



St. Hedwig Church

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Parish Office

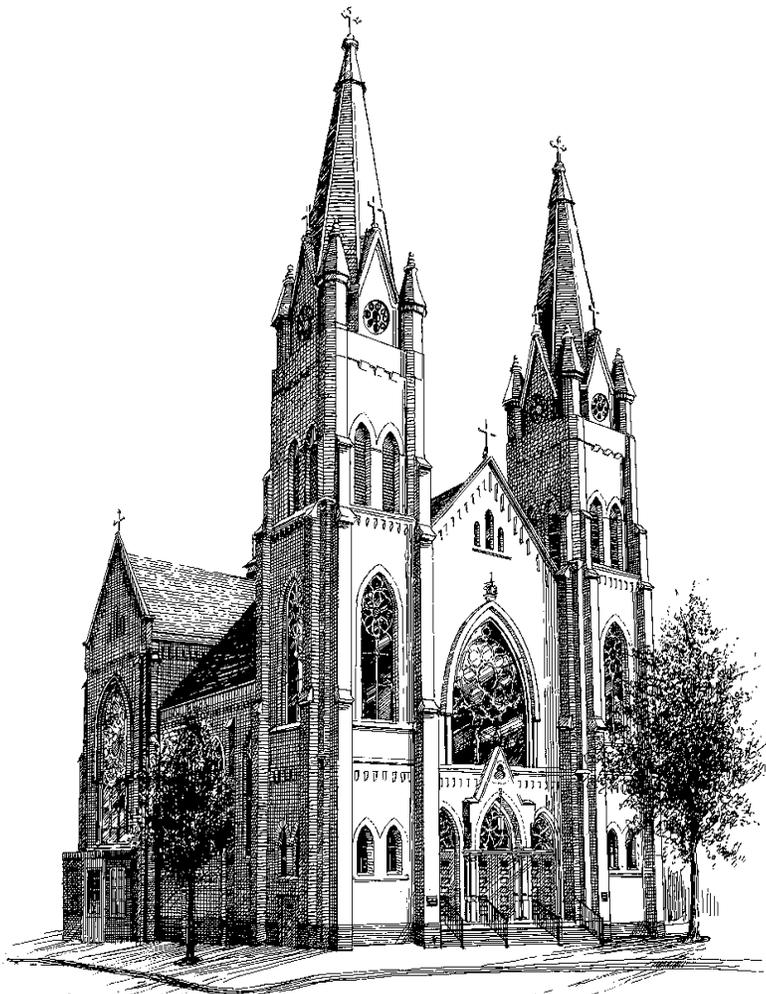
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August 23, 2020 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Established 1890 ~ Church Dedicated 1905

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

Deacon Ray Zolanz

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 Thursday: 6:30 p.m.

Purgatorial Society Mass

Adoration: Sunday 3:00-4 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

(in Saint Pope John Paul II Chapel)

Monday - Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession on Saturday
from 3:00-3:45 p.m.

and weeknights before Mass

Parish Office Business Hours

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only

until further notice



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Notes from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Chapters 1-39 of the book of Isaiah record the prophecies and oracles of a court prophet known as Isaiah of Jerusalem. For forty or fifty years, Isaiah called the leaders and people of Judah to rely on God's promises rather than their own human designs. The backdrop of today's reading is King Hezekiah's revolt against the Assyrian overlords in 701 BCE. As 2 Kings 18 recounts, Shebna, the scribe and master of the palace, had been part of the embassy to the envoys of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria. God chastises Shebna, who glories in his chariots and disgraces the king's house (Isaiah 11:18). In punishment, Shebna will not be buried in the tomb he has so carefully made for himself. Rather, God will toss him away like a ball to die. The symbol of power—the key of the House of David—will be given instead to a more worthy servant, Eliakim. In Matthew's Gospel, it is Peter who will be given the keys of authority, keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Paul's Letter to the Romans echoes the acknowledgment of Job, who, after enduring hardship, comes to learn that God's gifts are beyond our repayment (Job 41:3). But Paul's expression is not rooted in the experience of suffering, but of joy. The Gentiles have come to faith through the mercy of God (Romans 11:13-15). This unlikely occurrence is indeed evidence of God's unsearchable ways.

The Gospel reading demonstrates the inscrutability of God's judgments. It is not to a notable Pharisee, educated scribe, or pious priest that Jesus trusts the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Rather, a fisherman from Galilee, known to doubt (Matthew 14:31), is called "Rock" and becomes the foundation of the church. But as the first reading recorded, God vests with power and authority only those worthy of the task. The term translated as "church" comes from the Greek *ekklesia*, which means an assembly, and is a synonym for synagogue. Matthew's community may have been excluded from worship in the synagogue because of their confession of Jesus as the Messiah. Thus, the Jewish Christians gather in a new synagogue, which they call "church." Peter stands as the foundation of this new assembly, "and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

MIRACULOUS MEDAL PRAYER

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for those who do not have recourse to thee, especially the enemies of the Church and those recommended to thee. Amen.

Kochani Parafianie

Prorok Izajasz w pierwszym czytaniu dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa przedstawia jedno z tych wydarzeń, którymi wielu ludzi żyje dziś w ojczyźnie naszej: zwolnienie z pracy. Ale zwolnionego ma zastąpić ktoś inny, o wiele bardziej wydatny. Starsi komentatorzy Pisma Św. uważają, że ten zwolniony z pracy zarządca pałacu symbolizuje starotestamentalne Prawo, zaś nowo przyjęty – to przyszły Mesjasz. To do niego odnosi się słowa: "Będzie ojcem dla mieszkańców Jeruzalem oraz dla domu Judy... Stanie się tronem chwały dla domu swego ojca."

O Mesjaszu mówi także dzisiejsza Ewangelia, która zwykle się czasem nazywa relacją z przebiegu pierwszego egzaminu, jakiego zostali poddani apostołowie. Był to egzamin z wiedzy o Jezusie i sam Jezus był egzaminatorem. Zadał od apostołów najprzód orientowania się w ówczesnych kierunkach chrystologicznych. Pierwsze pytanie brzmiało: Za kogo ludzie uważają Syna Człowieczego? Krzącać wówczas poglądy na temat posłannictwa i osoby Jezusa apostołowie zrelacjonowali poprawnie, ale Jezus uznał owe teorie za błędne. Drugie pytanie dotyczyło nie tylko teoretycznej wiedzy, lecz także osobistego przekonania apostołów: A wy za kogo Mnie uważacie? W imieniu wszystkich poprawnie odpowiedział Piotr: Tyś jest Mesjasz, Syn Boga żywego.

Ponieważ apostołowie wykazywali się dostateczną wiedzą o Jezusie, nadszedł czas wyposażenia jednego z nich w specjalną władzę.

Na razie Jezus obiecuje, że taka władza obdarzy właśnie Piotra. Będzie to władza nigdy i nigdzie dotąd nie spotykana: decyzje Piotra podejmowane na ziemi będą respektowane także w niebie, co oznacza, że będzie jej aprobował sam Pan Bóg.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

August 15-16 \$2,999

Weekly Offertory Envelopes—\$2,579
& Special Collections—\$420

We thank all of you who are contributing to the support of your Parish Church and are using your weekly envelopes every Sunday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

Remember, we now offer online giving to make it even easier for you to contribute. For details visit www.sthedwigde.org. Thank you!

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A Parish Council meeting will be held in Msgr. Gulcz Hall on Wednesday, **September 2nd**. The meeting will begin immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass in the Chapel. All members are encouraged to attend.



**REMEMERING LOVED ONES
SANCTUARY LAMP
INTENTIONS**

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions are available for 2020 and can be reserved for a deceased relative or friend or for a living intention for a loved one. To reserve the sanctuary lamp/candle for a week, call the Parish Office at 594-1400, ext. 0. Offering is \$20 for the week and each lamp/candle will burn from Sunday through the following Saturday for the intention listed in the bulletin each week.



LABOR DAY
September 7th
Mass at 9:00 a.m.
(in Church)

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th. Have a safe and happy holiday! No evening Mass on Labor Day!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember the sick of our parish in your daily prayers; especially those in a hospital or nursing home. Pray for the sick & also their caregivers.

**PRAYER TO
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PARISH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED!

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

No evening hours!

It has been a challenging few months as we worked to navigate operating our parish under the challenges of COVID-19. Thankfully the staff has remained safe and healthy. If you plan to visit the Office in person, we ask you wear a face covering (mask) when you stop in.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Are you looking for a way to educate your children in their Catholic faith? St. Hedwig Religious Education Program (CCD) will prepare them for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Class begins in September. Registration information will be available in August. For more information about registering your child for class this fall, call the Parish Office at 302-594-1400, ext. 0.

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

POLISH-AMERICAN FESTIVAL IS CANCELED

The Annual Polish-American Festival at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA., is canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In lieu of the Festival this year we invite you to join us for an online telethon on Monday, September 7, 2020 to For more information visit the shrine website at www.czestochowausa.com.

CEMETERY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Looking to hire two seasonal employees, one for Cathedral Cemetery and one for All Saints. Work week will consist of 40 hours a week weather permitting. Pay Rate \$12.70 per hour. Hours 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. M-F. All of the work week is spent working outdoors primarily on lawn maintenance and landscaping. Background check and drug test will be required. Length of employment a minimum of three months, up to six months. If interested, call Mark Christian at 302-516-7616, or send an email to mchristian@cathcemde.org.



**19TH ANNIVERSARY
MASS
OF REMEMBRANCE
TO COMMEMORATE
SEPT. 11TH**

The 19th Anniversary Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated here at St. Hedwig Church at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, 2020. We

invite you to join as Bishop Francis Malooly will commemorate the 19th anniversary Mass of Remembrance. September 11th is a day of remembrance for those that lost their lives, and for those who gave their lives.



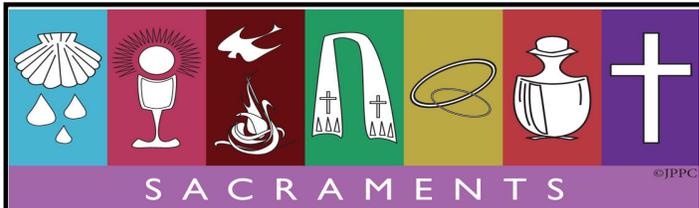
IN REMEMBRANCE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Weekly Mass Intentions



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Monday, 6:30pm	August 24 Benjamin Vicario int. Rosalie Ragan
Tuesday, 6:30pm	August 25 John, Emily and Samuel Mento int. Sadie Okoniewski
Wednesday, 6:30pm	August 26 Margaret (anniv.) and John Blaschko int. Family
Thursday, 6:30pm	August 27 Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Hedwig Church & St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
Saturday, 8:00am 4:00pm	August 29 Souls in Purgatory Stephen Siemienski (birthday) int. daughters, Beatrice and Dorothy
Sunday, 9:00am 11:30am 4:00pm	August 30 † Twenty-Second Neuwiem & Szczepanski Families int. Family Katarzyna Kurowska int. friend, Bozena Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Hedwig Church & St. Stanislaus Kostka Church



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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—Thursday 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.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN "ACTIVE CATHOLIC?" Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, one must be registered and in our parish records, attend Mass regularly, & be committed to a stewardship of time/talent/treasure. If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please consider filling out a registration/census form located on the table in the back of the Church.

Parish Membership: We welcome new parishioners and all who wish to join our Parish Family. To register, call or visit the Parish Office. Registration forms are available on the table in the back of the Church. Please drop the form in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Holy Rosary Society: Members attend Mass monthly on the Sunday following First Friday. Recitation of the Rosary begins one-half hour before Mass. New members are always welcome. For more information call the Parish Office at 302-594-1400, ext. 0.

Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul Council 7608: Meets the second Tuesday of every month. Mass at 6:30 pm in the Chapel, followed by meeting. New members welcome. Contact John Kwiatkowski, Grand Knight.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Prayer Group: Meets on Thursday evenings immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass in the Chapel. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

The Gift that Keeps on Giving: In your will you can remember your loved ones and the institutions that have been important in your life. We hope St. Hedwig merits your consideration.

† Sanctuary Lamp †



signifying the Eucharistic Presence of
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
will burn this week for the
Living Intentions & Blessings of Health
for

Beverly Smyk

as requested by her godmother, Fran Golden



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- ELECTRONIC GIVING •

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- Engages younger generations and encourages consistent stewardship

HOW DOES IT BENEFIT YOU?

- It's easy, convenient, and safe—it uses the latest encryption technologies to protect your private information
- Allows you to give any amount, at any time—from home or on the road—from your computer or mobile device

To sign up today, go to our parish website: stthedwigde.org and click on



For assistance in set up with online giving, you may contact online tech support at 1-877-393-3330. A flyer with detailed information about myEoffering is available for pick-up on the table in the back of the Church.



**ST. HEDWIG
2020
POLISH
FESTIVAL
IS
CANCELED!**

We regret to announce the cancelation of the 2020 Polish Festival due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision was not reached easily for a number of reasons. With so much going on and uncertainty with the pandemic and requirements of social distancing, the State of Delaware's restrictions on gatherings and large crowds, and CDC Guidelines, we thought it would be safer not to have the 2020 festival this year.

We look forward to seeing you in 2021!

The Dialog

THE DIALOG NEWSPAPER

On Friday, August, 14th, the Dialog once again began publishing and delivering the print edition to parishes throughout the Diocese. It's the first in-print version of the newspaper since mid-March as restrictions were put in place to limit the spread of coronavirus.

The Dialog newspaper is located on the table in the back of the Church and in the box on the wall at all exit doors. The Dialog is printed and delivered bi-weekly. Remember to pick up a copy on your way out of Church today.