

St. Hedwig Church

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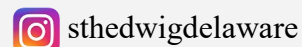
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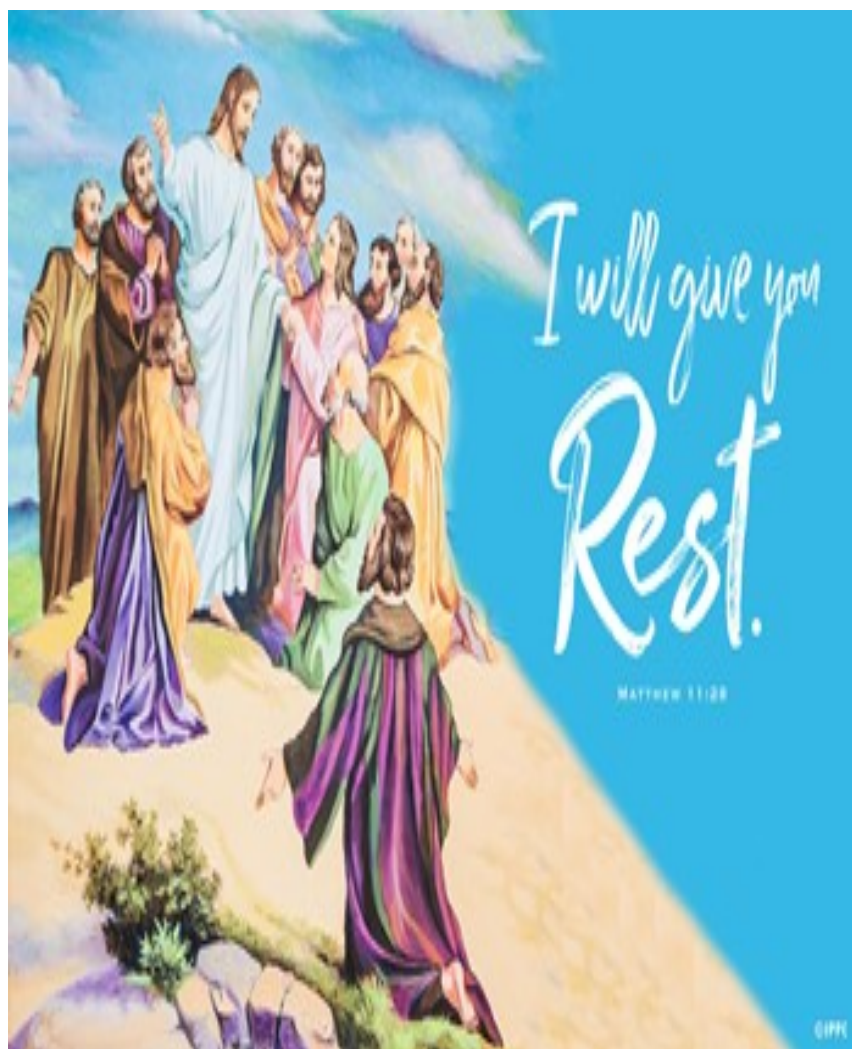
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July 9, 2023 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time †



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 reading from the book of Zechariah, the prophet offers words of comfort and encouragement. A century after the return of the exiles and the rebuilding of the temple, the people still have national aspirations. Zechariah's oracles announce the coming of an eschatological king who will return to Jerusalem and so end war and division and proclaim peace to the nations. The symbolic ride on a donkey demonstrates the humility of the coming king (Genesis 49:11; Judges 5:10; 10:4), and counters the image of a warrior king on horseback. Thus Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey is a prophetic act announcing the type of kingdom he will usher in (Matthew 21:5 even quotes Zechariah).

In the reading from Romans last week, Paul used the image of baptism to instill in the Christian community the knowledge that they were dead to sin and therefore should forsake immoral behavior. In this week's reading, Paul turns to the image of the Spirit to strengthen his argument. The believers at Rome are not in the flesh (sarx) but of the Spirit (pneuma). He's not suggesting that they cease to be corporal beings but rather that the limitations and enticements of the flesh are no longer their concern. If the Spirit of God swells in them, they too will live, even if their mortal bodies die. The struggle for Christian believers was that the fullness of God's salvation was still to come. In the meantime, they had to live in hope of the promise's fulfillment, surrounded by enticement.

Throughout Matthew's gospel, the evangelist sets up a dichotomy between the so-called "religious professionals" and the "little ones" (Jesus' disciples and/or Matthew's community). In today's reading, Jesus praises God for having revealed mysteries to the "little ones" that are hidden from the "wise." In Chapter 5, Jesus had directed his disciples not to pray like the hypocrites do (Matthew 5:5). In Chapter 23, Jesus will denounce the scribes and the Pharisees as hypocrites. These and other passage suggest that the "wise" from whom the Father has hidden understanding are those who fancy themselves "experts." The burden that Jesus lifts likely refers to the overly scrupulous interpretation of the Law by the scribes and Pharisees. In contrast, the yoke of obedience to Jesus' word brings rest from one's labors.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Nie zawsze udaje się sprowadzić do jednej myśli trzy czytania biblijne, składające się na niedzielne liturgie Słowa. Tak jest właśnie i dzisiaj. Wypada więc zapamiętać sobie kilka pouczeń zawartych w Słowie Bożym jako pokarmie duchowym przeznaczonym na kolejny tydzień naszego chrześcijańskiego życia.

I tak pierwsze czytanie zachęca nas do tego, żebyśmy żyli nadzieją lepszego jutra. Życie najbardziej nieszczęśliwego i przez los pokrzywdzonego człowieka nie składa się z samych porażek, tak jak dzieje Izraela, tyle razy zwyciężanego i prowadzonego do niewoli, nie były historią samego ucisku i ponizienia. Istniała w Izraelu specjalna kategoria nauczycieli – byli nimi głównie prorocy – których zadanie polegało na podtrzymywaniu nadziei w narodzie. Nadzieja – to wielka siła. Przy jej pomocy można dokonać bardzo wiele, zwłaszcza gdy owa nadzieja pokłada się w Panu, na którego przyjście wszyscy przecież czekamy.

Z czytania drugiego mamy sobie zapamiętać pouczenie, żeby nie żyć według ciała, co oznacza, że mamy kontrolować nasze naturalne popędy i nie zawsze poddawać się im jakże przemożnemu działaniu. Owo panowanie nad popędami ciała ma nam ułatwić rozum oświecony łaską. Walka z popędami ciała – to inaczej próba zajęcia właściwej postawy wobec jakże przemożnego dziś ducha konsumpcjonizmu i wyniszczającej wszystkich żądzy posiadania. Tyle ludzi marzy o tym, żeby mieć, żeby mieć jak najwięcej, żeby było wygodniej ludzkiemu ciału!

Przeciwstawienie się temu popędowi wcale nie oznacza pogardy dla ludzkiego ciała. Ma nam jedynie przypomnieć, że nie samym chlebem żyje człowiek, że życie ludzkie wcale nie kończy się w momencie śmierci ciała. Ostatnie słowo nie należy do tej śmierci. "Jezeli przy pomocy Ducha usmiercać będziecie popędy ciała, będziecie żyli i to życiem wiecznym".

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Julian



Thanks to all whose prayers and contributions have made this year's Annual Catholic Appeal a success! The parish has met its goal of \$25,000, money which will help support Catholic Charities, Catholic education programs and Vocations.



If there are no ushers present 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!

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
June 25, 2023

Offertory Envelopes - \$1,605.00
& Special Collections - \$189.00

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!

Don't forget to pick up a copy of your Dialog, on your way out of church today. In the edition you will see: a salute to seven diocesan priests celebrating jubilees, an article on what's it like for a priest to pick up and move from one parish to another, a preview on a young man from a local parish planning to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, and more.



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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Called to Serve ~ Lectors

Become a lector and pass on the joy of scripture.

If you would like to serve as a lector at any of the weekend Masses, please contact Dot Dorsey (302-455-0329) to be added to the roster. The schedules are flexible. If you have questions about what is involved, please contact Dot Dorsey or Sandi Murphy (484-343-5776) to learn more about what a lector does and what helpful resources are available. Please consider actively participating in the Liturgy of the Word.



One Bread, One Body



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, Joy Deluchia, John W. Foskey, Sr., Gail Hawke, Sandra Boom, Phil Hill and Frank Kucharski

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Saturday, July 8, 2023

8am Parishioners & Benefactors

4pm Terry Starr
Int. David & Terry Haar

Sunday, July 9, 2023

9am Living & Deceased Members of Holy Rosary Society

11:30am Kazimierz Leonarski
Int. Friend, Bozena

4pm Living Intentions & Blessings for Deacon Ray & Family
Int. Holy Rosary Society

Monday, July 10, 2023

6:30pm Living Intention (Anniversary)
Monica & Robert Kirschmann
Int. Husband, Robert

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

6:30pm Joseph Pietras
Int. Margie, MaryAnn & Helena

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

6:30pm John Murphy
Int. Sandra Murphy

Thursday, July 13, 2023

6:30pm Robert Zyskowski (1st. Anniversary)
Int. Family

Friday, July 14, 2023

6:30pm Carl Koekkoek
Int. Wife, Dorothy

Saturday, July 15, 2023

8am Parishioners & Benefactors

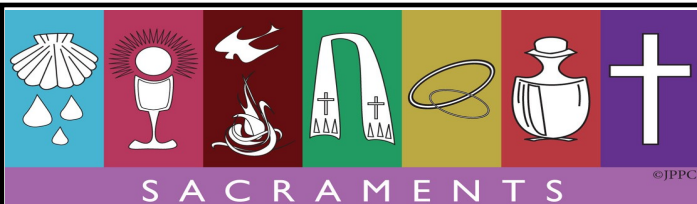
4pm John M. Nawrocki (B)
Int. Wife, Hope

Sunday, July 16, 2023

9am Living Intentions –Anna Siemienski (17th)
& Al Nickerson (9th) (July birthdays)
Int. Beatrice & Dorothy

11:30am Kazimierz Leonarski
Int. Czeslawa Sawicki

4pm Sr. Vicky Bartkowski
Int. Jingles & Steve



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 Memory of

Robert Zyskowski (1st Anniversary)

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
- July 8th-Blessed Virgin Mary
- July 14th-St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- July 22nd-St. Mary Magdalene
- July 26th— Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Join Bishop Koenig and fellow pilgrims for the Diocesan Annual Marian Pilgrimage to be held at the Basilica of the **National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C on Saturday, October 7, 2023**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

St. Hedwig's Church wants to plan a bus trip to the Basilica, and would like to know how many may be interested in going. Please contact the office for more information, 302.594.1400, Ext. 0 or email sthedwigchurch@comcast.net



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.



2851 Atlantic Ave, Atlantic City, NJ 08401
(609) 345-1878 info@weddingofthesea.org
www.weddingofthesea.org

This year, on Tuesday, August 15th, the Wedding of the Sea Mass will be held at the Hard Rock Casino, Etesa Arena at 12 Noon with the doors opening at 11AM. Following the Mass the Blessed Mother statue will process from the Hard Rock on Pennsylvania Avenue to the Boardwalk. The wreath will be tossed by the Bishop on the beach at Pennsylvania Avenue. Unfortunately, our beloved Festival is not being held.

Even those who cannot attend the Mass will be able to view the ceremony (the tossing of the wreath) on the beach at Pennsylvania Ave around 1:15 PM.



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