



St. Hedwig Church

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Parish Office

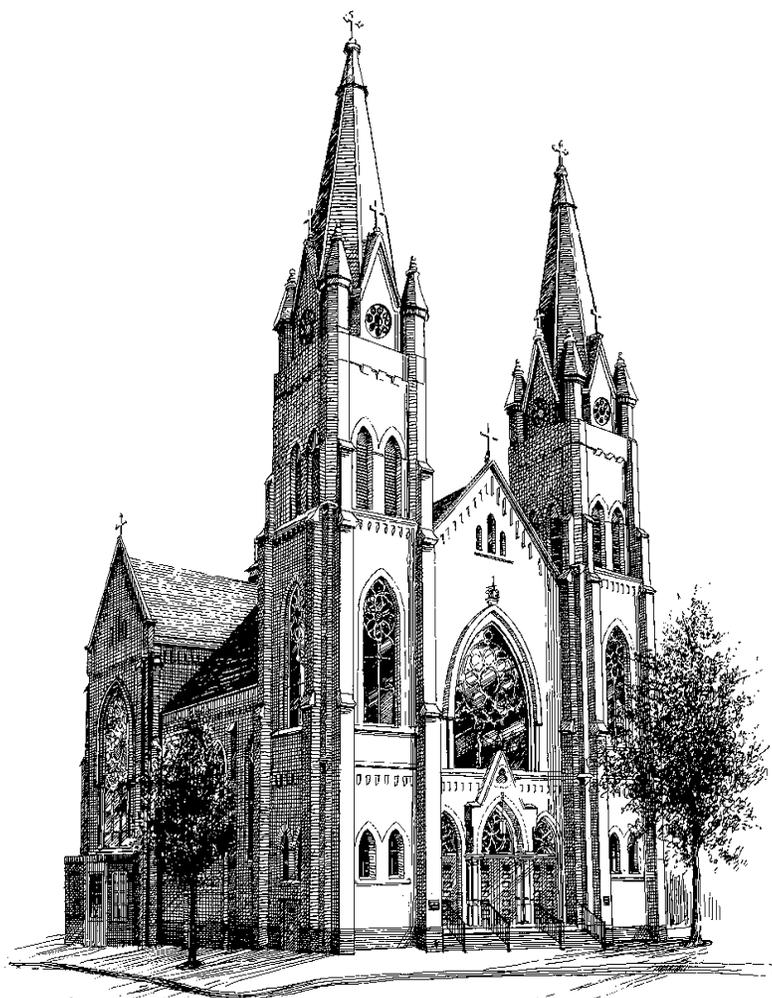
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August 30, 2020 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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 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 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



Notes from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In today's first reading, Jeremiah laments his prophetic vocation. God has tricked him and Jeremiah allowed it. Now he is an object of laughter and mockery. Jeremiah preached to the people of Judah shortly before the destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of the Babylonians in the sixth century BCE. The book of the prophet Jeremiah reveals the costs of being a spokesperson for God. His enemies—the very people to whom he is sent to prophesy—dig a pit in which to snare him (Jeremiah 18:20). He is thrown into a cistern and left for dead (Jeremiah 38:16). God forbade him to marry and have a family (Jeremiah 16:2). The repeated rebukes and derisions lead Jeremiah to regret the day he was born (Jeremiah 20: 17-18). Nonetheless, the prophet admits, “Your words were my joy, the happiness of my heart” (Jeremiah 15:16).

Christians are to offer themselves as a living sacrifice, urges Paul in the second reading. In the Jewish tradition, the priest offered grain, incense, or animals as sacrifices in the temple. But Christians themselves are to become the offering, holy and pleasing to God. Paul encourages the mostly Gentile community of Rome to use their head, so to speak. They are to discern God's desire, and they are to avoid the trappings and temptations of the current age. As the letter continues, Paul warns against exalted thinking and encourages everyone to think soberly, according to the measure of faith given them by God (Romans 12:3).

In the first of three prophecies (Matthew 16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19), Jesus predicts what awaits him in Jerusalem in today's Gospel passage. As Jeremiah suffered on account of God's word, so too will Jesus at the hands of the religious authorities. Peter, upon whom Jesus had just recently bestowed authority (Matthew 16:18), rebukes him. Jesus' response is sharp. Peter is Satan and a stumbling block. The Greek word translated as “stumbling block” is skandalon, from which we get the word “scandal”. Peter scandalizes Jesus by his attempt to prevent the plan of God. In response to Peter's misunderstanding, Jesus explains the expectations of discipleship. Disciples must take up their cross and follow Jesus, even unto death. But upon the return of the Son of Man, each will be repaid according to his or her conduct.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

REMEMBER to PRAY
when STARTING your DAY!

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie

Uogólniac rzecz cokolwiek można by powiedzieć, że w dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa mowa jest o trudach albo wręcz o dramatach posłannictwa apostołsko-kapłanskiego. O dramacie albo poprostu o tragedii swojego życia mówi wiele razy prorok Jeremiasz. Boleje nad tym, że dał się uwieść, przez co stał się posmiewiskiem i pogardą dla ludzi. Dlaczego? Bo musiał im z całą surowością wypominać ich grzechy, zapowiadać smutną przyszłość i wzywać do nawrócenia. Nikt tego nie lubi. To grozi czasem utratą życia. Ale czy można się sprzeniewierzyć posłaniu Bożemu? Jeremiasz też nie był w stanie oprzeć się powołaniu Bożemu.

A w związku z niechęcią współczesnych Jeremiasza do jego osoby przypomina się nam obecny Polski anykterykalizm. Może Kościół jest też nie lubiany dlatego, że potępia aborcję, zwalcza rozwiązłość moralną, nie zgadza się na rozwody?

Św. Paweł w drugim czytaniu – zachęca wszystkich wiernych do tego, aby traktowali swoje życie jak posługę kapłana składającego Bogu ofiarę. Mówi: “Abyscie dali ciała wasze na ofiarę żywą, świętą, Bogu przyjemną.”

Apostoł przewiduje, że to też nie wszystkim się podoba, nie podoba się światu. Ale zaraz dodaje, że posłannictwo wyznawców Chrystusa nie na tym polega, żeby swoje życie naginać do filozofii tego świata, lecz żeby próbować przekształcać świat tak, iżby się stawał coraz bardziej królestwem Bożym na ziemi.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

August 22-23 \$2,588

Weekly Offertory Envelopes—\$1,988
& Special Collections—\$600

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.sthedwidge.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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM CLASS WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER!

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 will begin in October due to Covid-19 Guidelines that are still being worked out. Registration information will be available on the table in the back of the Church in early September. For more information about registering your child for class this fall, call the Parish Office at 302-594-1400, ext. 0.



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!

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA ICON

The beautiful handmade icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa that is displayed on the Blessed Mother altar this weekend, is in memory of Walentyna Wojciechowska from her daughter Ewa and son-in-law David, for the feast day of Our Lady of Czestochowa which was celebrated on August 26th.



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.

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!

STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT

\$30,225

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.

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.

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. For more information visit the shrine website at www.czestochowausa.com.

Weekly Mass Intentions



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Monday, 6:30pm	August 31 Phil Heery
Tuesday, 6:30pm	September 1 Amelia Szramiak
Wednesday, 6:30pm	September 2 Charles Pietras (anniversary) int. Margie, Mary Ann and Helena
Thursday, 6:30pm	September 3 St. Hedwig Purgatorial Society Members
Saturday, 8:00am	September 5 Deceased Members of the Milowicki Family int. Family
	4:00pm Olgierd Musik (2nd anniversary) int. Aneta Grocholska
Sunday, 9:00am	September 6 † Twenty-Third Sunday Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Society
11:30am	Regina Jablonska int. Barbara and Henryk
4:00pm	David Babiarcz int. cousin, Fran Golden

When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus. *St. Rose of Lima*

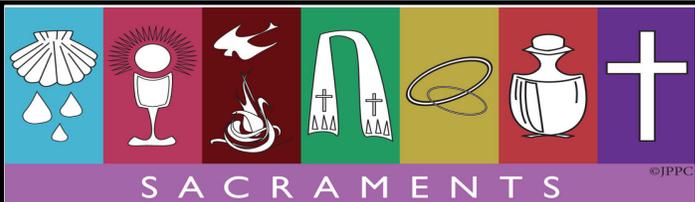
† Sanctuary Lamp †



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

Dorothy Zaremba

as requested by her sister, Fran



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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.



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- ELECTRONIC GIVING •

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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 free 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.