

Jesus,  
I Trust in You.

JEZU UFAM TOBIE



# St. Hedwig Church

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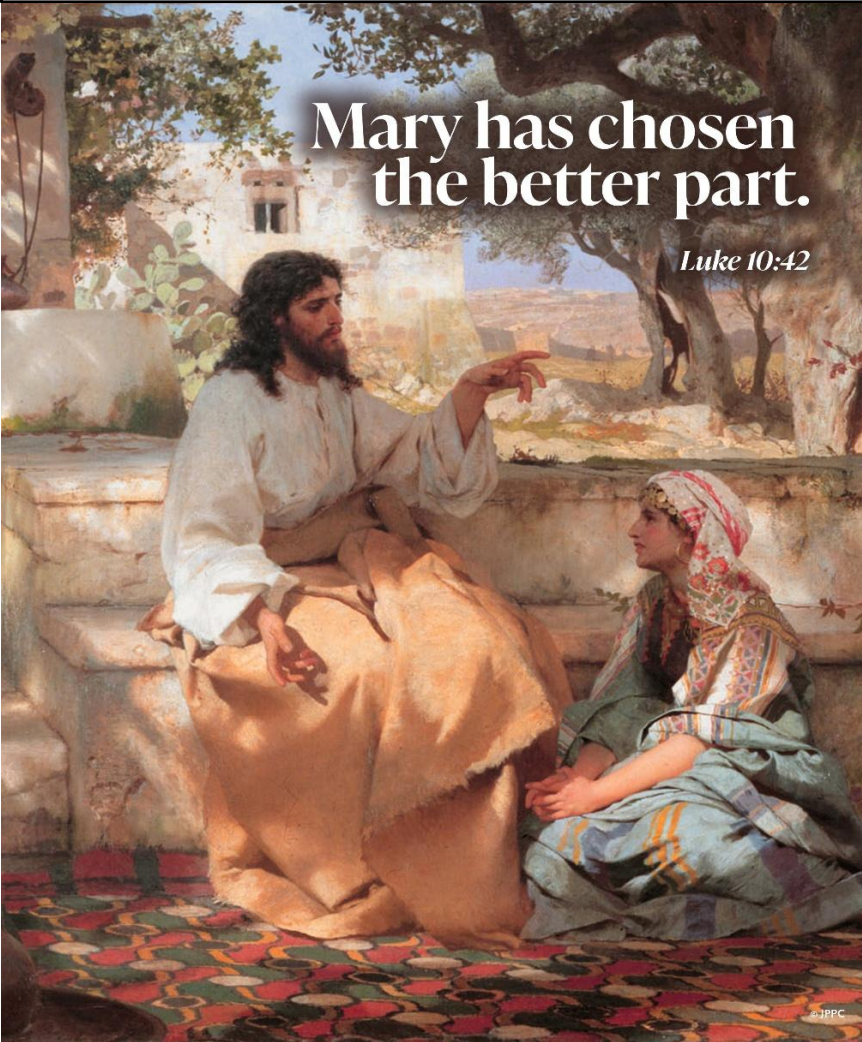


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mary has chosen  
the better part.

Luke 10:42



***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.*

**Fr. Andrew Molewski**  
Pastor

**Fr. Janusz Brembor**  
Associate 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 Pope Saint John Paul II Chapel)

Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m.

(Adoration 5:30-6:30pm 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.



*Dear Parishioners & Friends,*

This week's Genesis narrative contains two notable elements. The first has to do with the hospitality that Abraham and Sarah show to the three visitors. Since it will become clear soon enough that two of these visitors are angels and the third is the Lord Himself, the elderly couple find themselves "entertaining angels" without even knowing it (Hebrews 13:2). Hospitality was a serious social expectation in ancient Israel, and the couple exemplify this virtue even toward God. The second notable element is the announcement that, at long last, the divine promise to give a child to the elderly and infertile couple is to be fulfilled. Often in the most mysterious ways, and under the most unlikely conditions, God is faithful in bringing forth life.

Paul's comment that he is making up in his own sufferings "what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ" seems, at first glance, to suggest that Christ's redemptive suffering was somehow insufficient. This, of course, is not what Paul means. The Colossians are part of the Gentile mission, in which the gospel is spread throughout the known world. Paul has suffered much in his work of preaching the gospel, an extension of the work of Christ, as he has labored to bring "to completion ... the world of God." In this context, the "afflictions of Christ" appear to mean the suffering experienced as one continues Christ's mission. Paul's work has been to reveal the hidden mystery to the Gentiles, the mystery of what God is doing for the whole cosmos in and through Christ.

In the scene from Luke's Gospel, Mary's posture is that of a disciple, which would have normally – according to the social expectations of the time – been limited to males. Mary's action, therefore, violates a social boundary, which is not particularly surprising in the Gospels in general, and certainly not in Luke's Gospel, which pays such positive attention to women. It is perhaps because of the social incongruity and potential controversy of Mary's position that Jesus assures her that "the better part" will not be taken away from her. The scene takes place immediately after last week's story of the good Samaritan, in which Jesus illustrates what it means to love one's neighbor. This scene complements that one, in that Mary illustrates what it means to love the Lord with all one's heart, by sitting devotedly and attentively at the feet of Christ.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew



## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

July 5 & July 6 2025

Offertory Envelopes- \$2,454.00

Special Collections- \$566.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you!

## †Słowo Proboszcza †

*Kochani Parafianie,*

Opisany w pierwszym czytaniu dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa przykład gościnności urzekal zawsze nawet niewierzących czytelników Biblii, w której jest zresztą znacznie więcej przypadków takiego podejścia do podróżujących i szukających doraźnej pomocy. Taka spontaniczna gościnność – to nic innego jak pewna, bardzo zresztą dostrzegalna, forma miłości, o czym święty Paweł mówi całkiem wyraźnie w Listach Pasterskich. Żeby komus wyświadczyć prawdziwą miłość, trzeba choć na chwilę zostawić na stronie własne sprawy – tak jak to uczynił miłosierny Samarytanin z minionej niedzieli.

Otoż Abraham nie tylko sam oderwał się od swoich zajęć na czas przyjęcia gościa w swoim domu, ale także nakazał swojej małżonce odłożyć wszystko i zająć się wyłącznie gośćmi. Nie szczędził przy tym materialnych środków: wybrał tłuste, najpiękniejsze ciele, kazał przynieść twarogu i mleka. Wszystko to, nawet po ludzku sadząc, bardzo się opłaciło: od korzystających z jego gościnności dowiedział się Abraham, że jednak mimo podeszłego wieku – Bóg pobłogosławi go jeszcze potomkiem. W ten sposób nowenadzieje wstąpiły w serca Abrahama i Sary.

Z drugiego czytania dowiadujemy się, że udreki apostołskie Pawła miały "dopełniać braki udrek Jezusa dla dobra Kościoła". Nie oznacza to, że cierpienia Jezusa nie były w stanie dokonać w pełni naszego odkupienia. Udreki Pawła tylko przedłużały w czasie i rozszerzały w przestrzeni zbawcze cierpienia Jezusa Chrystusa, zapowiadane już przez proroków Starego Testamentu ale objawione w pełni dopiero poprzez ziemską historię Jezusa. Apostolska zaś działalność Pawła sprowadza się do nawoływania: "żeby każdy człowiek okazał się doskonałym w Chrystusie".

Warto by pamiętać, że my również dopełniamy braków udrek Jezusa, ilekroć zносimy na wzór Zbawiciela nasze dolegliwości i cierpienia, zwłaszcza gdy towarzyszy im pragnienie, żeby były pomocą dla innych.

Szczesc Boze,  
Ks. Andrzej



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

## Hospital Visitations

Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, Ext. 1, or email [sthedwigchurch@comcast.net](mailto:sthedwigchurch@comcast.net) if you are in the hospital and would like a priest to visit you.

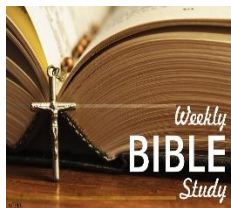




We invite you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Pope Saint John Paul II Chapel Monday-Friday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm. Confessions are heard during

Adoration. Holy Mass begins at 6:30pm. 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!

### Bible Study Group



Every Thursday evening in the parish hall immediately following the 6:30pm Mass. Join us for Mass, then stay and Pray! All are welcome!



A heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the Faith and Charity Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity helps to support programs throughout our Diocese. However, the parish is still **\$4,532 dollars short** of our **target of \$25,625**, and so we would ask those who haven't contributed to date to consider taking a pledge envelope from church and making a contribution. **May God bless you!**

### 2025 Confirmation Schedule

Meetings will resume September 2nd & 9<sup>th</sup> in Msgr. Gulcz Hall at 7:00pm. Attendance is mandatory.

The sick of *Our Parish* need your prayers.



**Please remember to pray for all who are sick in our parish & community and those who have departed this life.**

Father Andrew, John Yasik, Bri Iacona, Rosalie Wilner, Mary Ann Romano, Anna Kaminska, Aleksander Bielecki, Cindy, Dot, Joe, Hanna, Terry, Erin Rathmanner, John & Sally Sitek, John & Marie La-Rouche, Jack & Kathy McDermott, Josephine Szczerba, Sandra Boom, Rudolf Wolanin, John Streck, Joy Deluchia, Frank Kucharski, Emma Kozlowski, Hannah Grace, Melissa A., Langan Family and Ann Ruff.

**HEAL THEM, O LORD!**



### Cathedral of St. Peter - August 16 & 17

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago – 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington – and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. In 2015, the diocese instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. This year, the collection will be held on August 16 & 17. For more information and to make a secure online donation, please visit [www.downtowncatholic.com](http://www.downtowncatholic.com). We thank you for your generosity.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE FROM OUR PARISH WHO PASSED AWAY DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE:**

**John W. Foskey, Sr.**  
**Stephen Fillion**

**June 13, 2025**  
**June 25, 2025**

### July is devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus



*“Designating July as the month dedicated to the Precious Blood provides believers with a specific period to deepen our devotion to Jesus’ sacrifice and to reflect on the salvific power of His Blood. It is seen as the ultimate*

*expression of God’s love and mercy, as it was freely given for the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of souls”.*

## Masses For The Week



### Sunday, July 20, 2025

9am + Anita Tassone  
Int. Sandi Murphy  
11:30am + Stefan Zyskowski  
Int. Family

4pm + Frances Golden  
Int. Janice & Staś

### Monday, July 21, 2025

6:30pm + Helen Kuligowski  
Int. Friend

### Tuesday, July 22, 2025

6:30pm + Phyllis Dorsey Glenn Ventresca  
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

### Wednesday, July 23, 2025

6:30pm + Tomasz & Weronika  
Int. Basia Malek

### Thursday, July 24, 2025

6:30pm Living Intention - Health of David Juliano  
Int. Eileen Siter

### Friday, July 25, 2025

6:30pm + Margie Czerwinski  
Int. Brother-in-Law, George

### Saturday, July 26, 2025

8am Living Intention – Health of Peter Harvison  
Int. Wife, Janice Gaska

4pm + Kathy March  
Int. Husband

### Sunday, July 27, 2025

9am + Harry Wass  
Int. Family  
11:30am + Stanislaw Zarzecki  
Int. Family  
4pm + Deceased Members of Milowicki Family  
Int. Family



### Reminder: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is offered at St. Hedwig Church Monday - Friday between 5:30-6:30pm (during Eucharistic Adoration) in the Chapel and on Saturday from 3-3:45pm before the 4pm Mass in the Church. Please take this opportunity to turn to our Merciful God, receive His forgiveness and be reconciled with Him.



**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—Friday 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.

**OCIA (Order 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 Parish Office and leave a message at 302-594-1400, Ext. 1.

## † Sanctuary Lamp †

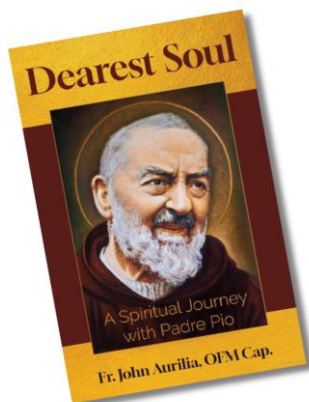


signifying the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ, will burn this week in loving memory of:

Stephen Fillion

Requested By:  
St. Hedwig Knights of Columbus  
Pope John Paul II Council





***INSIDE THE BOOK with author Father John Aurilia***  
 Father John Aurilia, OFM Cap., was ordained a priest in 1966. For a brief period as a young priest, he was personal secretary to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. He has taught at seminaries and served for many years as a pastor at various parishes in the United States after being called in 1973 to serve Italian immigrants in New Jersey. In 2022, he was transferred to St. Francis Friary in Wilmington, DE

*On Tuesday, July 22nd at 6:30 pm at St. Helena's Church Fr. John Aurilia who had spent time one summer living/working with St. Padre Pio will be speaking about his past experiences with St. Pio*

*& Father's recent book on the saint entitled "Dearest Soul". Format will be Intro, Reflections by Fr. John, Questions & Answers, and book signing for those interested.*



*St. Christopher is the Patron Saint of travelers and children. His Feast Day is July 25<sup>th</sup>. Father Janusz and Deacon Ray will be blessing cars after all weekend Masses on July 26 & 27.*

**JOIN BISHOP WILLIAM E. KOENIG**  
*for the*

**DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON'S  
 ANNUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE**

*to the*  
**BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE  
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2025**

**10 AM - 4 PM**

**FEATURING:**

- Mass
- Rosary
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Tour the over 40 chapels
- Lunch in the Cafeteria  
 or bring a brown bag
- Holy Hour
- Benediction
- Gift shop



**DON'T MISS VISITING THIS  
 'SPECIAL PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE  
 DURING THIS JUBILEE YEAR'  
 WITH OUR BISHOP AND  
 PRIESTS.**

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