



St. Hedwig Church

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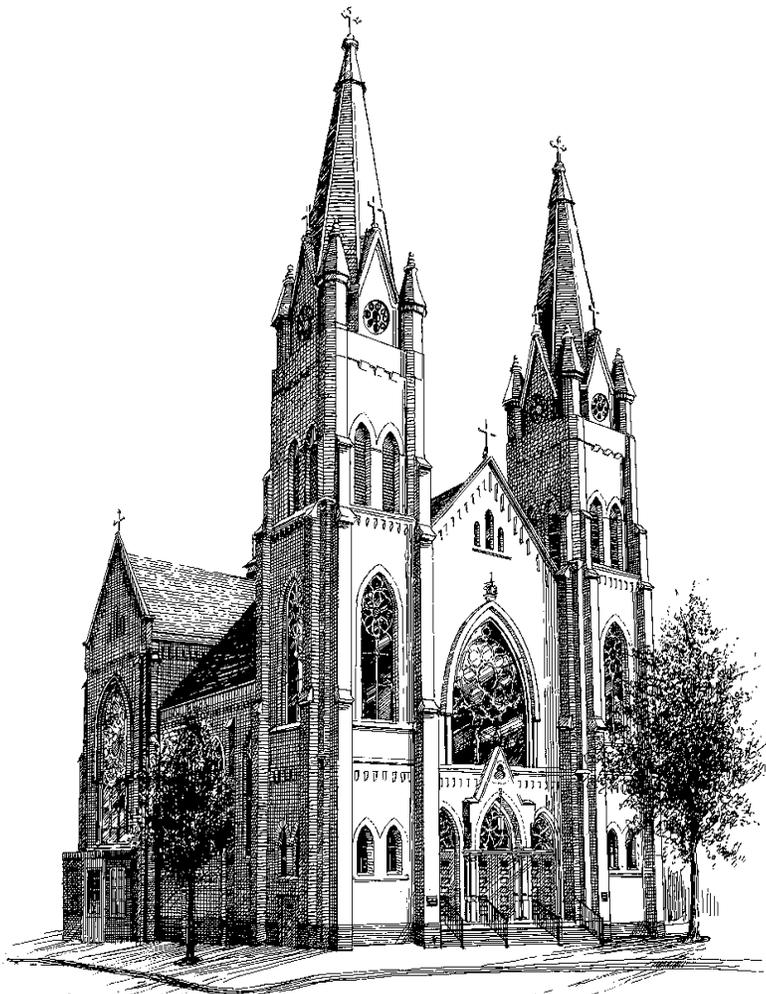
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August 9, 2020 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 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

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

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

until further notice



Notes from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Elijah the Tishbite had the unlucky fate of being a prophet of Israel's God. In the previous chapter, he had challenged the prophets of Ba'al, the Canaanite storm god (1 Kings 18). A drought had descended on the land, and each prophetic camp was to demonstrate its supremacy by having its deity bring rain. After the unsuccessful attempt by the prophets of Ba'al, Elijah prayed to God and rain fell, ending the drought. Elijah then slaughtered the prophets, inciting the wrath of Queen Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab. In today's reading, Elijah has fled to the mountain of Horeb (known as Sinai in some texts). He discovers that despite the powerful actions that God has wrought through him, the presence of God is most keenly felt in a whisper.

The second reading is a continuation of Paul's Letter to the Romans. Addressed to a mostly Gentile community, Paul answers questions about the role and fate of Israel in God's divine plan. The refusal of Israel to accept Jesus as the Christ was a constant sorrow for the apostle. So strong was his heartbreak that in today's reading he would suffer separation from Christ if it would bring Israel to true righteousness, which comes not from works of the law but from faith in God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is able to find time for prayer, which had been interrupted by the crowds (Matthew 14:14). Oddly, the disciples have gone off in the boat without him. When he sees the boat being tossed by the sea, he walks toward it on the water. Into Mark's version, Matthew inserts the story of Peter's attempt to walk on the water. Jesus' question to Peter, "Why did you doubt?" would have resonated with the community of Matthew, which saw Peter as its founding leader. The community could take heart that though Peter struggled, he could respond with the others in the boat, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). So too could they surmount their own doubt, hearing Jesus' words to the disciples as if addressed them: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

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.

† Slowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie

Ktoż z nas nie pragnął choć raz w życiu spotkać się z Bogiem? Marzenie o takim spotkaniu ogarnia nas szczególnie wtedy, gdy czytamy biblijne dzieje Abrahama, Jakuba, Mojżesza i tylu proroków. Jakże oni byli blisko i na co dzień z Bogiem! Eliaż należał też do grona takich szczęśliwców.

Bog pojawił się Eliażowi w okolicznościach wyjątkowych: nie podczas burzy rozwalającej góry, nie przy akompaniowaniu trzęsienia ziemi, nie towarzyszyły temu ukazaniu się Boga płomienie ognia, lecz wtedy ukazał się Bog, gdy z lekka tylko powiewał łagodny wietrzyk. Z pewnością nie wtedy spodziewał się Eliaż Boga.

Chyba ma to w nas też wzbudzać tęsknotę za ciszą, za zewnętrznym spokojem, a zwłaszcza za wewnętrznym ładem. Może właśnie w takich warunkach nam również najłatwiej będzie usłyszeć głos Boga?

Najważniejsze jest jednak to, żebyśmy się nigdy nie pozbywali tego pragnienia, zobaczenia Boga. Przecież po to w ogóle zostaliśmy stworzeni, żeby oglądać Boga.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

August 1-2 \$2,126

Offertory Envelopes—\$1,990
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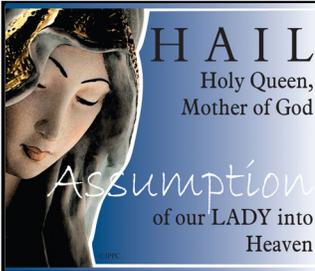
We thank all of you who are contributing to the support of your Parish Church and are using your weekly envelopes every Sunday. We are most grateful for all who have been sending in their envelopes to the Rectory. So many of you have been so very generous to our Parish during this Pandemic and it is much appreciated. May Your generosity be 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!

Thank you for your regular contributions



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th, is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The Holy

Day of Obligation is suspended when the solemnity falls on a Saturday or Monday. Morning Mass on August 15th will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel. The Sunday Vigil Mass is at 4:00 p.m. in Church.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven (also known as the Assumption) at the end of her earthly life is very important dogma of the Catholic Church. According to the beliefs Mary was bodily taken up into Heaven after her life.



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.



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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Please help our Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington by your generous donation during the special collection being taken in all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore on the weekend of August 15th & 16th. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Malooly has been live-streaming weekend Masses from our Cathedral. You can view the Masses at YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm. Your financial support will help us upgrade our live-streaming equipment and keep the effort going strong. If you would like to give a one-time or ongoing gift directly to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, please visit cathedralofstpeter.com/donate. We thank you for your support.

"CATHOLICS COME HOME?"

Find answers to questions about Catholicism, Confession and more. You will also find a young adult section and a section with information for your children. Choose a language: English, Polish, Spanish, French, Italian and more. Visit www.catholicscomehome.org.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR NEW BULLETIN! WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A SPONSOR?

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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT ST. HEDWIG CHURCH

Congratulations on your engagement and the decision to celebrate a commitment of life with each other in the Sacrament of Marriage. We at St. Hedwig Church would be happy to share our Church with you on the occasion of one of the most important days in your life, when you accept from God His blessing in the Sacrament of Marriage. Parishioners and Non-Parishioners alike are welcome to be married at St. Hedwig Church. If you are interested in having your wedding here in the near future, you will need to set up an appointment to meet with the parish priest by calling the (302)594-1400, ext. 0.

Weekly Mass Intentions



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Monday, August 10
6:30pm Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Hedwig Church & St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

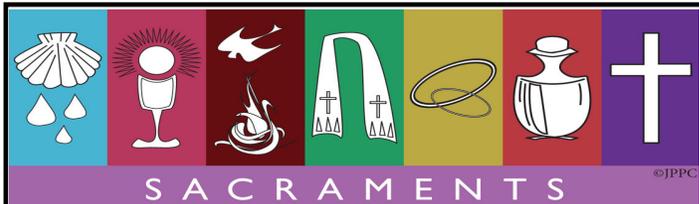
Tuesday, August 11
6:30pm Lech Molewski int. Family

Wednesday, August 12
6:30pm Joseph Pietras int. Margie, Mary Ann and Helena

Thursday, August 13
6:30pm Rev. Alex Gorski int. Rosary Society

Saturday, August 15 † Assumption of the BVM
8:00am John Zielinski int. wife, Theresa Zielinski
4:00pm Mary Ellen Olson and Joseph Frati (birthdays) int. Irene Olson & Family

Sunday, August 16 † Twentieth Sunday
9:00am Ruth Ann NeCastro
11:30am Jan Krzysiak int. Anna Boruta
4:00pm Healing Intentions & Blessings of Health for Father Andrew, Frank Krzanowski, Diane Naylor, Fran Golden, Gini Selner, Teresa Vivolo and Anna Kaminska



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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 in loving memory of

Marie Foskey

(2nd anniversary)

as requested by Gary and Suggie

August 9, 2020 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Back in June, a good friend sent me a video of something amazing. It seems an Amish farmer wanted to move his large pole barn to another place on his property. So, does he call in a moving company with heavy equipment? No! Instead he calls on about 300 of his closest friends, and they together actually lift the skeleton of the massive structure and walk it to the new location!

Viewed from a distance, the men's black clad legs are seen standing out from the bottom of the red building as they walk in unison following the directions of a leader. It's as if the building becomes a mammoth centipede! The video is worth downloading. For one thing, you will see the importance of "lending a hand" to a friend in need.

"Lending a hand" is precisely what Our Lord does in this week's chosen Gospel passage. A storm at sea is raging. Jesus has left His prayer place on the mountain and suddenly appears walking on the waves! When Peter catches sight of Him, He jumps out of the crowded boat onto the water and he takes a few tentative steps toward His Master. But all of a sudden, logic kicks in; awareness steps up, and Peter loses his confidence and begins to sink. Only when Jesus lends a hand to lift his friend up does the crisis end. (I often picture Jesus with a smile on His handsome Face, maybe even with an added chuckle, as color returns to Peter's scared face as he stands solidly again.)

Of course, it is the perfect opportunity for Our Lord to remind Peter that his faith needs a little updating. Some added depth. More strengthening private prayer.

Naturally, the Holy Spirit wants us to ask ourselves some probing questions as He presents this well-known gospel scene. When life puts us in some "rough water" we know who we can depend on. Such "stormy seas" will come to nearly all of us at one time or another. So, do we turn to God when it happens, or do we rely only on our instinct for self-preservation? Or the cleverly concocted myth of self-reliance that we eschews help? That Amish farmer knew better with his problem.

Without belaboring the obvious, I trust that we have all learned a lot about ourselves and our dependency upon each other during these months of the pandemic, with the probability of more months to come. Hopefully, you and I as believers have stepped up our reliance on God. We know in a brand new way that some problems are too much for our finite fiber to cope with, much less to solve. We need a helping hand. God's is the best.

Maybe you don't have 300 friends to call on to help solve your problem. But you do have One better than those by far. He once said: *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."* He never reneges on a promise, and is always there to lend His most powerful Hand. After all, *"problems are only opportunities with thorns on them."*

(Hugh Miller, Scottish scientist, d.1856.) God love you and give you His peace!