



St. Hedwig Church

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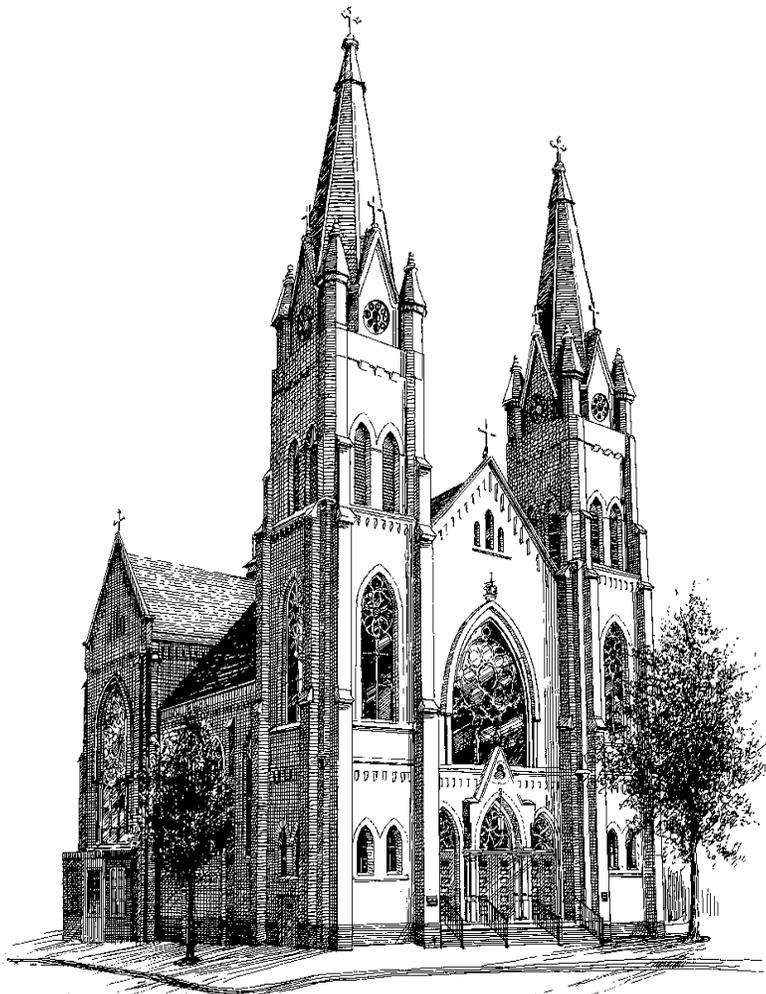
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Fr. Tomasz Pietrzak SChr
Assistant 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



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Notes from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today's first reading comes from the section of the book of Exodus that introduces God's covenant with Israel. Once the people have been purified, the Ten Commandments are presented. A further discussion of individual laws outlines how the people are to live. Finally, the community solemnly assents to the laws of the covenant. Today's passage focuses on the legally helpless—the widow, orphan, alien—and the impoverished. The covenant of God requires that Israel respond with compassion, because God has shown them compassion.

The second reading continues Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul praises the believers because they have become imitators of Paul and of the Lord, models for those in Macedonia and Achaia. What they imitate and model is their willingness to undergo affliction for the sake of their belief. Formerly pagans, they now serve the true God, awaiting Jesus' return. Paul's letters reveal some of the personal costs early Christians had to endure for their new faith. Pagan rituals and traditions imbued every aspect of personal and public life. To turn to the living God meant turning one's back on the old ones, and those who worshiped them.

Matthew 21:23-22:45 is series of controversy stories and parables. Jesus is beset by adversaries in the temple area who seek the discredit Him and eventually plot His death. Immediately before today's reading, the Sadducees had challenged Jesus about the existence of resurrection from the dead. The Pharisees, who had previously co-opted the Herodians, now join in support of the Sadducees (22:34). Matthew recounts that despite their own philosophical and religious differences, several groups within Judaism find common ground in their distrust of Jesus. In today's passage, when asked which commandment is the greatest, Jesus replies as would be expected of a faithful Jew, citing the words of Deuteronomy 6:5. He then adds a second, "love your neighbor," from Leviticus 19:18. The combination of these two commandments may have already been recognized in first-century Judaism. Here in the Gospel of Matthew, they demonstrate that despite what his adversaries believe, Jesus is a faithful Jew, confirming what He had said earlier: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill" (5:17).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie

W dzisiejszym pierwszym czytaniu z Księgi Wyjścia czytamy o nakazach danych przez Boga samego odnośnie traktowania miłosiernego cudzoziemców, wdow, sierot, osob ubogich. Jak ten temat jest zawsze aktualny i stosunek do tego tematu wiecznie niezmienny. Nie wolno nam zmieniać miłosiernego podejścia do osob w potrzebie, bo naszym doczesnym miłosierdziem najpewniej zarabiamy na miłosierne wieczne.

W drugim czytaniu św. Paweł kieruje słowa do Tesaloniczan, ktorzy chwali, że mimo ucisku i trudu z radością dana im przez Ducha Świętego naśladować meźnie naukę Chrystusa i przez to stają się wzorem dla innych wierzących. Dzięki ich posłusznej przemianie jest głośnie wszędzie o synu Boga. Są to słowa pocieszenia także dla nas, wtedy zwłaszcza gdy jesteśmy oskarżeni już nie tylko o złe czyny, ale także o nieczyste zamiary?

W Ewangelii dzisiejszej Jezus wystawiany jest na próbę przez faryzeuszów zadających Mu pytanie "Nauczycielu, które przykazanie w Prawie jest największe?" Jezus odpowiada: "Będziesz miłował Pana Boga swego całym swoim sercem, całą swoją duszą i całym swoim umysłem." Jezus zaznacza, że to jest pierwsze i największe przykazanie. Drugie podobne do niego to: "Będziesz miłował swego bliźniego jak siebie samego." Podkreśla Jezus, że na tych dwóch przykazaniach opiera się całe Prawo i Proroctwo

Mimo, że miłość jest najważniejsza to jak często jest sponiewierana. W osobie Jezusa Chrystusa miłość została przybita do krzyża.

Drodzy moi! Wszystkie trzy czytania z dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa mówią o miłości. Wszystkie skłaniają nas do tego, abysmy sobie codziennie przeprowadzali rachunek sumienia z naszej miłości do Boga i bliźniego. Amen.

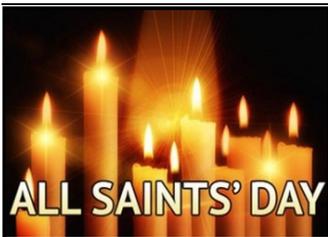
Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

Every penny counts!

Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
October 17-18 \$2,782
 Weekly Offertory Envelopes—\$2,540
 & Special Collections—\$242

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



Sunday, November 1st

† **ALL SAINTS DAY** †

Mass will be celebrated at :

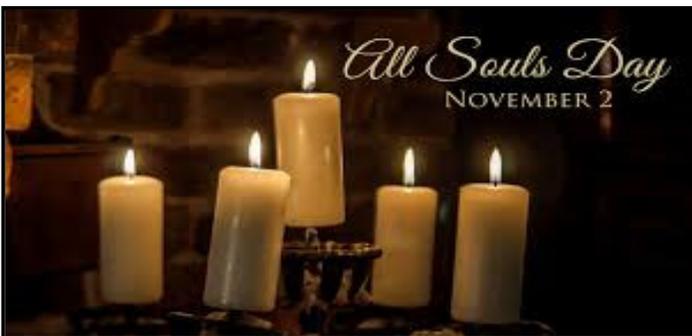
9:00 a.m.

11:30a.m. (Polish)

& 4:00 p.m.

All Saints Day is a solemnity celebrated on the 1st of November, in honor of all the saints, known and unknown.

Celebrating *All Saints Day* by attending Mass is a wonderful way to honor the saints, who constantly intercede with God for us.



**ALL SOULS DAY
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

will be held on Monday, November 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Hedwig Church. Join us as we remember our loved ones, friends, and those who have passed away from our parish family, especially during the past 12 months. All Souls Day Mass Intention envelopes will be placed on the altar of sacrifice during the month of November. Envelopes are available at all Church exits. Fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

SOCIAL DISTANCING IN OUR CHURCH



PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH.

ONLY SIT IN THE PEWS MARKED WITH A WHITE BOW. THANK YOU.

FATHER TOMASZ IS LIVE!

Father Tomasz is LIVE on the parish Facebook page! To hear his homilies, listen to his videos and see his daily posts, we invite you to visit us at

<https://www.facebook.com/sthedwigde/>

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others* invites each of us to open our eyes and recognize Him in those who seek our help.

For most of us, seeing Christ in some of the people we meet during our life is challenging. However, this is exactly what we are called to do, what Jesus told us to do when He said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Through the charitable, pastoral and educational ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, we see the face of Christ in those served – the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children and our elderly.

For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.

OUR PARISH TARGET IS \$23,000

PLEDGES TO DATE \$19,995 (86.93%)

AMOUNT COLLECTED TO DATE

\$18,655

Please help us reach our target! Every dollar counts!

LAST WEEKEND-BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLES

This weekend is your last chance to support Birthright's Bottle for Babies annual fundraiser. Baby Bottles are on the table in the back of the Church. Every October during Respect Life Month, Birthright of Delaware has its annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser. Please take a bottle home, fill it with your loose change, cash or check and return it by November 8th in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Thank you for supporting Birthright.



STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT

\$42,419

received to date

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED!

\$125,000 is needed to complete the work to restore the exterior steeple flashings and also the roofs and lead-copper flashings and also the complete restoration of the two (2) steeple crosses at the very top.

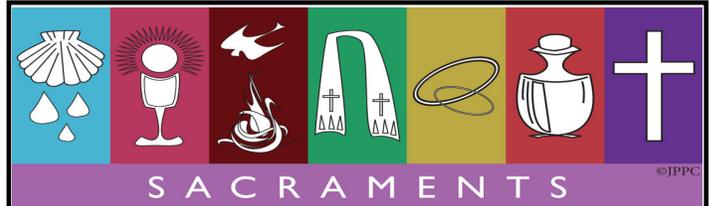
All donations, large and small, are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

Weekly Mass Intentions



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- Monday, October 26**
6:30pm Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Hedwig Church & St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
- Tuesday, October 27**
6:30pm Living Intentions & Blessings for President Trump & Family int. Patricia Smith
- Wednesday, October 28**
6:30pm Milton B. McGuire int, Gary & Coleen Michalowski
- Thursday, October 29**
6:30pm Souls in Purgatory
- Friday, October 30**
6:30pm Living Intentions & Blessings of Health for all of our Parishioners who are sick
- Saturday, October 31**
8:00am Sister Mary Laetitia Okoniewski
4:00pm Francis Stawicki int. Marie & Terry Pierse
- Sunday, November 1 † All Saints Day**
9:00am Deceased Members of the Murphy Family int. Sandy & John Murphy
11:30am Zofia & Jozef Pawtowski int. Dzieci & Rodzina
4:00pm Mary Walsh (3rd anniv.) int. Siblings



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 in loving memory of

**Mary S. Matuszewski
Eugene Matuszewski
& Karen F. Matuszewski**

as requested by Son and Brother,
Robert Matuszewski

All Souls Day



IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SOULS

FROM ST. HEDWIG

YOU ARE INVITED...

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
ALL SOULS DAY**

on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
at St. Hedwig Church

As we gather on this All Souls Day and throughout the month of November, let us pray for all our deceased loved ones who were buried from our parish since the last All Souls Day. We also remember all those who we love and mourn and were buried away from here. May they and all who have died in Christ, find light and peace in the presence of God forever: **WE PRAY TO THE LORD.**

Helen Baginski	Helen Szperka
Dorothy Darwicki	Aniela Szramiak
John Kosinski	Sister Lateitia Okoniewski
Stanley Bartkowski	Ruth Ann NeCastro
Robert Siter	Edward Kazmerck
Barbara Connolly	Francis Miller
Stanley Brozoski	Jaime Beltran, Sr.
Dolores Malascalza	Francis Duszak
Dorothy Okoniewski	Joseph Sadlowski
Edward Dabrowski	Maria Aleksander
Kathleen Schelich	Dolores Becker
Theresa Thomas	Julia Rydel
Loretta Ebbeson	Ann Deputy
Brian Maykut	

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen*