

Jesus,
I Trust in You.

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St. Hedwig Church

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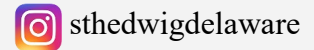
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May 14, 2023 † Sixth Sunday of Easter †

The loveliest
masterpiece
of the heart
of God is
the heart of
a mother.

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX



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.



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The theme of Acts of the Apostles is the spread of the faith from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). In today's first reading, we hear of the first steps to realize that vision. Philip, who was among the seven reputable men chosen to meet the needs of the growing community, traveled to Samaria "and proclaimed the Christ to them" (Acts 8:5). While the selection of the seven was to free up the Twelve for the ministry of proclamation (Acts 6:4), both Stephen and Philip prove to be effective evangelizers. But as our reading details, Philip's efforts must be confirmed by apostolic representatives, Peter and John (Acts 8:14). Throughout Acts, the author is keen to demonstrate the continuity of the mission. The ministry of the word is rooted first in the Twelve and then extends to those whom they have appointed.

Scholars are at pains to find historical evidence of any government-sanctioned persecution of Christians during the time that first Peter is likely to have been written. The suffering alluded to may be rooted in societal misunderstandings and the ostracism of believers. "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). The reminder to live exemplary lives "with gentleness and reverence" suggests that Christian believers are to uphold proper societal expectations, thus lessening the suspicion of their non-believing neighbors. The codes of proper behavior enumerated in 1 Peter 2:11 – 3:12 seem to confirm this strategy.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus makes an extraordinary statement, "I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). This total integration with the Father has been the hallmark of Jesus' self-identity, but now that union is extended to the disciples. But there's a catch. The disciples are to keep Jesus' commandments as a visible testament of their love for him (John 14:21). Because of the disciples' love, Jesus asks the Father to give them another Advocate. This Spirit of truth will remain with the disciples as Jesus' abiding presence, thus sealing his promise, "I will not leave you orphans" (John 14:18).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Przywykliśmy – w oparciu o lekturę Ewangelii – do nie najlepszej opinii o Samarii. Ta kraina była niechętna Jezusowi, a Samarytanie uchodzili za śmiertelnych wrogów mieszkańców Jerozolimy. Tymczasem tu jest inaczej: Filip przybył do Samarii i głosił tam Chrystusa. I co jeszcze ważniejsze, jego nauczanie znajdowało powszechny posłuch. Wielka radość zapanowała w całym mieście. Łukasz nie omieszka też podać przyczyn tak wielkiego powodzenia misji Filipa: nauczaniu jego towarzyszyły liczne cuda. Właśnie taka jest funkcja cudów: mają nas naprowadzać na Boga, mają ku Niemu nawracać. W kronikach różnych sanktuariów, czyli miejsc słynących cudami, jest wiele relacji o takich nawroceniach.

Funkcje swojskie apostołskie mają też i same nawrocenia. Ileż to razy dowiadujemy się o tym, że dzieci nawracały się naśladując rodziców, a niekiedy odwrotnie: rodzice szli w ślad za dziećmi, jak to miało miejsce u nas podczas stanu wojennego. Nikt "nie zapalał lampy po to, by ją chować pod korcem". Najskuteczniej żywym przykładem apostołuje się, nie słowem. Tak jest po dzień dzisiejszy. Jeśli bardzo pragniemy nawrocenia kogoś z naszych bliskich, przede wszystkim sami starajmy się żyć uczciwie. Prawe, uczciwe życie to argument nie do odrzucenia. Samo zaś nawrocenie polega na tym, że człowiek wydostaje się spod władztwa szatana i dostaje się pod wpływ Ducha Świętego. To dlatego apostołowie wkładali ręce na nawracających się Samarytan, a oni otrzymywali Ducha Świętego.

Szczęść Boże,
Ks. Julian



Express your love for a special Mother, Grandmother, Godmother or any woman who has played a motherly role in your life by enrolling her in our Mother's Day Masses. Envelopes can be found at all entrances of the church.



If there are no ushers at the Mass you attend, please put your collection envelopes in the donation boxes in the front and back of the church. Thanks for your help!

Due to our publishing company relocating, bulletins will not be delivered to the parish until Friday or Saturday during the month of May. Thanks for your patience and understanding during this transition.

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 22 thru April 30

Offertory Envelopes - \$5,755.00

& Special Collections - \$529.00

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG

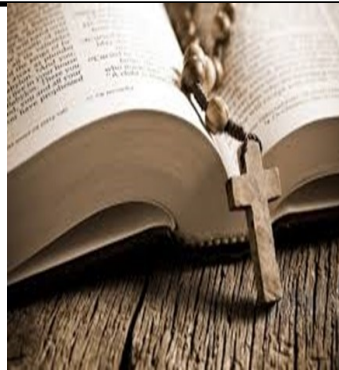


We invite you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint John Paul II Chapel, Monday-Friday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions are heard during Adoration. Holy Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration, we “watch and wait”, we remain “silent” in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. Come and pray!



Congratulations to Rev. Mr. James M. Gebhart, a resident of Newark, DE, who was ordained to the transitional diaconate by the Most Reverend William E. Koenig on May 13, 2023 ! Please keep him in your prayers!

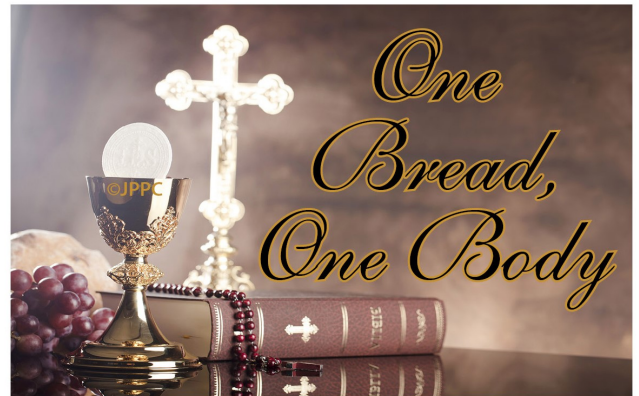
Millions of Monicas – Many people have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the church entirely. The Millions of Monicas prayer ministry supports mothers in this situation. Following the example of St. Monica, these mothers come together weekly to persevere in prayer for the children’s joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. Meetings are held every Monday from 6:30-7:30pm at St. Patrick’s Church, 1414 North King Street, Wilmington. For more info: www.millionsofmonicas.com



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!



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., Gail Hawke and Frank Kucharski

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Saturday, May 13, 2023

- 8am Living Intentions-God's Blessings for
Charlotte Coletta
Int. Izabela Toner
- 4pm Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 14, 2023

- 9am Mother's Day Intentions
- 11:30am Mother's Day Intentions
- 4pm Mother's Day Intentions

Monday, May 15, 2023

- 6:30pm Robert B. Siter, Sr.
Int. Wife, Eileen

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

- 6:30pm Dominick Czerwinski
Int. Brother, George & Family

Thursday, May 18, 2023

- 6:30pm Health for Alex
Int. Family

Friday, May 19, 2023

- 6:30pm Fr. John McFadden (Living Intention)
Int. Eileen Siter

Saturday, May 20, 2023

- 8am Robert B. Siter, Jr.
Int. Mom, Eileen
- 4pm Irene Rutkowski (Anniversary)
Int. Children, Grandchildren &
Great-Grandchildren

Sunday, May 21, 2023

- 9am Brian Watson, Jr.
Int. Suzanne Watson
- 11:30am Marianna & Feliks Frackiewicz
Int. Dorota Zarzecke
- 4pm Healing Mass
Mary 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 for

Irene Rutkowski

as requested by

Children, Grandchildren &

Great-Grandchildren

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
- 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
- May 31st - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- June 4th - The Most Holy Trinity
- June 7th - Parish Council Meeting



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.

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

May 20, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Miracle Healing Service with Dr. Bob Sawyer, Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Hosted by aRise Healing Ministry at St. John-Holy Angels Parish, event will be in English and will consist of worship, Dr. Bob's testimony, teaching on healing, and opportunity to receive healing prayer. Confessions at 3 p.m., Mass at 4 p.m., and Adoration at 6 p.m.. All are welcome. More information, (302) 731-2219, arise@holyanimals.net.

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