



St. Hedwig Church

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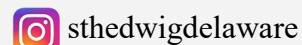
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AUGUST 13, 2023 † NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



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.

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 and Friends,

The cycle of stories about Elijah and Elisha reflects the struggle between prophet and king during the period of the divided monarchy. In today's first reading, Elijah has taken refuge on the mountain of God, Horeb, after narrowly escaping the wrath of Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab (1 Kings 19:2), and nearly dying in the wilderness (1 Kings 19:4). Like Moses before him on the same mountain (Exodus 19:16-19; 33:18-23; 34:5-6), Elijah encounters manifestations of the divine in natural phenomena. But the actual divine presence is found in the whispering sound (1 Kings 19:12).

A continual source of anguish for the Apostle Paul was the lack of belief in Christ by the majority of Israel. So strong was his heartbreak that in today's reading he would suffer separation from Christ if it would bring Israel to true righteousness (Romans 9:3). The question of Israel's rejection of Jesus was a serious concern for early believers, since the divine plan was rooted in God's election of Israel. In Romans 9 – 11, Paul attempts to answer those concerns by assuring the Roman community that God has not rejected them (Romans 11:2).

In today's Gospel, Jesus is able to find time for prayer, which had been interrupted by the crowds (Matthew 14:14). Jesus sends the disciples off in the boat without him. When he sees the boat being tossed by the sea, he walks toward it on the water. Into Mark's version, Matthew inserts the story of Peter's attempt to walk on the water. Jesus' question to Peter, "Why did you doubt?" may have brought solace to the community of Matthew, which saw Peter as its founding leader. The community could take heart that though Peter struggled, he could respond with the others in the boat, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). So too could they surmount their own doubt, hearing Jesus' words to the disciples as if addressed to them: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Bardzo często, nawet w codziennej liturgii Słowa, obok Pawła pojawia się Piotr, zwany niekiedy księciem Apostolów. Tak jest i dzisiaj. Znowu towarzysza mu ludzkie słabości. Tym razem chodzi o chwiejność jego wiary. Zostały też pokazane natychmiastowe następstwa Piotrowego niedowierzania: zaczął tonąć. Można to pojmować dosłownie, ale i w przenośni. Traciąc wiarę tym samym traci człowiek nadprzyrodzony grunt pod nogami.

Ale Piotr w różnych nieszczęściach swojego życia zawsze zdobywał się na jedno: potrafił wołać o pomoc do Boga: "Panie, ratuj mnie!" Wiadomo, że zdarzały mu się rzeczy gorsze niż to zwatpienie na morzu. Ponieważ jednak wołał: "Panie, ratuj mnie", Pan nigdy mu tej pomocy nie odmawiał.

My również jak Piotr doznajemy momentów słabości, które często zводzą nas na manowce życia. Życiowe fatamorgany dają pozór szczęścia za którym dążymy, ale w pogoni za którym często zaczynamy tonąć w morzu kłopotów, rozpaczy, rozczarowań i smutku. I kiedy często dotykamy przysłowiowego "dna" obysmy nie zapomnieli i nie bali się prosić Boga o pomoc w wyciągnięciu nas z tych tarapatów, tak jak Piotr.

Bo tylko Bóg jest nam w stanie pomóc w taki sposób, który nauczy nas czegoś i zaprowadzi ku najlepszemu rozwiązaniu trudności. Tylko On jest pełen nieskończonej miłości, miłosierdzia i cierpliwości. Niech codzienna modlitwa, nawet ta najkrótsza w ciągu dnia przybliża nas do Boga, a przez to nauczy nas pokory i umiejętności słuchania jego porad, które pozwolą nam stąpać po pewnym gruncie, drodze do zbawienia.

Szczęście Boże,
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.

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ASSUMPTION

VIRGIN MARY

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- August 15th

Masses:

12pm

5:30pm

7pm (Polish)

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!

Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

July 29 & July 30, 2023

Offertory Envelopes - \$2,130.00

& Special Collections - \$206.00

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: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

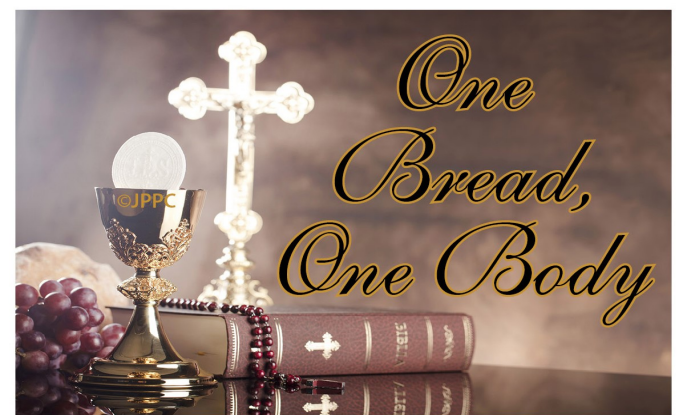
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



Annual Collection for the 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 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

Monday, August 14, 2023

6:30pm Albin Okoniewski
Int. Ignacio & Mary Gispert

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

12pm Joanne Micallef
Int. Friend, Linda

5:30pm Health for Alex
Int. Family

7pm Parishioners & Benefactors

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

6:30pm Jadwiga Abramowicz (1st Anniv.)
Int. Janusz

Thursday, August 17, 2023

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

Friday, August 18, 2023

6:30pm Carl Koekkoek
Int. Wife, Dorothy

Saturday, August 19, 2023

8am God's Graces for Sophia's return to Faith
Int. Family

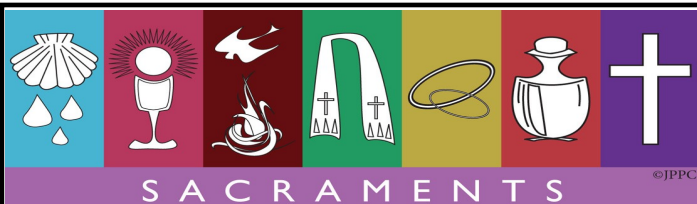
4pm Paul Toner, Jr.
Int. Izabela Toner

Sunday, August 20, 2023

9am Joseph & Sophie Rutkowski
Int. Clare, Joanne & Family

11:30am Irena Konopka
Int. Friend, Bozena

4pm Irene Rutkowski (B)
Int. Children, Grandchildren, &
Great Grandchildren



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
- **August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Masses 12pm, 5:30pm and 7pm (Polish)**



*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.

Blessed Carlo Acutis relics and Eucharistic Miracles of the World tour to make stop at St. Elizabeth's Church in Wilmington.

St. Elizabeth Parish and the St. Pius X Columbiettes will host the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World and Carlo Acutis' First Class Relic the weekend of Aug. 26-27. This exhibition, which is currently touring the U.S., features an opportunity for veneration of a first-class relic of [Blessed Carlo Acutis](#). The tour also features the Eucharistic Miracle Panel Display, talks by [Dr. Bill Ryckman](#), Mass, Benediction, and an outdoor procession and illuminated Rosary display. St. Elizabeth's is located at 809 S Broom St., Wilmington, and there is parking on premises. The church and Grant Hall are also handicap accessible. A handicap accessible bathroom is located in the vestibule of the church. For more information, contact the St. Pius X Columbiettes, (302) 897-3022, or piuscolumbiettes@gmail.com.



Healing Service with Fr. Rafal Walczyk

**August 25, 2023, at 7:00PM
at Holy Angels Church**

Join us Friday, August 25, at 7:00 pm for Praise & Worship, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Healing Prayer Service, and Individual Prayer. This is a

special opportunity to encounter Jesus and invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those places that need God's healing graces. This is a FREE event. All are welcome! Fr. Rafal Walczyk, OSPPE, (Pauline Fathers) is from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA and is the Director of Encounter School of Ministry—Doylestown Campus. For questions about the event contact aRise@holyangels.net or 1-630-999-8481.