



St. Hedwig Church

408 S. Harrison Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19805

Parish Office

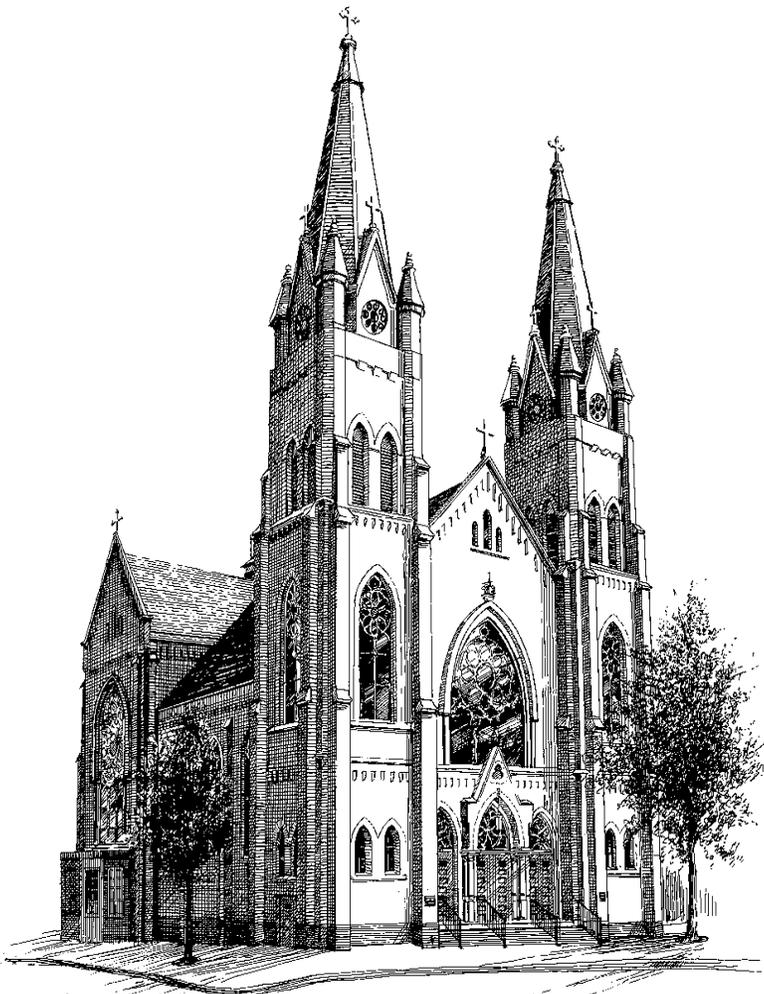
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July 19, 2020 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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,

The book of Wisdom is traditionally attributed to King Solomon, and much of ancient Near Eastern wisdom teachings concern the proper role of the king. In today's reading, God is the exemplar that a good ruler is to follow. God's might is the source of justice, but a justice that allows for clemency. God's people have been taught that justice is preceded by kindness. Thus sinners have hope that God will accept true repentance.

In the second reading, Paul writes of the Spirit's aid in "our weakness". In Romans 8:18, Paul explained, "the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." Paul and other early Christians believed in apocalyptic eschatology, which held that the present age – filled with sin and suffering – would be replaced by the age to come. This new age would be initiated by the Messiah and completed when Son of Man returned to judge the living and the dead. "Our weakness" is the difficulty of being in the flesh but of the Spirit. In other words, though believers are initiated into Christ and will share in the glories to come, until that time they cannot escape the trials and tribulations of this age. But the believers, caught between these two ages, are aided by the Spirit intercedes on their behalf.

The Gospel presents three parables of Jesus: the story of the wheat and weeds, and two briefer parables about the Kingdom of God. The latter two are found in Mark and Luke. The first one, however, is unique to Matthew. After good seed is sown in a field, and enemy secretly plants weeds. Both weeds and wheat grow together and are separated at the harvest. At the disciples' urging, Jesus explains the eschatological (end-times) meaning of the parable. The weeds are evildoers and those who have turned their back on the faith (apostasy). These will be cast into the fire, while the saints will enter the Kingdom. Matthew's community seems to have had an internal struggle among its membership. Rather than ripping out the weeds, the parable reminds Matthew's community that it is not they, but the Son of Man, who distinguishes the good from the bad.

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.

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie

Nie ma co ukrywać, że trwa już u nas kampania przedwyborcza. I dlatego bardzo na czasie jest to, co znajdujemy w pierwszym czytaniu z dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa. Szczególnie winni to sobie wziąć do serca ci wszyscy, którzy ubiegają się o udział w sprawowaniu władzy.

Otoż niech pamiętają, po pierwsze, że władza jest potrzebna po to, żeby mogła być przestrzegana sprawiedliwość społeczna, sprawiedliwość zaś na tym polega, że każdemu oddaje się to, co się mu należy.

Po drugie władze posiada się nie po to, żeby żyć ponad stan i nie liczyć się z nikim i niczym oprócz wszystkich dostatków. Nawet o Bogu, Stworcy i Władcy wszechrzeczy jest powiedziane: "Wszewładza Twoja sprawia, że wszystko oszczędzasz." To oszczędzanie dotyczy nie tylko rzeczy, lecz także ludzi. Oszczędzanie ludzi nazywa się wspaniałomyślnością i miłosierdziem władzy.

Ale – po trzecie – władza, uczciwie legalnie sprawowana – nie może być lekceważona. Zuchwałstwo świadomości lekceważących władze winno być dla dobra wspólnego słusznie poskramiane przez władze posiadających. Władza jest po to, żeby nie dochodziło do anarchii.

Lecz wtedy władza powinna być sprawowana łagodnie i z wielką oględnością. Władza nigdy nie może być mściwa.

I wreszcie po czwarte – władza nie może przekreślać nikogo, nawet jeśli komus zdarzyło się przekroczyć słusznie ustanowione prawo. Każdemu trzeba dać szansę nawrócenia.

Taka winna być i nasza władza. Wyborcy też powinni dolażyć staran, żeby sobie wybrać właśnie taką władzę.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

Every penny counts!



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

July 11-12 \$4,396

Offertory Envelopes—\$4,146
& Special Collections—\$250

Remember, we now offer online giving to make it even easier for you to contribute. For details visit www.sthedwigde.org. Your generosity is appreciated.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG

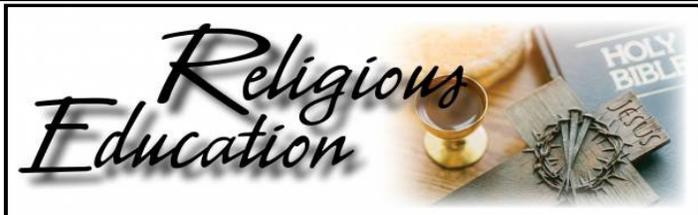


**BLESSING OF CARS
IN HONOR OF ST. CHRISTOPHER,
PATRON OF TRAVELERS**

In Commemoration of St. Christopher, patron of travelers and transportation, our parish will hold its annual vehicle blessing on the weekend of July 25th & 26th. Father will be on the sidewalk in front of the Church blessing cars after all Masses, and sprinkling them with holy water as they drive by the front of the Church on Harrison Street. New or old, come get your car blessed!

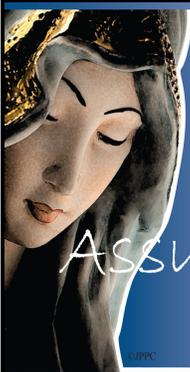
CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Are you a 7th, 8th or 9th grade student who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Are you willing to OPEN your HEART to encounter Christ and to be drawn into a deeper relationship with him? If so, contact Fr. Andrew or call the Parish Office at 594-1400, ext. 0. Class is held each week in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be held at St. Hedwig Parish on Sunday, September 27, 2020.



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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
We all need some TIME together!! Do you think that the lockdown has taught you some new things about your spouse? It is possible to get to know the person you married in an even more loving and compassionate way! Learn how on our next Marriage Encounter weekend which is November 6-8, 2020 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at www.wmedelmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.



HAIL
Holy Queen,
Mother of God
Assumption
of our LADY into
Heaven

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.



**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.

PRAYER GROUP
We welcome you to join us for prayer and faith sharing every Thursday evening in the parish hall, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass in the Chapel.



"At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.'"

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW BEFORE YOU LEAVE
Please remove everything you brought with you and any literature you may have picked up while here. ©JPPC

Weekly Mass Intentions



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Monday,	July 20
6:30pm	Mary Ferrari (9th anniversary) int. Neighbor
Tuesday,	July 21
6:30pm	John Trudnak int. Marie & Terry Pierser
Wednesday,	July 22
6:30pm	Living Intentions & Blessings of Health for Amanda Patz int. Mom and Dad
Thursday,	July 23
6:30pm	Theodore Pietras int. Margie, Mary Ann & Helena
Saturday,	July 25
8:00am	Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Hedwig Church & St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
4:00pm	Stefan Zyskowski (4th anniv.) int. Family
Sunday,	July 26 † Seventeenth Sunday
9:00am	Pawel Kadlubowski int. Aunt and Family
11:30am	Deceased Members of Misiura Family int. Janusz
4:00pm	Deceased Members of Klaczkiwicz Family

GOD NEVER TIRES OF FORGIVING US;
WE ARE THE ONES WHO TIRE OF
SEEKING HIS MERCY.
- POPE FRANCIS

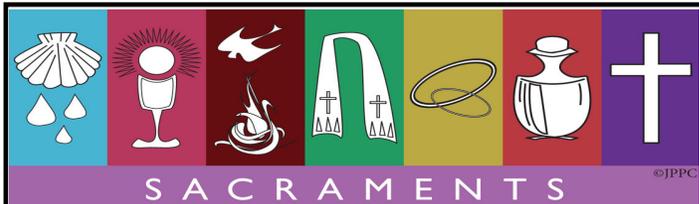
† Sanctuary Lamp †



signifying the Eucharistic Presence of
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
will burn this week in loving memory of

Walter Przybylek
(anniversary)

as requested by daughters, Fran and Dot



SACRAMENTS

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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.

July 19, 2020 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Oh, to think my morning bowl of Wheaties is filled with something grown on a field! I marvel when I think of all the steps involved in the notion of “farm to table.” I should never forget, first of all, the labor of farmers that is involved. Same goes for the railroad personnel, and the truckers and the grocery workers that link farm and my breakfast table. Our enemy the Covid 19 virus brought that home.

Jesus’ parable got me thinking about all this. I got to wondering just what Jesus intended in telling it. Certainly He is issuing a call to be patient in a world, indeed in His earth-bound kingdom, where both saints and sinners are allowed to flourish between now and Judgment Day. His leniency balances His justice.

That mustard seed which comes next and the yeast after that in Matthew’s compilation both teach us something more. When God’s plan is behind some effort, however small, there is a surprising effect on the whole world. May I suggest that there is comfort and peace in this fact?

There is still more, albeit a side effect in all three parables. We get to learn that God is present and active in even the little everyday events in our everyday lives. Poets seem to have a lock on this kind of perception, because they can look at ordinary things with a sense of wonder. That patch of wildflowers spread over the highway median gets missed so easily as we zoom past it over the legal speed limit. Yet we know the poets are right. Somewhere deep inside us is the truth that now and then we all have to stop, literally, and “smell the roses.”

One positive effect of the Covid 19 lockdown is that we are now compelled to stop or at least slow down long enough to take genuine notice of the people, places and things that make up the content of our lives. That’s what’s real. Any hectic self-imposed agenda is artificial.

There is a parallel here with the subtle spread of God’s peaceable kingdom in the world. His quiet power is always at work, fulfilling His plan for us as well as His whole Church. We just have to notice and marvel. That in turn energizes our hope and maximizes our love. Then we become that “good wheat” that He will gather into His barn.

Michael E. DeBakey, a heart surgeon, once observed: “For me, the solitude of early morning is the most precious time of day. There is a quiet serenity that disappears a few hours later with the hustle and bustle of the multitude. God has granted another day of life, another chance for me to do something worthwhile for humanity.” May I humbly suggest that you follow up such lofty thoughts as his while eating a healthy bowl of Wheaties?