

# St. Hedwig Church

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## Parish Office

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE.

LUKE 12:49



***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 first reading describes not only the difficult lot of the prophet but the turmoil of those in power who must discern to whom to listen. The princes of Judah convince the king to isolate Jeremiah, whose preaching is demoralizing the soldiers. Jeremiah is proclaiming, "Those in the city shall die by means of the sword, starvation, and disease" (Jeremiah 18:2). The leaders did have a point! Jeremiah is lowered into a cistern, only to be rescued when a different court official intercedes on his behalf. This official is called "Ebed-melech," which means "servant of the king." That he is a Cushite may indicate that though the princes of Judah fail to recognize the servant of the God, this foreigner sees Jeremiah as a true prophet.

The cloud of witnesses of which the Letter to the Hebrews speaks includes the suffering servants of God like the prophet Jeremiah. "Yet all these, though approved because of their faith, did not receive what had been promised" (Hebrews 12:39). As Hebrews explains, Jesus served as the ultimate witness who endured the cross in order to perfect the faith and take his seat at the right of the throne of God. The community to whom Hebrews is addressed is not suffering external persecution but seems to be struggling against the sin of apostasy and indifference (10:3 – 31). The author uses Jesus' example of suffering as encouragement "in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart" (v.3).

The Gospel reading continued Jesus' eschatological (end-times) warnings. Previously Jesus had used parables to explain the importance of preparing for the final judgment. Now he speaks directly. "I have come to set the earth on fire" (v. 49). In Luke 3:16, John the Baptist had proclaimed that one mightier than himself would baptize "with the holy Spirit and fire." Until now, the only mention of fire was the suggestion of James and John for punishment on the unwelcoming Samaritan villages (Luke 9:54 – 55). Now Jesus takes up the imagery demonstrating a new urgency and sense of impending personal suffering. "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished" (v. 50). The baptism is the baptism of his death, which will lead to division. Likely in Luke's own community real households were being rent asunder because of belief in Jesus' mission.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Proboszcza †  
*Kochani Parafianie,*

Mesjasz był nazywany już w Starym Testamencie "Księciem pokoju", tymczasem Jezus Chrystus, który sam wiele razy dawał do zrozumienia, że jest owym Mesjaszem, w Ewangelii dzisiejszej mówi: "Czy myślicie, że przyszedłem dać ziemi pokój? Nie powiadam wam, lecz rozłam.

Rozłam – to znaczy wojnę". Nie trudno się jednak domyslić, o jaką to wojnę chodzi: o tę najważniejszą czyli o zmaganie się ze złem, które tkwi, jako pozostałość grzechu pierworodnego, we wnętrzu każdego z nas. Konsekwentna, wytrwała walka z tym złem może niekiedy prowadzić do rozłamów między najbliższymi, gdyż nikt i nic nie może niekiedy prowadzić do rozłamów między najbliższymi, gdyż nikt i nic nie może podważyć zasady, że Boga należy bardziej słuchać niż ludzi. I my też znamy, znowu z naszej rzeczywistości, takie rodziny, w których matka i dzieci – młodsze zwłaszcza – wierzą w Boga, a ojciec uważa się za niewierzącego; ale bywa i odwrotnie. Ciągłe weryfikują się słowa starca Symeona o tym, że Jezus jest znakiem sprzeciwu dla wielu.

Droży moi! Dzisiejsza liturgia Słowa zachęca nas do tego, byśmy jak Jezus Chrystus, jak wczoraj jeszcze prorok Jeremiasz, gotowi byli nawet za cenę wielkich ofiar trwać w dobrem aż do śmierci. Amen.

Szczęść Boże,  
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)***



*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!*

**Weekly Collection**

*Every penny counts!*



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

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Offertory Envelopes- \$2,700.00

Special Collections- \$518.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

**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.



*St. Hedwig Church - Save the Date  
Weekend of August 23-24*



***OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA ICON***

***Feast Day***

***August 26***

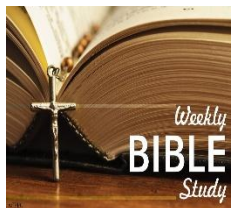
The beautiful handmade icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa will be displayed on the Blessed Mother Altar the **weekend of August 23-24**, in memory of Walentyna Wojciechowska, from her daughter, Ewa, and son-in-law, David.



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](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 17, 2025

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

### Monday, August 18, 2025

6:30pm + Patrice Regina Glaccum Wright  
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

### Tuesday, August 19, 2025

6:30pm + Marjorie & John Blaschko  
Int. Dorothy Koekkoek

### Wednesday, August 20, 2025

6:30pm + Paul R. Toner, Jr.  
Int. Izabela Toner

### Thursday, August 21, 2025

6:30pm Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

### Friday, August 22, 2025

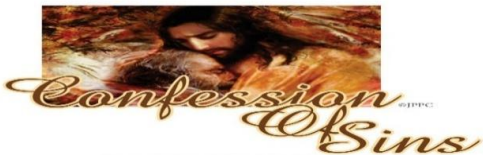
6:30pm + Joseph Sewruk  
Int. Hanna Sewruk

### Saturday, August 23, 2025

8am Parishioners & Benefactors- Living & Deceased  
4pm + Stephen J. Siemienski (B)  
Int. Dorothy & Beatrice

### Sunday, August 24, 2025

9am + Betty Jo Harber  
Int. Donna Gaska  
11:30am Living Intentions of Ryjewski Family  
Int. Izabela Toner  
4pm + Irene Rutkowski (B)  
Int. Children



**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.

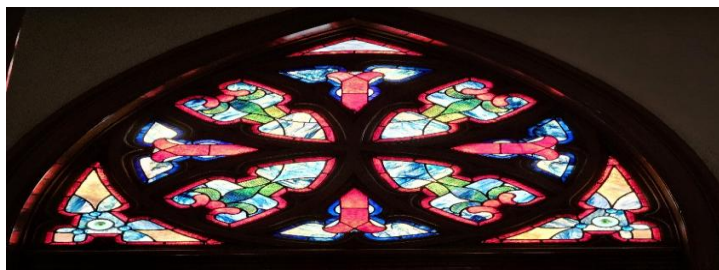
## † Sanctuary Lamp †



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

Irene Rutkowski (B)  
Requested by:

Children



## *St. Hedwig Church Window Restoration*

Dear Parishioners:

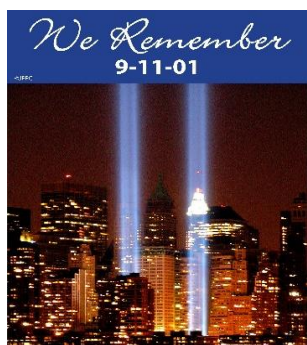
We are very fortunate to be able to worship in a beautiful Church. There are many reasons to make sure our “place of worship” stays in tip-top shape. A building of this size requires a lot of TLC and routine maintenance to maintain the condition it is in today. It’s just like an historic home or a treasured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



