

St. Hedwig Church

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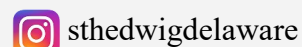
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AUGUST 20, 2023 † TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



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 themes of justice, righteousness, and salvation sound throughout the entire book of Isaiah, and serve to open the third section of the book (Isaiah 56:1), written by an unknown prophet referred to as Third Isaiah. The universalism indicated in Isaiah 49:6 ("I will make you a light to the nations") is further developed here. Foreigners who desire to join themselves to the Lord, love the name of the Lord, keep the Sabbath, and hold to the covenant will be brought to God's holy mountain.

It is not foreigners who are Paul's concern in the second reading, but his own people. Israel's rejection allowed for the mission to the Gentiles. Paul glories in this mission, hoping to stir jealousy among his own people and thus draw them into the faith (Romans 11:13). But he warns the Gentile believers not to be "wise in their estimation" (Romans 11:25). Israel remains beloved of God, "for the gifts and call of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29).

The Gospel reading presents an interesting narrative about a "foreigner" who does not wish to join herself to the Lord but nonetheless seeks out Jesus. Matthew edits Mark's original story about a Syro-Phoenician mother so that the woman is now a Canaanite, Israel's dreaded enemy. Matthew has the Canaanite woman come out to meet Jesus, presumably on the road in Gentile territory. She acknowledges Jesus' Jewish identity by calling him "Son of David" (Matthew 15:22). When Jesus announces, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. . . It is not right to take the food of children and throw it to the dogs" (Matthew 15:24-26), the woman's clever response wins Jesus over. "Even the dogs eat the scraps" (Matthew 15:27). In the two encounters with Gentiles in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus has commended their great faith (Matthew 8:10; 15:28), foreshadowing that Gentiles would later join the Christian community.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Dzisiejsza Ewangelia według św. Mateusza ukazuje interesującą rozmowę Jezusa z kobietą kananejską błagającą o pomoc dla córki dreczonej przez złego ducha. Oboje spotkali się na terenie pogańskim. Izraelici odnosili się do Kananejczyków z pogardą dlatego kiedy kobieta krzyczała do Jezusa, uczniowie radzili Jezusowi by ją odprawił. Kobieta nie boi się krzyczeć mimo obiektywnych przeciwności, i nazywa Jezusa Panem i Synem Dawida. Jezus jako nauczyciel słuchając kobiety łamie społeczne konwenanse. Początkowo nic nie mówi i nie działa pochopnie, sprawdzając jej wiarę. Wobec natrącej prośby kobiety Jezus trwa przy swoim i odpowiada "Niedobrze jest zabierać chleb dzieciom i rzucać psom". Mimo tego odzewu kobieta nie czuje się obrażona, bo rozumie swoją sytuację. Ale także wie, że Jezus jest jej ostatnią szansą by uwolnić jej córkę od złego ducha. Swoją postawą i odpowiedzia "Tak, Panie lecz i szczenieta jedzą z okruszyn, które spadają ze stołu ich panów", ukazuje gorliwą i nieustraszoną wiarę. Trzyma się tego, że nie usłyszała jednoznacznego "nie". Wiara kobiety kananejskiej przekracza granice rasy, religii, a nawet ustanowione granice w dziejach zbawienia. Dzięki wierze jej córka została uzdrowiona przez Jezusa.

Obysmy tak wierzyli tak jak ta kobieta kananejska. Niech Bóg obdaru nas łaską takiej wiary, by w każdej sytuacji nasze serca i umysły zawsze wołały do Niego.

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.



If there are no ushers present at the Mass you attend, please put your collection envelopes in the donation boxes in the front and back of the church. Thanks for your help!

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

August 6 & August 7

Offertory Envelopes - \$3,767.00
& Special Collections - \$507.00

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!



For Young Adults
(18 to 35 years old)
August 29th at 7:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration with
Praise & Worship Hymns and
Silent time .Every last Tuesday
of the month.

Little Sisters of the Poor
185 Salem Church Road
Newark, DE 19713

For further information contact:

Sr. Janet Mary, 302-368-5886 or email
vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org
www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org/news-events



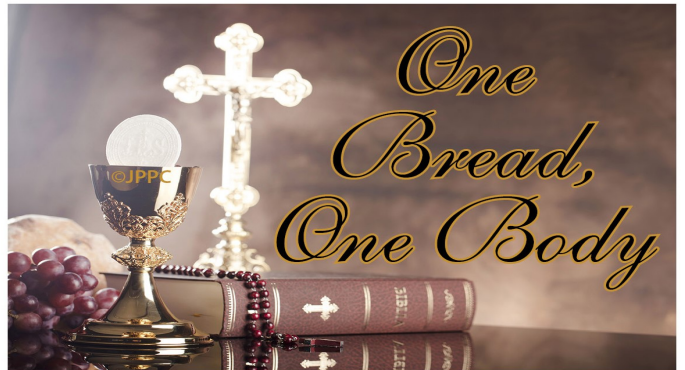
**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED
THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTH OF JULY:**

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: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



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 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

Monday, August 21, 2023

6:30pm Adolf Sitek (Anniversary)
Int. John & Sally Sitek

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

6:30pm John & Jean Pietras
Int. Margie, MaryAnn, & Helena

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

6:30pm John & Josephine Kwiatkowski
Int. Dorothy

Thursday, August 24, 2023

6:30pm Richard Wykpisz
Int. Patricia Wykpisz

Friday, August 25, 2023

6:30pm Parishioners & Benefactors

Saturday, August 26, 2023

8am Betty Lewis
Int. Family

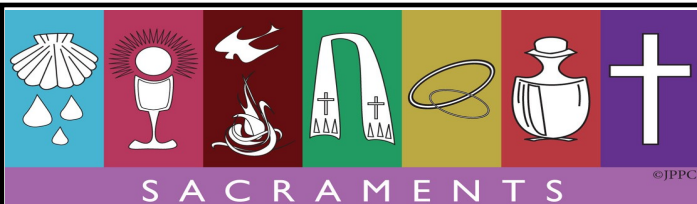
4pm Angelina Lewis
Int. Family

Sunday, August 27, 2023

9am Stephen J. Siemienski
Int. Daughters, Dorothy & Beatrice

11:30am Honorata & Piotr Zyjewski
Int. Margorata Chronowska

4pm John J. Gaworski, Jr.
Int. Mary Gaworski



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

Irene Rutkowski (Birthday)

Requested by:

Children, Grandchildren &

Great-Grandchildren

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.

One Thousand Hail Marys Devotion – St. Elizabeth Church, 809 S. Broom St., Wilmington.

Please join us on Saturday, August 26th to pray the Devotion of the Thousand Hail Marys, starting at 9:00 am (after the 8:15 mass). This devotion takes about 5 hours, however you do not need to be able to stay the entire time. Light refreshments are provided. The Thousand Hail Marys is a "super rosary" well meditated on all the mysteries of our salvation, which bring many graces to all participants. Consider praying with us for all your personal intentions.

Eighth Annual Padre Pio Festival

St. Bede the Venerable Parish

September 16-17, 2023

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, PA (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Eighth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and 17. The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30pm Vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio.

The Sunday **12:30pm Solemn Mass** will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by **Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia**. The Mass is followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and Veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment.

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.