



St. Hedwig Church

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July 23, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time †



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. 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.



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The verses that comprise today's first reading are taken from a section of the book of Wisdom in which the author deviates from the topic of God's providence during the Exodus (Wisdom 11:2 – 19:22) to address the topic of God's mercy (Wisdom 11:17 – 12:22). The reading begins with an echo of the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) that acknowledges "there is no god besides you" (Wisdom 12:13). The very power and might of God lead to God's justice and leniency. God's examples should teach the people "that those who are just must be kind" (Wisdom 12:19).

The second reading continues the theme from the previous week, in which Paul acknowledges that "the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). Baptism into Christ has to be "children of God" (Romans 8:14). Until the fullness of that relationship is revealed, the Spirit is given to the community so as to strengthen the weak and to intercede on their behalf.

The Gospel reading presents three parables on the nature of the kingdom of heaven. The source of the parable of the mustard seed is Mark 4:30-32, while the source of the parable of the yeast is "Q" (a collection of sayings used by Matthew and Luke in addition to their material borrowed from Mark). But the parable of the weeds and wheat is unique to Matthew, and in fact frames this lection. The explanation found vv.36—43 demonstrates that if this parable originated with Jesus, it has been thoroughly reworked by Matthew. Several sayings unique to Matthew stress the presence of good and bad within the Matthean community (13:47-50; 25:1-13; 31-46). That the weeds and wheat grow together until the "harvest" suggests that the ultimate decision about who is "weed" and who is "wheat" will be the prerogative of Jesus at the final judgment (25:31).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Dzisiejsza Ewangelia uczy że, Pan Bog nie jest jak człowiek. Otoż nie jest jak człowiek między innymi dlatego, że jest wielkoduszny, wprost niewyczerpany w swojej cierpliwości. Nigdy nie rezygnuje z największego grzesznika. Każdemu daje możliwość powrotu na drogę prawości. Chwasty z Ewangelii dzisiejszej to niewatpliwie ludzie zli, bezbożni. Ale im też trzeba zostawić szansę nawrocenia. To prawda, że swoja postawa szkodzi swojemu otoczeniu – jak bezużyteczne, a bujnie rosnące chwasty zdrowemu zbożu. Ale może uda się jeszcze i te zdzbla uratować? Wtedy radość będzie nie tylko na ziemi, lecz także w niebie.

Czego więc mamy się nauczyć z dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa?

Po pierwsze – właściwego sprawowania władzy. Ogromna większość ludzi sprawuje jakąś władzę w domu lub poza domem. Niech wszyscy to czynią według wskazań natchnionego Medrca Bożego: sprawiedliwie, oszczędnie, poważnie, wspaniałomyślnie, to znaczy z wiara w drugiego człowieka.

Po drugie – zabiegajcie o czystość czyli spokój naszego sumienia, wtedy łatwiej nam będzie nawiązywać modlitewny kontakt z Bogiem.

Po trzecie – modlić się mamy o łaskę naśladowania Boga w cierpliwości, której życzę wam wszystkim, Drodzy moi, także na czas wakacyjnego odpoczynku, zwłaszcza tym, którzy muszą jeszcze mimo zmęczenia, pełnić swoje obowiązki. Amen.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Julian

Annual Collection for Cathedral of St. Peter

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 12 & 13. More information is available at www.cathedralofstpeter.com.

You can make a secure, online donation at www.cdow.org/cathedral. We thank you for your generosity.



Helping Our Parish Grow
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

If there are no ushers present at the Mass you attend, please put your collection envelopes in the donation boxes located 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
July 8th & 9th, 2023
 Offertory Envelopes - \$2,529.00
 & Special Collections - \$159.00

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



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: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

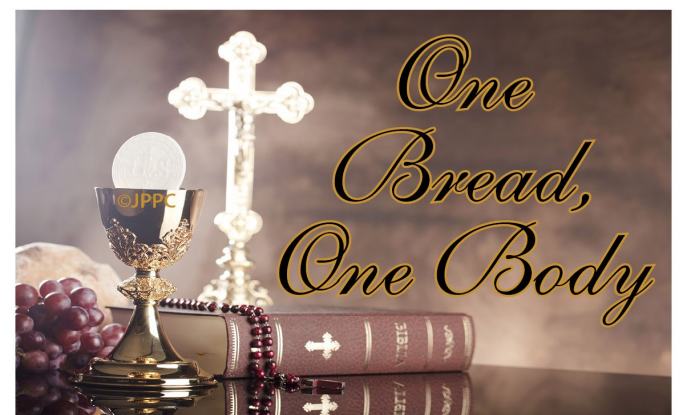
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Priesthood Discernment Event

*Have you been thinking about the priesthood as a possibility for you? Do you need questions answered? Would it help to talk with other young men with the same questions? Then come to the **priesthood discernment event** on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle, Harmony Street in Historic New Castle, Delaware for a Holy Hour, Conversation and Hospitality with diocesan seminarians and Father Norm Carroll. Let us know to expect you at vocations@cdow.org or 302-573-3113.*



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

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Saturday, July 22, 2023

- 8am Edward Tayoun
Int. Eileen Siter
- 4pm Wojciech Michalski
Int. Barbara & Henry Walaszek

Sunday, July 23, 2023

- 9am Mary Eleanor Dooley Lally
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski
- 11:30am Stefan Zyskowski
Int. Family
- 4pm Mary E. Gaworski
Int. Mary Gaworski

Monday, July 24, 2023

- 6:30pm Evan Steinberger
Int. Mother, Suzanne

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

- 6:30pm Marjorie Czerwinski (Anniversary)
Int. Brother-in-Law, George & Family

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

- 6:30pm Kathy Baldyga
Int. Eileen Siter

Thursday, July 27, 2023

- 6:30pm Deceased Members of Milowicki Family
Int. Family

Friday, July 28, 2023

- 6:30pm Marie E. Foskey (Anniversary)
Int. Suggie, Gary, John, Sr. & John, Jr.

Saturday, July 29, 2023

- 8am Living Intention— Giana Davis (Birthday)
Int. Eileen Siter
- 4pm Joseph Wootten, Sr.
Int. Wife, Wiesia

Sunday, July 30, 2023

- 9am Harry Wass
Int. Family
- 11:30am Anna & Adrian Dolata (Living Intention)
10th Wedding Anniversary
- 4pm Kathleen March
Int. Mark March



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
Marie Foskey (5th 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 22- 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.



Seeking God as a Benedictine Oblate

If you have a desire to seek God through prayer and community, please join us at **1 pm on August 19th at St. Gertrude Monastery** (25 Gender Road, Newark DE 19713) to learn about the Oblates of St. Benedict and who we are. On that day you will meet the Oblate Director and Dean, as well as some current oblate members, tour the monastery, learn what it means to be an oblate and begin a discussion about the Rule of St. Benedict. If you are interested in learning more about Benedictine Oblates, please RSVP via phone or email to Sr. Marylou Robino, OSB (phone: 302-416-0459 email: marylourob2009@hotmail.com) by **Saturday, August 12th**.

FAMILY FUN

Bring your family for fun and baseball!

The Wilmington Blue Rocks and the Diocese of Wilmington Office for Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) present Family Fun Day on **Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 1:05 p.m. at Frawley Stadium, 801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.** Come and enjoy a baseball game, good times and **pregame on-field catch 12-12:15 and kids get to run the bases postgame!** For more information and to purchase your discounted tickets, visit cdow.org/CYMFam.