

St. Hedwig Church

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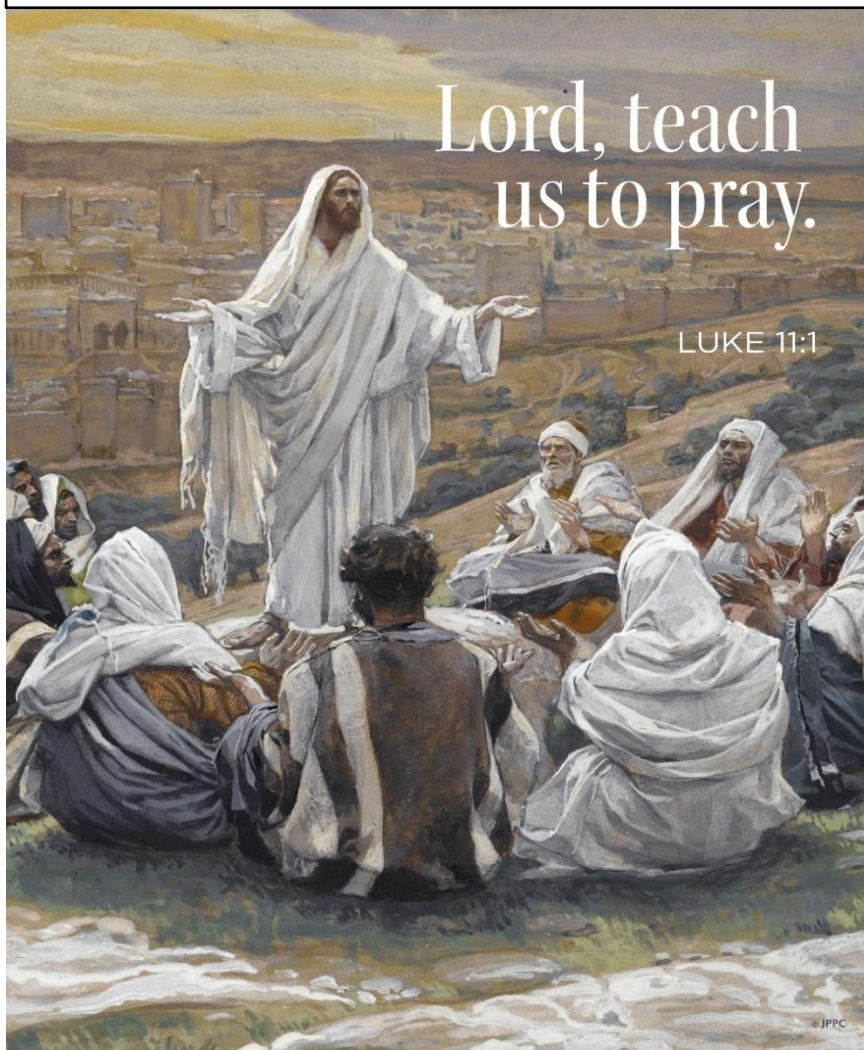


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JULY 27, 2025



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

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.



Dear Parishioners & Friends,

The first reading presents God as the chief investigator and judge who will personally evaluate the truth of charges against the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham plays the role of defense attorney. "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty?" (Genesis 23). On first look, the narrative seems to be about the pending destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, but prior to speaking to Abraham, God pondered: "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do ... I have singled him out ... to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just" (Genesis 18:17—19). In its fuller narrative context, the story is also a testing of Abraham's sense of justice, "so that the LORD may put into effect for Abraham the promises he made about him" (v.19). The reading from Colossians presents an early theology of baptism: "You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him" (v. 12). Baptism immerses the believer in Christ's death, so as to share in his resurrection. Countering the false teachers who would have the Gentile Colossians follow human tradition, the author reminds the believers that they have received the "circumcision of Christ" (v.11) and therefore share in his fullness (v.10).

The Our Father/Lord's Prayer is found in both Matthew and Luke, though Luke's is shorter and appears in a different context. Both include the proper address of God ("Father, hallowed be your name") and the acknowledgment of God's kingdom. But Luke's version does not include "your will be done;" rather, the Lucan Jesus then describes what one should ask of God (daily sustenance and forgiveness). The Greek word translated as "daily," *episousios*, is found in Matthew and Luke's prayer, but nowhere else in the New Testament. It could also be translated as "future" or "coming," so that the prayer has eschatological undertones, made evident in the final line, "do not subject us to the final test" (Luke 11:4). With this understanding the verse could be read as a request for a speedy coming of the kingdom.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

†Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Dzisiejsza ewangelia św. Łukasza jest Jezusowa rada jak się modlić, i jak nie ustawiać w modlitwie. W tej to ewangelii czytamy wersję modlitwy "Ojciec nasz". Ta modlitwa zawiera pięć prośb.

"Ojciec": mamy zwracać się osobście do Boga, jako troszczącego się, łaskawego i miłującego rodzica. "niech się świeci Twoje imię": wyraża pragnienie by Bóg usunął zło kalające Jego stworzenie, szczególnie zło naszych serc tak, by w pełni mogła się zmanifestować miłość wyrażona w Jego imieniu. "Twoje królestwo": opisuje naturę królestwa Boga, przełamującego wszelkie bariery dzielące ludzi na biednych, bogatych, chorych, kobiety i mężczyzn lub też czystych od nieczystych i świętych od grzeszników. Niech przyjdzie Twoje królestwo by zastąpić marną ludzką wersję królestwa i obyczajów. "Chleba naszego" to prośba o podstawowe zaspokojenie ludzkich potrzeb jakimi są zaspokojenie głodu i pragnienia: chlebem i wodą. "Grzech": wspólnota uczniów Jezusa składająca się z grzeszników, modli się mając pewność, że łaskawy Bóg Ojciec przebaczy im. Ale zarazem mają przebaczać sobie wzajemnie tak jak miłosierny Ojciec przebacza każdemu z nas. "pokusie": ona nie rodzi żadnych pozytywnych skutków. Pokusa jest zawsze zła. Uczniowie modlą się by miłujący Ojciec nie pozwolił im zejść z chrześcijańskiej drogi.

Dalej czytamy w ewangelii: "proście, a będzie wam dane; szukajcie, a znajdziecie; kolaczcie a kolaczacemu będzie otworzone". Jak wielki daje nam ludziom komfort to zdanie, które niejako uczy nas cierpliwości, wytrwałości i nadziei w kontynuacji modlitwy. Musimy jednak pamiętać, że będzie nam dane to co jest według woli Ojca. A także, że nieraz modlitwa może trwać lata by wreszcie być wysłuchana. Znamy historie z życia świętych, jak np: św. Monika, która nie przestawała się modlić o swojego syna Augusta by zszedł z grzesznej drogi życia. I jakim tryumfem było wysłuchanie jej długoletniej modlitwy gdy jej syn wstąpił na drogę świętości. Dlatego nie tracmy otuchy i cierpliwości w naszych rozmowach z Bogiem. On czeka na kontakt z nami. Miłe Mu są nasze prośby, modlitwy, nasz kontakt z Nim.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej



Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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Offertory Envelopes- \$2,619.00

Special Collections- \$142.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you!



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

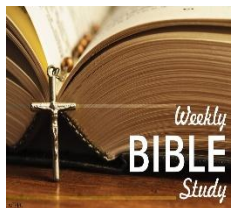
Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, Ext. 1, or email stwedwigchurch@comcast.net if you are in the hospital and would like a priest to visit you.



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 **\$2,415 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 & 9th in Msgr. Gulcz Hall at 7:00pm. Attendance is mandatory.



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. 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 27, 2025

9am + Harry Wass
Int. Family

11:30am + Stanislaw Zarzecki
Int. Family

4pm + Deceased Members of Milowicki Family
Int. Family

Monday, July 28, 2025

6:30pm + Mary Brennan
Int. Nan Freeman

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

6:30pm + Joseph Wootten (23rd Anniversary)
Int. Zona, Wiesia

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

6:30pm + Stanislaw Zarzecki
Int. Wife & Children

Thursday, July 31, 2025

6:30pm + Joseph Reiss
Int. Sandi Murphy

Friday, August 1, 2025

6:30pm + Purgatorial Society Members

Saturday, August 2, 2025

8am Living Intention-Health of David Juliano
Int. Eileen Siter

4pm Living & Deceased Members of St. Hedwig
Holy Rosary Society

Sunday, August 3, 2025

9am + Mary Ahearn
Int. Radomir

11:30am + Franciszek Frackiewicz
Int. Family

4pm + Theodore Jordan
Int. Mary Eustergerling



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.



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.

† Sanctuary Lamp †



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

Theresa Manelski

Requested By:

Sister, Tina



St. Christopher is the Patron Saint of travelers and children. His Feast Day is July 25th. Father Andrew & Father Janusz will be blessing cars after all weekend Masses on July 26 & 27.



**Alliance of the Two Hearts Vigil at St. Hedwig Chapel ~
Friday, August 1 -Saturday, August 2**

Join us to make reparation to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

8:15pm – 9:30pm – Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Consecration prayers

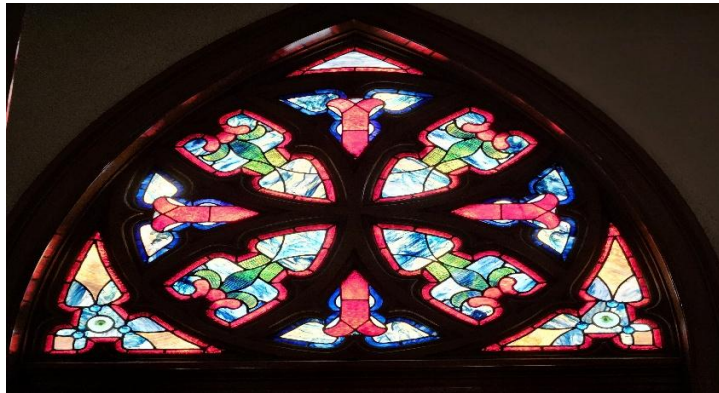
9:30pm – Mass for the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00pm – 12am – Nine Offices, Rosary

12:00am – Repose of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary

12:30am – Refreshments

1:00am – Morning Prayer, Rosary, Closing



St. Hedwig Church Window Restoration

Dear Parishioners: We are very fortunate to be able to worship in a beautiful Church. There are many reasons to make sure our “place of worship” stays in tip-top shape. A building of this size requires a lot of TLC and routine maintenance to maintain the condition it is in today. It’s just like an historic home or a treasured museum... we must maintain and sustain its luster.

There are many obstacles and challenges we must address prior to beginning any project or needed restoration: the cost of materials, the availability of restoration experts, the availability of funding and the parishioner base.

Our exterior window frames are in need of some painting and restoration in order to guarantee the structural integrity of our beautiful stained-glass windows. The cost of this critical project is \$44,349 and the work will be done by Barry R. Speakman of Lincoln University, PA.

The Scope of Work includes: the work needed to maintain the wooden window frames on all of the church’s exterior windows. This will include pressure washing of all wood that will be painted; Scrape any loose paint and sand; Spot prime all bare wood; Reglaze windows where needed; Painting (2 coats) to all window frames; Work will include an (eighty) 80-foot-high reach. Special attention will be given to the façade window, which has received several major repairs over the past three decades.

For more information, please contact Ed Lipka at (302) 454-8423

