



**St. Hedwig Church**  
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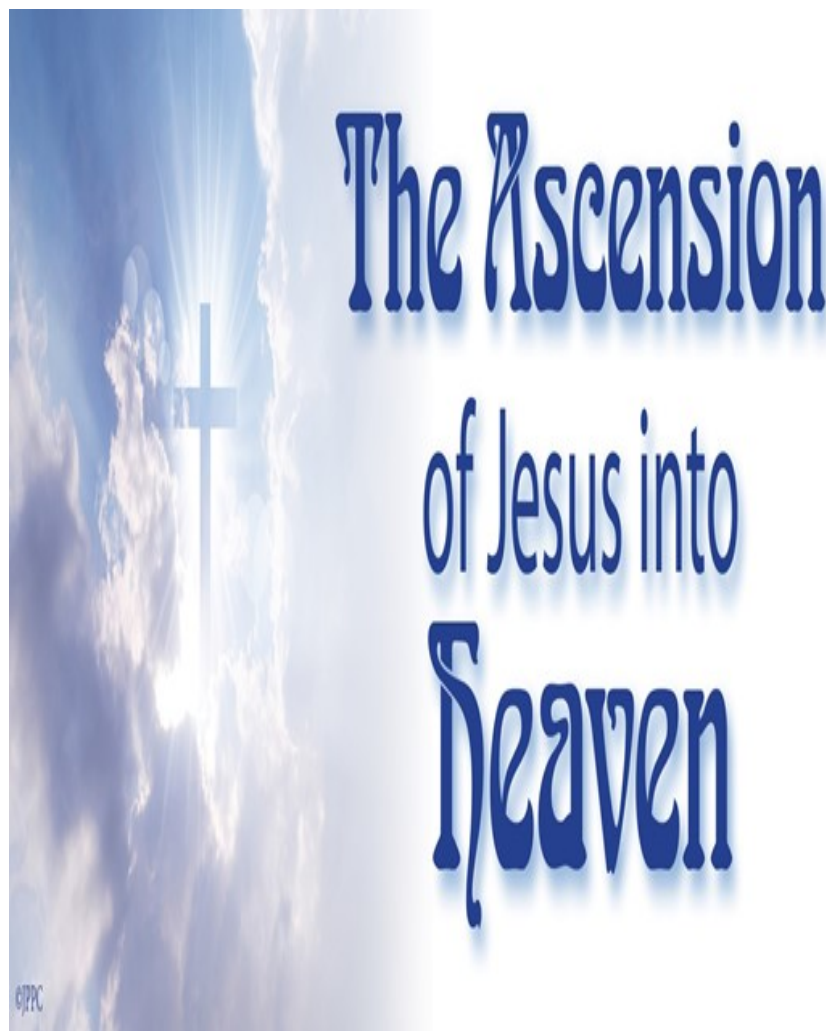
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May 21, 2023 † The Ascension of the Lord †



**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,

In the Gospel of Luke, after Jesus spent a night in prayer on the mount, He summoned the twelve disciples whom he called apostles (Luke 6:14-16). These same twelve are given power and authority over all demons and the ability to cure diseases. They are to proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 9:1-2). In today's reading from Acts, these apostles are reintroduced. Now missing Judas Iscariot, the Eleven return to the upper room from the Mount of Olives (Luke calls it "Olivet"). Along with some women and Jesus' mother and brothers, they devote themselves to prayer. Luke means to stress that those who were called and empowered by Jesus during His ministry in Galilee are the very same apostles who form the foundation of this new community.

In the reading from First Peter, we find evidence of why members of the community may have been persecuted. It is not for the crime of murder, theft, or any evil doing (1 Peter 4:14) that the faithful are sharing in the sufferings of Christ. But rather, it is for the crime of being called a "Christian." "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you" (1 Peter 4:14). In the early second century, the Roman governor of Pontus and Bithynia, Pliny the Younger, wrote to the Emperor Trajan to ask for a ruling on how to deal with "Christians." Pliny wondered "whether the name itself, even without offenses, or only the offenses associated with the name are to be punished" (Pliny, Letters, 10.96).

Only three times in the Gospel of John is Jesus portrayed at prayer: at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:41), prior to the Last Supper (John 12:27-28), and in today's Gospel reading (John 17). Since the Johannine Jesus is one with the Father, he is always in communion with God and outward prayer is done for the sake of those present (John 11:42). Chapter 17 is an extended prayer in the presence of the disciples. Jesus' prayer for glorification begins by confirming that he has completed his work, that of revealing God's name and words to the disciples (John 17:1-5). The prayer consists of three requests: to keep disciples in God's name (John 17:11), to consecrate the disciples in truth (John 17:17), and that the disciples remain as one (John 17:21).

God Bless,  
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

W pierwszej lekturze dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa nadal pozostajemy przy księdze Dziejow Apostolskich, z tym, że cofnelismy się do prawie samego początku. Autor dziejow znow ukazuje nam sytuacje pierwotnego Kościoła i nastroje, jakie w tym Kościele panowały już nie tylko po zmartwychwstaniu Zbawiciela, lecz także po Jego odejściu do nieba. Znow ogarnęło wszystkich pewne przygnębienie. Pan odszedł i to na ich oczach. Co dalej? Wydaje się, że nikt nie wiedział, co dalej. Gromadza się więc wszyscy na naradę w wieczerniku i szukają spokoju, pocieszenia, ale pewnie i światła Bożego w modlitwie. Warto to sobie zapamiętać, bo przecież i nam zdarzają się w życiu podobne zagubienia. My też próbujemy odnajdować się najprzód przez modlitwę.

Wtedy tak upływały pierwsze godziny życia małej trzodki zwanej potem Kościołem. Wszyscy trwali jednomyślnie na modlitwie. Nie bez znaczenia jest też i wzmianka o tym, że była z nimi Maryja, Matka Kościoła. Była od początku. W błędzie jest więc każdy, kto usiłuje ją wykluczyć z Kościoła. Jednomyślność na modlitwie, przebywanie w miejscu sprawowania pierwszej Eucharystii, ścisły związek z Matką Bożą – oto znamiona codziennego życia pierwotnego Kościoła. W sumie jednak dominowały skupienie i spokój, mimo niewatpliwego smutku z powodu odejścia Pana.

Szczesc Boze,  
Ks. Julian



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

Stanley A. Lebidzewicz April 1

Kathleen H. Matuszewski April 26



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**

**May 7, 2023**

Offertory Envelopes - \$2,757.00

& Special Collections - \$447.00

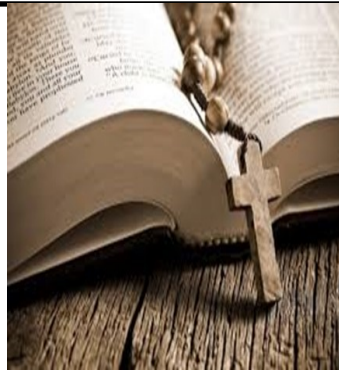


## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



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!

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](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com)



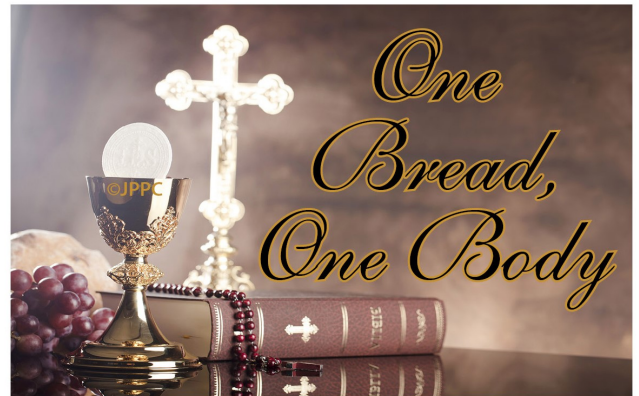
### PRAYER GROUP

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!



*Once again, a bill to legalize physician assisted suicide has been introduced into the Delaware legislature. This endangers some of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters - the elderly, the disabled, and the ill. Our opposition is rooted in the Church's belief in the sanctity of life and the dignity of the individual. For more information, visit [cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide](http://cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide).*



*Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, hear highlights, including Bishop Koenig’s homily, from the May 20<sup>th</sup> priesthood ordination of Deacon Onyedikachukwu Chibundu John Ene-muo. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, “Like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).*



### 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 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

### Monday, May 22, 2023

- 6:30pm Mary Juda Nasatka  
Int. Erwin J. Juda

### Tuesday, May 23, 2023

- 6:30pm Helen Wykpisz  
Int. Patricia Wykpisz

### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

- 6:30pm Katarzyna & Andrzej Stanuch  
Int. Maria Migdalski

### Thursday, May 25, 2023

- 6:30pm Lawrence Hogan (2nd Anniv)  
Int. Family

### Friday, May 26, 2023

- 6:30pm Living Intention Kim –Marie Cox

### Saturday, May 27, 2023

- 8am Deceased Members of the Milowicki Family  
Int. Family
- 4pm Agnieszka & Jozef Halabura  
Int. Basia

### Sunday, May 28, 2023

- 9am John (Dal) Byers  
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski
- 11:30am Petronela Zagrodzka-O'zdrowie  
Int. Daughter
- 4pm Marie E. Foskey (B)  
Int. Suggie, Gary, John, Jr., & John, Sr.



**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

Joe Dorsey

(Wedding Anniversary)

as requested by

Wife, Dorothy

## 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 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
- June 11th - Corpus Christi
- June 16th - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



### 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.

### Mass in Old Bohemia

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia). The presider will be Rev. Christian Wagner, SJ from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. At 3:15 PM, Fr. Chris will give a talk on The Intersection of Scientific Research and Faith. Visitors are welcome to arrive at 2:00 PM to learn about the history of Catholicism in the Colonies, tour the Rectory Museum, and view graves dating back to the 1700s. Founded in 1704, the St. Francis Xavier Shrine is the Mother Church of the Diocese of Wilmington. The church is located at 1690 Bohemia Church Rd., Warwick, MD 21912.



### For Young Adults

(18 to 35 years old), May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship.  
Every last Tuesday of the month.  
Little Sisters of the Poor,  
185 Salem Church Rd., Newark, DE 19713  
For further information contact:  
Sr. Janet Mary, 302-368-5886  
vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org  
www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org/

So then the *Lord Jesus*, after he spoke to them,  
was taken up into heaven and took his seat at  
the right hand of *God*.

