utopian picture of the Resurrection community shortly after the experience of Pentecost. This "honeymoon" stage would not last long. In Chapter 5, Ananias and Sapphira skim profits from the sale of their property before giving it to the community, and in Chapter 6, the Greek-speaking Jews complain that the Palestinian Jews are ignoring their widows. Throughout Luke-Acts, the Word is readily accepted but enthusiasm often wanes. The cycle of acceptance and rejection is repeated until the final scene in which Paul is proclaiming in Rome, "Let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen" (Acts 28:28).

Writing in the name of the Apostle Peter, the author of today's second reading describes the benefits of belief in a series of metaphors. We have a "new birth" to "a living hope" through Jesus Christ's resurrection (1 Peter 1:3). We are given an imperishable inheritance, stored in heaven and awaiting us (1 Peter 1.4). Our faith is "more precious than gold" that is tested by fire (1 Peter 1.7). The use of concrete metaphors tied to everyday life reaches its pinnacle when First Peter describes believers as a "spiritual household" (1 Peter 2:5) and the "household of God" (4:17). Though utilizing a letter format, the word may actually have been a baptism sermon. The use of various metaphors would help the catechumen understand his or her new reality in Christ.

The fourth Evangelist seems to have intentionally set up resonances with the creation stories of Genesis. Scholars have long noted the echo of Genesis 1:1 ("In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth") found in John 1:1 ("In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God"). In today's reading, we find yet another allusion. "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). The resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples, announcing peace and commissioning them. "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (John 20:22). The divine breath brings forth the new life of creation in Genesis. In John, Jesus' divine breath shares his Spirit with the disciples, who are commissioned to continue Jesus' mission on earth.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

## † Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Az nas zazdrość ogarnia, gdy się dowiadujemy dziś z pierwszego czytania, jak to wyglądało na co dzień życie pierwszych chrześcijan: trwali w nauce apostołów, we wspólnocie dóbr materialnych i w modlitwie. Chyba wszystkim biskupom, proboszczom, a z pewnością także wielu wiernym marzy się taki obraz Kościoła. O taki styl życia na co dzień chodzi we wszystkich posoborowych zachętach, aby wrócić do źródła chrześcijaństwa. Chrześcijaństwo nie było jeszcze podzielone, nie było tej bolesnej wielości wyznań, wszyscy żyli tą samą Ewangelią. Ludzie byli pełni wzajemnego zmartwienia o siebie. Nikt nie cierpiał dotkliwej biedy, bo ci, co posiadali więcej, sprzedawali majątki i rozdawali pieniądze każdemu według potrzeby. No i Bogiem żyli. Jeszcze nie mieli własnych kościołów ani kaplic, więc na sprawowanie Eucharystii czyli na łamanie chleba zbierali się po domach, a na czytanie słowa Bożego i śpiewy Psalmów udawali się do świątyni.

Tak żyli pierwsi chrześcijanie jerozolimscy. Jakże nam dziś, po prawie dwóch tysiącach lat, daleko do tego! Dodajmy na zakończenie, bo od tego zaczyna się dzisiejsze pierwsze czytanie – że siebie samych pierwsi chrześcijanie nazywali po prostu "braćmi". Konczy zaś św. Łukasz ten opis życia pierwszych chrześcijan takim oto stwierdzeniem: "Wielbili Boga, a cały lud odnosił się do nich życzliwie". Czy my jeszcze kiedyś wrócimy do tego?

Szczęść Boże,  
Ks. Julian



**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED  
THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH**

John P. Dobies

March 11

Renee Sentel

March 23



Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**April 6 thru April 9**

Offertory Envelopes - \$6851.00

& Special Collections - \$2948.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

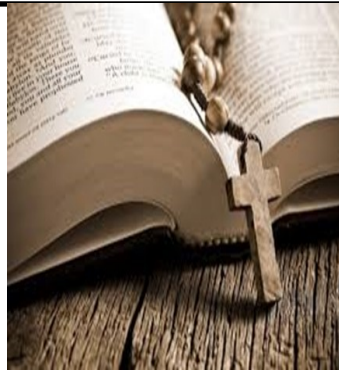


## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



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!

For Young Adults (18 to 35 years old), April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship Hymns and Silent time. Every last Tuesday of the month. Little Sisters of the Poor, 185 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713. Contact Sr. Janet Mary 302-368-5886 for more information. [vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org) or [www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org/news-events](http://www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org/news-events)



### PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening in the parish hall, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

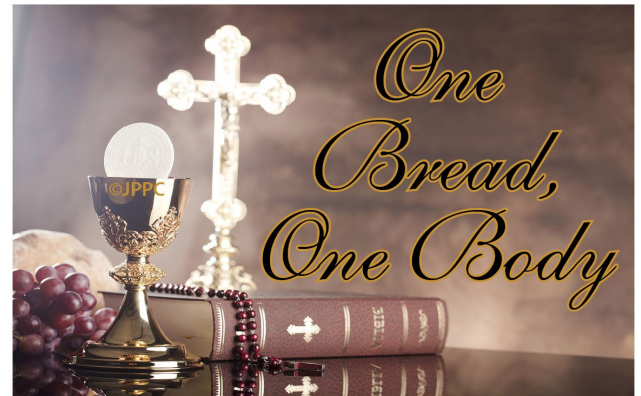
Join us for Mass, then stay and pray! All are welcome!



Catholic Charities Emergency Food Pantries has been selected to receive \$1 from every \$3.00 “reusable” “Give Back Where It Counts” Bag sold during the month of April 2023 at the Acme store at 1401 North DuPont Street in Wilmington. Please purchase a bag at this Acme store. Your support will help insure that we are able to meet the needs of the hungry in our local community.



**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023**  
**1pm - 3:30 pm Confessions**  
**3pm - 3:45 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**(Procession around the block)**  
**4 pm Mass**



### 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, 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, 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, Joy Deluchia and Frank Kucharski

**HEAL THEM O LORD!**

## Masses For The Week



### Saturday, April 15, 2023

- 8am Joanne Karpinski  
Int. Theresa Bartkowski  
4pm Ted & Wanda Wykpisz  
Int. Patricia Wykpisz

### Sunday, April 16, 2023 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

- 9am Stanley Minakowski  
Int. Bill & Dolores Rybaltowski  
11:30am Anna Boruta (1st Anniversary)  
Int. Janusz  
1-3:30pm Confessions  
3-3:45pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Procession  
around the block)  
4pm Carl Koekkoek  
Int. Wife, Dorothy

### Monday, April 17, 2023

- 6:30pm Gerald S. Federoi  
Int. Joe McDonald

### Tuesday, April 18, 2023

- 6:30pm James & Agnes Mulrooney  
Int. Margie, Mary Ann & Helena

### Wednesday, April 19, 2023

- 6:30pm Health for Alex (Living Intention)  
Int. Family

### Thursday, April 20, 2023

- 6:30pm Carl Koekkoek  
Int. Wife, Dorothy

### Friday, April 21, 2023

- 6:30pm Bozena Samborska (Living Intention)  
Int. Suzanne & Michelle

### Saturday, April 22, 2023

- 8am Sr. Marie Victoria Bartkowski  
Int. Clare Rutkowski  
4pm Evor Olson  
Int. Wife, Irene, Children & Family

### Sunday, April 23, 2023

- 9am Erin Watson (Living Intentions & Blessings)  
Int. Suzanne Watson  
11:30am Julia & Franciszek Tyminscy  
Int. Rodzina Walaszek  
4pm Healing Mass  
Frank Hollweck  
Int. Wife, June



**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

Sr. Marie Victoria Bartkowski

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
- April 16, 2023 is: Divine Mercy Sunday



### 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.

## Roses for sale on Mother's Day



*For Birthright of Delaware, Inc.*

*All women in attendance for all Masses on Mother's Day will receive after mass a free rose compliments of Fr. Andrew and Fr. Julian.*

*Roses will also be available for sale after all masses on Mother's day in the lobby of the main entrance to our church.*

*Cost: \$2.00 for one rose*

*\$5.00 for three roses*

*\$ 20.00 for a dozen*

*\$ 40.00 for a Bouquet of twenty-five*

*Thanking you in advance for your generosity*