

Jesus,
I Trust in You.

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St. Hedwig Church

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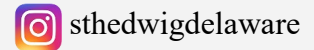
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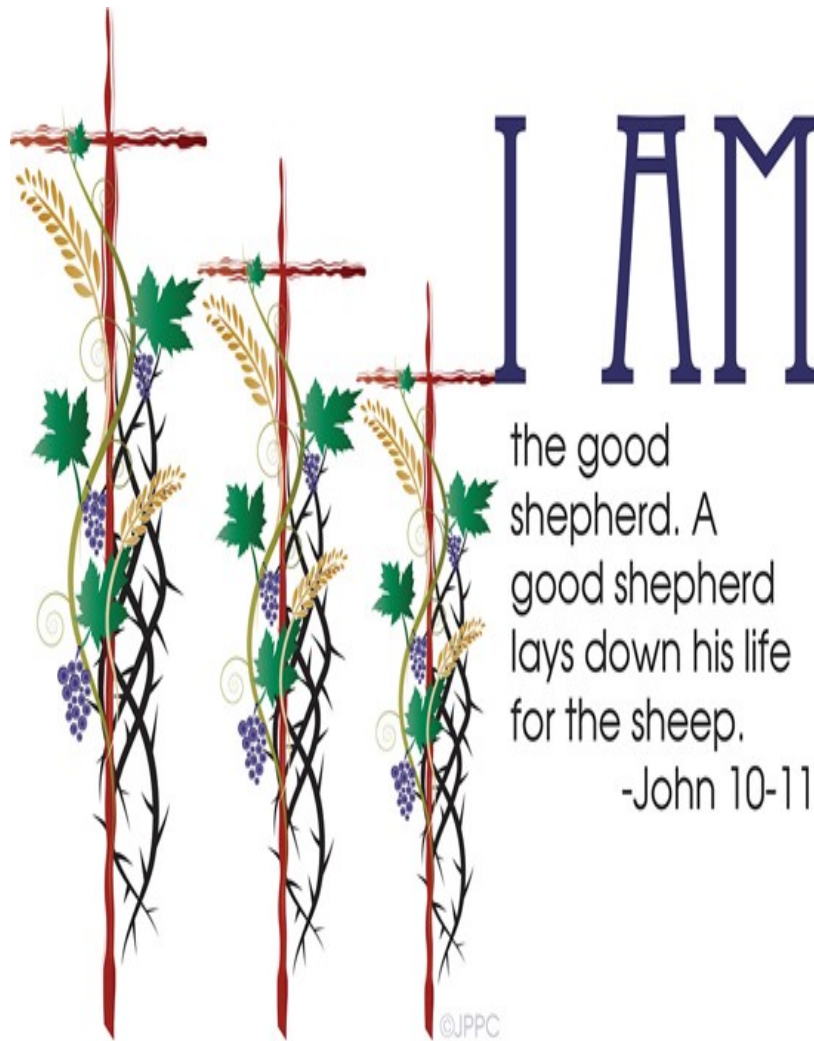
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April 30, 2023 † Fourth Sunday of Easter †



Fr. Andrew Molewski
Pastor

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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 audience of Jews who overheard the commotion of Pentecost is now invited to receive the Holy Spirit themselves in today's first reading. For Peter explained, "the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off" (Acts 2:39). Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin opens the new members to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But as Peter noted, the gift is not only a promise fulfilled for the Jews, but also for those "far off," indicating that shortly the Good News will be preached to the Gentiles.

One of the difficult things to explain to the newly baptized is why suffering would accompany their new life. This is even more true for the slaves who joined the community. In the passage prior to today's second reading, the author directs slaves to bear the pain of unjust suffering. Quoting the Suffering Servant song of Isaiah 53:4-12, the author of First Peter notes that Christ's own suffering serves as an example. First Peter 2:11-3:12 has been described as similar to ancient "household codes" that outlined the appropriate behavior for various types of people (husband, wives, slaves, children).

The good shepherd discourse from which our Gospel reading is taken continues Jesus' confrontation with the Pharisees (John 9:41). The allegory is meant to label the Pharisees as thieves and robbers who sneak into the sheepfold. They are the strangers whose voice the sheep do not recognize, and flee from in fear (John 10:5). The stark condemnation must be read in response to the Pharisees' excommunication of the man born blind (John 9:34). Confirming Jesus' remark about their own blindness, "the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them" (John 10:6). The ongoing conflict in John's Gospel is not between Jesus and the religious authorities, but between those who recognize Jesus and those who fail to do so.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Mamy dziś okazję zapoznać się z przebiegiem pierwszych w dziejach Kościoła rekolekcji. Były przeprowadzone przez niebylego – bo przez świętego Piotra, zaś nauk rekolekcyjnych słuchali ludzie z pokolenia, które przyczyniło się bezpośrednio do zamordowania Chrystusa.

Rekolekcje były bardzo udane. Przylaczyło się do Piotra i pozostałych apostołów około 3 tysięcy ludzi. Ze takie były błogosławione skutki nauk rekolekcyjnych Piotra, to wynikało z pytania, jakie słuchający postawili w pewnym momencie Piotrowi i jego towarzyszom. Pytanie brzmiało: "Coż mamy czynić, bracia?" Po dzień dzisiejszy każdy rekolekcionista marzy o tym, żeby słuchający go wierni postawili takie pytanie. To wyraźny znak, że rekolekcje się udają. Bo tak sformułowane pytanie świadczy o całkowitym otwarciu się słuchających na Słowo Boże. W ten sposób wyrażają oni swoją gotowość poddania się Bożym pouczeniom.

Piotr – zapewne uszczęśliwiony taką postawą swoich słuchaczy – natychmiast pokazuje im trzy pouczenia. Po pierwsze – mają się nawrócić, czyli zacząć myśleć inaczej niż dotychczas: o Bogu, o sobie samych i o innych ludziach. W Bogu mają widzieć nie tylko Boga Izraela, nie tylko sędziego surowego lecz także Ojca miłosiernego, który jednak – jak powie potem św. Paweł – nie zezwala, żeby z Niego sztydzo. W innych ludziach ci nawracający się mają dostrzegać braci, choćby nie przynależeli do narodu wybranego. Siebie samych powinni uważać co prawda za grzeszników ale żyjących nadzieją życia wiecznego nie ze względu na swoje uczynki, lecz dzięki wierze w zbawcze dzieło Jezusa Chrystusa. Na tym polega inność myślenia człowieka, który się nawraca. Mieli też słuchacze Piotra – po drugie – przyjąć chrzest, ale nie w postaci jednego ze znanych dotąd obmyć żydowskich, lecz chrzest "w imię Jezusa Chrystusa na odpuszczenie grzechów".

Szczęście Boże,
Ks. Julian



**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED
THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH
& APRIL**

John P. Dobies	March 11
Renee Sentel	March 23
Stanley A. Lebidzewicz	April 1

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 22 & April 23

Offertory Envelopes - \$3195.00

& Special Collections - \$258.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

I am the *Light* of the world.

Whoever follows me will
never walk in *Darkness*.

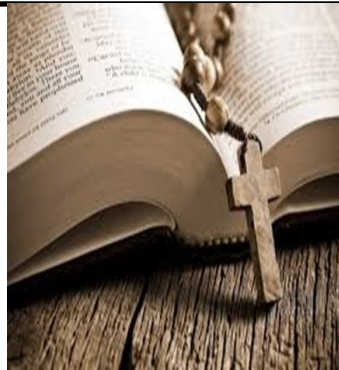
WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



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!



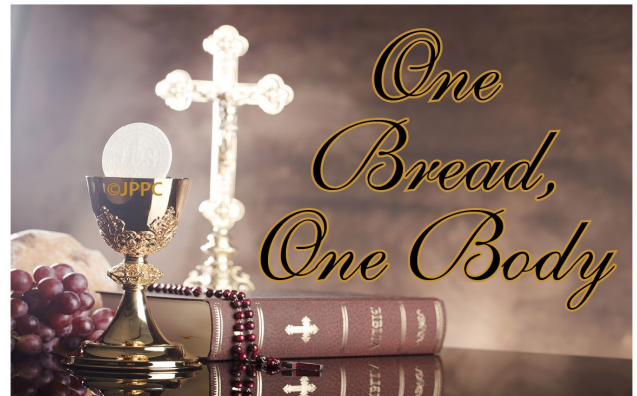
St. Joseph on the Brandywine Music Ministry will present **"Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad"**, a concert for the Easter Season on Sun., May 21, 2023 at 2pm in the Church at 10 Old Church Rd., Greenville, DE. Selections include the Missa Windbergensis by Joachim Schreiber, several choral and instrumental pieces performed by choirs and soloists with organ and chamber ensemble. There is no admission fee. Free-will offerings will be appreciated. All are welcome!



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!



This is My Blood



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, Terri Starr, Francis Lally, Joy Deluchia, John W. Foskey, Sr. and Frank Kucharski

HEAL THEM O LORD!



GREAT FAMILY FUN at St. Helena's Carnival, 602 Philadelphia Pike, Mon., May 1-Sat., May 6. Midway opens at 6PM. Admission: \$5/night, \$15/week for ages 13-59. Mega-Passes, good for unlimited rides & free Carnival admission all week are \$50 per person. Family Nights-Tuesday & Wednesday-Ride all night for \$30 per person! Live entertainment and great food every night under the Big Top. Rides! Games! Prizes! Food! Baked Goods! Basket Raffles and much more!

Masses For The Week



Saturday, April 29, 2023

- 8am Parishioners & Benefactors
4pm Dan & Edith Dorsey & Sons
Int. Dot

Sunday, April 30, 2023

- 9am Jennifer Ferretti
Int. Theresa Bartkowski
11:30am Gabby Migdalski
Int. Maria Migdalski
4pm Loretta & Stanley Figiel
Int. Maria Migdalski

Monday, May 1, 2023

- 6:30pm Living Intention & Blessings for Wes,
Diane & Katie Juda
Int. Erwin J. Juda

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

- 6:30pm Barbara McDonald
Int. Husband

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

- 6:30pm Marthamma Yarragalla
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

Thursday, May 4, 2023

- 6:30pm Fr. Reuben Nuxoll (Living Intention)
Int. Suzanne

Friday, May 5, 2023

- 6:30pm Purgatorial Society Members

Saturday, May 6, 2023

- 8am Stella Mondzelewski
Int. Daughter, Linda
4pm Kathleen March
Int. Husband, Mark

Sunday, May 7, 2023

- 9am Living & Deceased Members of Holy
Rosary Society
11:30am Michalina & Stefan Zyskowski
Int. Family
4pm Joseph Pollinger
Int. Daughter, Joanne & Family



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

The Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus

Pope John Paul II Council

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 30th - 9am Mass First Communion
- May 1st - Feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May Day)
- May 5th - First Friday
- May 6th - May Devotions
- May 7th - May Procession after 9am Mass
- May 13th & 14th - Mother's Day Birthright Rose Sale (all Masses)
- May 21st - Ascension Sunday
- May 28th - Pentecost Sunday
- May 29th - Memorial Day 9am Mass



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.



Congratulations

Sara Veronica Zeberkiewicz

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: \$3.00 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