

# St. Hedwig Church

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## Parish Office

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Blessed are those servants  
whom the master finds  
vigilant on his arrival.

LUKE 12:37



***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,

The reading from Wisdom is part of a lengthy passage (10:1-19:22) that rehearses the role of Wisdom as the active, providential power of God in times of trouble, especially in Israel's Exodus experience. As a preparation for the last plague, the death of the firstborn, God had warned the people and given the Passover sacrifice instructions to protect them from the plague (Exodus 12:1-23). The people put their trust in God on the basis of God's promises to Abraham and to Moses to deliver them from bondage (Genesis 15:13-16; Exodus 6:8; 13:5). When the plague came and Israel was safe, they were "glorified," which here means lifted up and seen as God's chosen people, protected-as so often in Israel's history from harm.

Having developed his discussion of Christ as the eternal High Priest who intercedes for us in the heavenly sanctuary, the author of Hebrews now turns to the Christian response to this reality. While it is true that Christ intercedes for sinners, this does not make sin, a struggle that can only be undertaken with firm faith in God's promises. The author's definition of faith is not precise, but it does address both faith's subjective and objective aspects. "Realization of what is hoped for" points to recognition of the divine promises for those who persevere, whereas "evidence of things not seen" refers to the witness of those who have gone before, attesting to God's trustworthiness. Because he understood the promises of land, blessing, and descendants. Abraham left his homeland as God directed (Genesis 12:1-6). Although the fullness of the promises was not realized in their lifetimes, the ancients died trusting that they would be fulfilled one day.

Jesus has been exhorting His disciples to maintain courage in the face of persecution, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide them and that God will provide for them. This all means that they need not be afraid: of persecution, of being abandoned by God, or of not having the things they need. If they have faith, they will possess the one thing necessary: the kingdom of God, which the Father is "pleased to give you." The lesson about being watchful can apply either to the return of Christ or to the death of the individual. In either case, the point is that we should be about the things God has given us to do, whatever they are. The remarkable image of a master serving his servants when he finds them about his business illustrates vividly the generosity of God, which far exceeds human generosity, in bestowing the kingdom.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

## † Slowo Proboszcza †

*Kochani Parafianie,*

Ewangelia dzisiejsza sklada sie z kilku pouczen, ktore mieli sobie wziac do serca apostolowie, gdy Jezus rozsydal ich na samodzielne prace misyjne. Pierwsze z tych pouczen dotyczy dobr materialnych: ich posiadanie wcale nie ulatwia pracy apostolskiej. Poza tym w ogole nie stanowią one wartosci trwalych: latwo niszczeja wskutek zgubnego dzalania rdzy albo moli. Drugie pouczenie dotyczy potrzeby trwania w ustawicznej gotowosci na spotkanie z Panem. Jest to bardzo wyrazna aluzja do nie dajacego sie zadnym sposobem przewidziec momentu naszej smierci. Szczesliwi owi sludzy, ktorzy Pan zastanie czuwajacych, gdy nadejdzie.

A moze to i dobrze, ze nie wiemy kiedy Pan przyjdzie? Jesli powaznie traktujemy nasza wiare, to bedziemy dokladali staran, zeby zawsze trwac w gotowosci, w obawie, zeby sie z Panem nie rozminac. W zabiegach o te gotowosc nie powinny nas zrazac zadne wysilki ani ofiary. Nalezimy do tych, ktorym wiele dano. Nie wolno nam tedy zapominac, ze komu wiele dano, od tego tez wiele wymagac sie bedzie. Amen.

Szczesc Boze,  
Ks. Andrzej

*The Feast of the*



*Assumption of Mary*

*Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday, August 14 (Vigil) at 6:30pm Friday, August 15 (Solemnity) at:*

*12:00pm*

*5:30pm*

*7:00pm (Polish)*

*All Masses will be celebrated in the church. (Holy Day of Obligation)*

## Weekly Collection

*Every penny counts!*

*Thank you for your contribution - big and small!*

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

July 26 & 27

Offertory Envelopes- \$2,490.00

Special Collections- \$292.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.



*Helping Our Parish Grow*  
**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

*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.

## *A Thank You Note from Father Janusz*

Dear friends from our parish!

On August 2nd, I celebrated the end of my first year here in our parish. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for all the kindness, help, advice, and support you have shown me.

I am truly grateful for your patience, especially in those moments when I struggle to pronounce certain words. Thank you for your prayers, for every gesture of friendship and for the spirit of brotherhood we share.

Recently, both our Pastor, Fr. Andrew, and I celebrated our birthdays, and earlier, our priestly anniversaries. Thank you for remembering us, for your warm wishes, prayers and thoughtful gifts. We are deeply touched and grateful!

We are proud to be among you and promise to keep you in our prayers. Let us entrust your families and our entire parish to the care of Virgin Mary.

God bless you all!

Kochani Parafianie kościoła świętej Jadwigi w Wilmington!

Wkrótce będzie pełny rok mojego pobytu z Wami. Chciałbym z tej okazji bardzo podziękować wszystkim za okazany mi szacunek, wsparcie, dobre słowo i zachętę do kontynuowania wspólnej drogi.

Dziękuję za Wasze modlitwy i szczerze gesty przyjaźni. W tej drodze każdego dnia towarzyszy mi ks. Proboszcz, również i Jemu z całego serca dziękuję za obdarzanie mnie swoim zaufaniem.

W ostatnich tygodniach zarówno ja jak i ks. Andrzej obchodziliśmy dzień swoich urodzin a także rocznice święceń kapłańskich. Nie umknęło to Waszej uwadze i perfekcyjnej pamięci. A jesteście przecież dla nas najbliższymi osobami. Do Was dziś ślemy słowa podziękowań za: życzenia, modlitwy i wszelkie upominki. Cieszymy się, że otaczają nas wspaniałe osoby, dla których ważna jest postawa czci i uznania roli księdza w ludzkiej społeczności.

Przyjmicie naszą podziękę i pamięć w modlitwie. Niech dobry Bóg obdarza Was swoimi łaskami!

Fr. Janusz

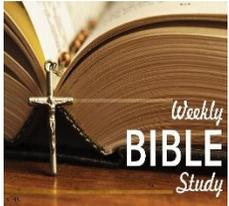




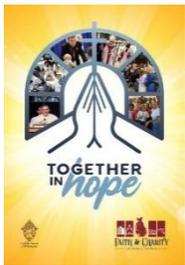
We invite you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Pope Saint John Paul II Chapel Monday-Friday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm. Confessions are heard during

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 & 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.downtowncatholic.com). We thank you for your generosity.*

### Queenship of Mary- Friday , August 22



Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the **Blessed Virgin Mary's** queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary “mother of my Lord.” As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus'

kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court. In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary “Lady” and “Queen.” Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: “Hail, Holy Queen,” “Hail, Queen of Heaven,” “Queen of Heaven.” The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship. The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.



St. Hedwig Religious Education Office is now accepting applications for CCD classes. Classes will

be held on Sunday mornings beginning September 7th from 10:00-11:30am. It is mandatory that all school age children be registered in a sacramental prep program before receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please call the parish office at 302-594-1400, Ext. 1 to register.

## Masses For The Week



### Sunday, August 10, 2025

- 9am + Danielle Lawrence  
Int. Sandi Murphy  
11:30am + Tadeusz Sypien  
Int. Aneta Grocholska  
4pm + Paul Bernardo  
Int. Nan Freeman

### Monday, August 11, 2025

- 6:30pm + Dr. Andrew John Franzone  
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

### Tuesday, August 12, 2025

- 6:30pm Living Intentions & Blessings for  
Bishop Keith Chylinski  
Int. Eileen Siter

### Wednesday, August 13, 2025

- 6:30pm + Joseph & Sophie Rutkowski (Anniv.)  
Int. Joanne & Clare

### Thursday, August 14, 2025

- 6:30pm + George Pascarella  
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

### Friday, August 15, 2025

- 12pm + Carl Koekkoek  
Int. Wife, Dorothy  
5:30pm + Joseph & Alyssa Cerasari  
Int. Nan Freeman  
7pm + Stanislaw & Stanislaw Dobrowolski  
Int. Children

### Saturday, August 16, 2025

- 8am + Stephen Fillion  
Int. Carol Miller  
4pm + Michael Barnett  
Int. Kimberly Stump

### Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 9am + Mary Gaworski  
Int. Karen & Ryan Wrightson  
11:30am + Marian Figiel  
Int. Maria Migdalski  
4pm + Jean Gallo  
Int. Jeannette Otley



## Confession of Sins

**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

Sister de Lourdes Okoniewski  
Requested by:

St. Hedwig Knights of Columbus  
Pope John Paul II Council



## *St. Hedwig Church Window Restoration*

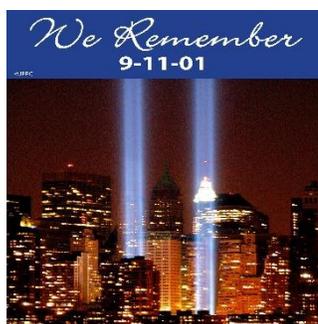
Dear Parishioners:

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.

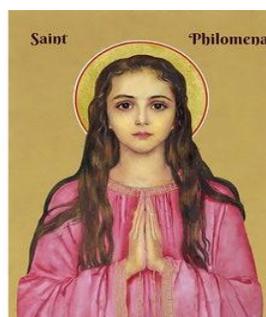
For more information, please contact Ed Lipka at (302) 454-8423



### **Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass**

A special Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, 6:30pm,

at St. Hedwig Church. Please join Father Andrew, Father Janusz and the St. Hedwig Community in remembering all our fallen heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country, state and community.



### **St. Philomena Feast Day Mass (Patroness of Youth)**

**St. Hedwig Church, 408  
S. Harrison St.,  
Wilmington, DE**

We cordially invite all parishioners and friends of St. Hedwig Church, especially our young adults, to join us in celebrating the Feast Day Mass for St. Philomena on Sunday, August 10, 2025.  
3 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chaplet of Divine Mercy –  
Holy Rosary  
4 pm - Holy Mass - Recitation of the St. Philomena Prayer