



# St. Hedwig Church

408 S. Harrison Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19805

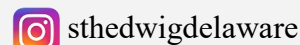
## Parish Office

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DECEMBER 10, 2023 † SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT †



**Fr. Andrew Molewski**  
**Pastor**

**Fr. Adam Slominski, 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 5:30-6:30pm 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.

## ***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.*



## † Słowo Proboszcza †

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

“Comfort, give comfort to my people” are the opening words of the prophet known as Second Isaiah (Isaiah 40—55). Second Isaiah was written during the Babylonian Captivity, sometime before or shortly after the Persians’ defeat of Babylon. In the first eight chapters, the prophet launches into long speeches meant to counter the fear that God had abandoned Israel and to assure the exiles that God is faithful to God’s promises. In today’s reading, Second Isaiah assures the people that their guilt is expiated (Isaiah 40:1) and that God of the exiles comes to take captive Jerusalem home (Isaiah 40:10—11).

“The Lord does not delay his promise” (2 Peter 3:9). The reading from Second Peter could have addressed those same exiles of Isaiah. Attributed to Peter the Apostle, Second Peter is actually the work of an anonymous Jewish Christian writing perhaps as late as 140 A.D. The anticipated second coming of Christ had been so delayed that some Christians were turning away from the faith, urged on by “scoffers” (2 Peter 3:3—5). The author explains that the delay has to do with heavenly reckoning, for “with the Lord one day is like a thousand years” (2 Peter 3:8) and due to the concern that all “be found without spot or blemish before him” (2 Peter 3:14).

Chronologically, the Gospel reading stands between Isaiah and Second Peter. The former looked toward God’s redemption from exile; the latter Christ’s *parousia*. But the Gospel of Mark, echoing Isaiah’s words, anticipates a much greater encounter: “One mightier than I is coming after me” (Mark 1:7). John the Baptist cites Malachi 3:1, Isaiah 40:3, and Exodus 23:20, but in an entirely new context. It is not a release from exile or guidance in the wilderness that John preaches, but repentance from sin. John may baptize with water, but the mightier one will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Juz jest druga niedziela adwentu! Bedzie nam patronowal przez caly czas adwentowego czekania prorok Izajasz, ten ewangelista, jak sie to nieraz mowi, Starego Testamentu albo starotestamentalny biograf Jezusa.

W pierwszym czytaniu z dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa zapowiada przyjscie Syna Czlowieczego, co powinno stanowic dla wszystkich w Izraelu jego czasow powod do prawdziwej radosci. Ale aby radosc owa byla pelna, ludzie musza przygotowac Bogu droge do swoich serc: wyznaczyc przejscie przez pustkowia, zasypac rozne nierownosci, polikwidowac niebezpieczne urwiska, obnizyc wzgoda.

Nie ma zadnej watpliwosci, ze wszystkie te wskazania dotyczy porzadkow, jakich powinniśmy dokonac w naszych duszach. To tam tyle nierownosci, rozpadlin, urwisk i niebezpiecznego pustkowia. Tym przygotowaniem drog dla Pana w naszych sercach winno towarzyszyć glosne oznajmianie Jego przyjscia. Prorok wzywa z cala moca: “Podnies twój głos, nie boj się. Oto wasz Bog”.

Mamy nie tylko prawo, ale także wyraźny obowiązek tak właśnie ogłaszać, po dzień dzisiejszy, zbliżające się narodziny Syna Czlowieczego.

Przychodzi On, co prawda, z moca i ramie Jego dzierzy władze, ale też jest On dobrym pasterzem, który – jak nan przystało – “jagnięta nosi na swej piersi, owce karmiace prowadzi łagodnie”. Oto jak radzi nam prorok Izajasz przeżywać nasz adwent. Weźmy sobie do serca Jego rady.

Szczesc Boze,  
Ks. Andrzej



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

Ronald S. Gawinski  
Leon Silicki  
Joanna Sobkow  
Thomas P. Kempinski

November 13  
November 19  
November 22  
November 24



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, or email [stwedwigchurch@comcast.net](mailto:stwedwigchurch@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.

## Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**November 18 & 19 2023**

Offertory Envelopes - \$2,006.00

& Special Collections - \$246.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.



## 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!



### PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening in the parish hall, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Join us for Mass,

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 11, 2023** Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2023** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**Wednesday, December 13, 2023** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday, December 14, 2023** Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday, December 15, 2023** Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday, December 16, 2023** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday, December 17, 2023** Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**Oplatki Christmas Wafers** are available for sale in the Parish Office for \$5.00 (four wafers per pack). Office hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm



**December 24th**  
**Christmas Eve**  
4:00pm & Midnight

**December 25th**  
**Christmas Day**  
9:00am  
11:30am (Polish)  
**No 4:00pm Mass today**



**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**  
*Thanks to those who have taken a card from the Christmas Angel Tree. We ask that you return your items by **Dec. 10th**. Gift cards should be placed in the collection basket and other items, left unwrapped, be placed near the tree.*



### 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, Mary Eva Ross and Frank Kucharski.

**HEAL THEM O LORD!**

## Masses For The Week



### Monday, December 11, 2023

6:30pm Angelina Lewis  
Int. Friend

### Tuesday, December 12, 2023

6:30pm Gabby Migdalski  
Int. Maria Migdalski

### Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:30pm Stephanie Brynes  
Int. Izabela Toner

### Thursday, December 14, 2023

6:30pm Jozesa Gurczenski  
Int. Family

### Friday, December 15, 2023

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

### Saturday, December 16, 2023

8am Adam & Josephine

4pm Jozef Halabura  
Int. Basia Malek

### Sunday, December 17, 2023

9am Ronald Gawinski  
Int. Dolores & Bill Rybaltowski

11:30am Weronika & Piotr Zyjewski  
Int. Malgorzata Chrzanowska

4pm Tomasz Chrzan  
Int. Basia Malek



**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

Rosalie & Casimir Ragan

Requested by:

Joan, Kathy, Frank, Frances

& Barbara



### Reminder: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

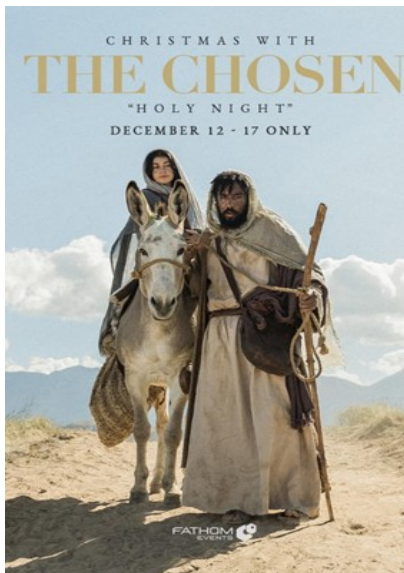
is offered at St. Hedwig Church Monday - Friday between 5:30-6:30pm (during Eucharistic Adoration) in the Chapel and on Saturday from 3-3:45pm before the 4pm Mass in the Church.

Please take this opportunity to turn to our Merciful God, receive His forgiveness and be reconciled with Him.



## 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 - Meets every Thursday after 6:30pm Mass.
- Flame of Love - Meets the 2nd & 4th Saturday Mass at 2:30pm in Gulez Hall
- Knights of Columbus - Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. John Lagowski, Grand Knight, 302-992- 0309
- Religious Education Classes 10-11:30am every Sunday September—May
- R.C.I.A. every Monday at 7pm from October-March
- Dec. 24th—9:00 & 11:30am—Sunday Obligation
- Dec. 24th— 4:00pm & Midnight (Christmas)
- Dec. 25th—9:00 & 11:30am—Christmas Day
- Dec. 31st— 9:00 & 11:30am –Sunday Obligation
- Dec. 31st 4pm—Vigil—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



*Cinemark Movies 10*  
1796 West Newport Pike  
Wilmington, DE 19804

*Please join Fr. Adam and fellow parishioners of St. Hedwig on Sunday, December 17th at the 3:40 pm showing of Christmas With The Chosen "Holy Night"*

*Ticket Prices:                      Special Event                      \$12.50*



**The Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Babka & Bake Sale!**  
Pick-up Orders on Saturday, December 16th in the Parish Hall (beneath St. Hedwig Church)  
**9:00am – 11am ONLY!** *Please note that all bakery items must be ordered*

*in advance and picked on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9-11am in the parish hall beneath St. Hedwig Church.*

*PLAIN BABKA-\$12.00, CHEESE BABKA-\$20.00, SWEET POPPY SEED LOAF -\$18.00, BOX OF CHRUSCIKI-\$10.00, LOAF OF (sliced) RYE BREAD-\$9.00. **CUT-OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>***

To place an order, please call **John at (302) 992-0309** by December 9<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to leave your name, phone number and the quantity of each bakery item you would like to order.



**Christmas Kielbasa & Pierogi Sale**  
Pick-up Orders on Saturday, December 16th in the Parish Hall (beneath St. Hedwig Church) 408 S. Harrison St., Wilmington, DE **9:00am – 11:00am ONLY!**

**Krawczyk's Kielbasa & Pierogi**

Please note that all kielbasa & pierogi orders must be placed in advance and picked up on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00am – 11:00am in the parish hall beneath St. Hedwig Church.

**Kielbasa** \$10.00/Link (Roughly 1 ¼ Lbs each)-Smoked & Fresh  
**Pierogi-** \$6.00/dozen -Potato W/ Onion Pierogi, Potato W/O Onion Pierogi, Potato and Cheddar Pierogi and Sauerkraut Pierogi  
**Pre – Order Sales only - Cut-off Date is December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pick-Up Date is Saturday, December 16th**

To place an order, please call **Stephanie at (302) 256-2103**

*Those who are interested in going should plan on meeting us in the lobby of the movie theatre at 3:15pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/christmas-with-the-chosen-2023/>*

*Hope to see you there!*