



St. Hedwig Church

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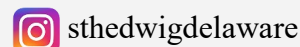
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AUGUST 6, 2023 † THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD †



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.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Underlying all three of today's readings is a first-century theological understanding about the end-times. Eschatology—the Bible's understandings about the end-times—holds that in some future time God will intervene to judge the world and to set in motion a new reality. Apocalypticism is a form of eschatology that sees a catastrophic end to history in a cosmic battle between good and evil. Apocalyptic eschatology emerged out of the suffering of the religious Jews under the Seleucid kings. Humanity is also divided between good and bad, and while this evil age holds sway now, God's justice will rule in the time to come. In apocalyptic understanding, the Son of Man would usher in the cosmic beginning of the Reign of God, but would then depart. After a period of time, the Messiah would come, and the New Age would be complete.

Using apocalyptic imagery, Daniel's visions in chapters 7 – 12 anticipate the raising of the dead to judgment, the triumph of the Kingdom of God, and the coming of the "one like a Son of Man" (Daniel 7:13). This Son of Man would receive dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:14). Elsewhere in Daniel the worldly kingdoms are represented by fantastic and terrifying animals, but the kingdom of God is presented as a human figure.

The reading from Second Peter refers to the story of Jesus' transfiguration to assure the community that their faith is not based on "cleverly devised myths," (2 Peter 1:16), but eyewitness accounts (2 Peter 1:18). "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (2 Peter 1:17) parallels the version found in Matthew, suggesting that the author of the pseudepigraphical (written by someone else) work had access to the Gospel of Matthew.

All three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) include the event of the Transfiguration, which served to foreshadow Jesus' glorification after his death. But Matthew's description more fully draws on apocalyptic imagery from Daniel. Jesus' face "shone like the sun" (Matthew 17:2), echoing Daniel 10:6. Only Matthew includes the disciples' response to the heavenly voice ("they fell prostrate and were very much afraid" (Matthew 17:6), and Jesus' touching them and telling them, "rise and do not be afraid" (Matthew 17:7), similar to Daniel 10:9-10, 18-19.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Najwyraźniej do obchodzonego akurat w dzisiejsza niedzielę święta Przymierza Paskiego nawiązuje Ewangelia. Jest w niej po prostu opisane Przemienienie Paskie, wydarzenie do zaistnienia którego doszło dzięki temu, że Jezus Chrystus zechciał pospieszyć z pomocą małej wierze apostołów. Żeby to właśnie do końca zrozumieć, należy pamiętać, że prawie bezpośrednio przed Przemienieniem Paskim miała miejsce zapowiedź meki i śmierci Jezusa. Istniało duże niebezpieczeństwo, że apostołowie przestaną wierzyć w boską godność Jezusa. Otoż miał ich podnieść na duchu widok Mistrza w towarzystwie dwu bodaj najbliższych postaci Starego Testamentu. Powinni byli znowu zacząć myśleć jak należy o Jezusie, gdy słyszeli na własne uszy, że jest On umiłowanym Synem Ojca Niebieskiego.

Tak więc i my uroczystości dzisiejsza zechcemy wypełniać szczerą modlitwą o umocnienie naszej wiary w boskie pochodzenie mocy i chwały Jezusa Chrystusa a także, w to, że jest On umiłowanym Synem Ojca Niebieskiego. Amen.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Julian

Hospital Visitations– Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, or email sthedwigchurch@comcast.net if you are in the hospital and would like a priest to visit you. The pastoral services at the hospitals are no longer making weekly calls to update us on admissions.

God's Blessings and Congratulations to our parishioner:

Stephanie Mezquita-Medina

Who is a member of Padua Academy's Class of 2023!

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
July 22 & JULY 23, 2023

Offertory Envelopes - \$2,011.00
& Special Collections - \$194.00

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!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTH OF JULY:

Antoni Juda

July 15

Geraldine Rybaltowski

July 17



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: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

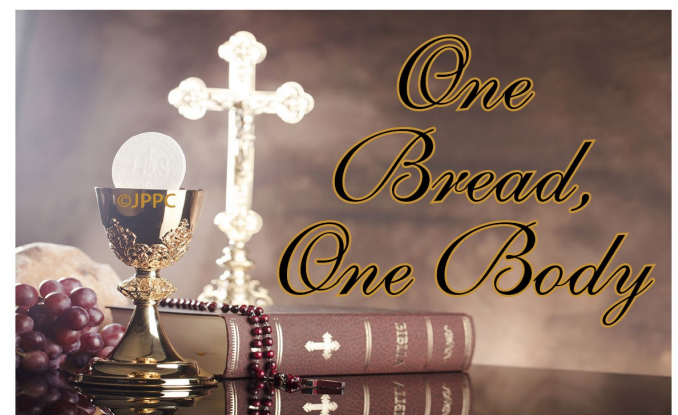
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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.



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, August 5, 2023

8am Kathryn H. Flack
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

4pm Kathy Baldyga
Int. Eileen Siter

Sunday, August 6, 2023

9am Living & Deceased Members of the
Holy Rosary Society

11:30am Franciszek Franckiewicz
Int. Dorota Zarzecka

4pm Francis X. Gaworski
Int. Mary Gaworski

Monday, August 7, 2023

6:30pm Angelina Lewis
Int. Friend

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

6:30pm Rev. Francis Szperka
Int. Holy Rosary Society

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

6:30pm Steve Harkins
Int. Family

Thursday, August 10, 2023

6:30pm Stella Mondzelewski
Int. Daughter, Linda

Friday, August 11, 2023

6:30pm Parishioners & Benefactors

Saturday, August 12, 2023

8am Rev. Alex Gorski
Int. Holy Rosary Society

4pm Janina Romanowicz
Int. Ewy / Datuty

Sunday, August 13, 2023

9am John Herbert Pellak, Jr.
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

11:30am Tadeusz Sypien
Int. Aneta Grocholska

4pm Jack & Jennie Riggitano
Int. Family



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.

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 the Deceased
Members of the Knights of Columbus
Pope John Paul II Council

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



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 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory and will begin in late October. There is no cost for the program and all materials will be provided. We welcome everyone to the program.

International Food Festival at St. John the Baptist-Holy Angels Aug. 13, 11am, Freemont Hall, 82 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE.

Food from different countries will be set up at different times throughout the day. Day includes entertainment. More information-[facebook.com, stjohnholyangels](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnholyangels), aahar@holyangels.net, www.stjohn-holyangels.com/ or 302-731-2200.

ATTENTION: GRADES 2-12 – INTERESTED IN ATHLETICS?

The Catholic Youth Ministry Office offers a variety of athletic sports for our youth in grades 2-12. Our sports programs range from beginner to experienced programs. We offer opportunities for athletes to participate in athletics while promoting and fostering environments conducive to positive Christian attitudes and healthy physical play.

We offer sports programs in the fall, winter and spring seasons. While there are some programs that will be grade or gender restrictive, many of these programs are offered to all student athletes regardless of parish/school. If interested in obtaining additional information and to register with the league, please reach out to the CYM office at 302-658-3800 or visit www.cdowcym.org/athletics. Fall registration is currently open.