



St. Hedwig Church

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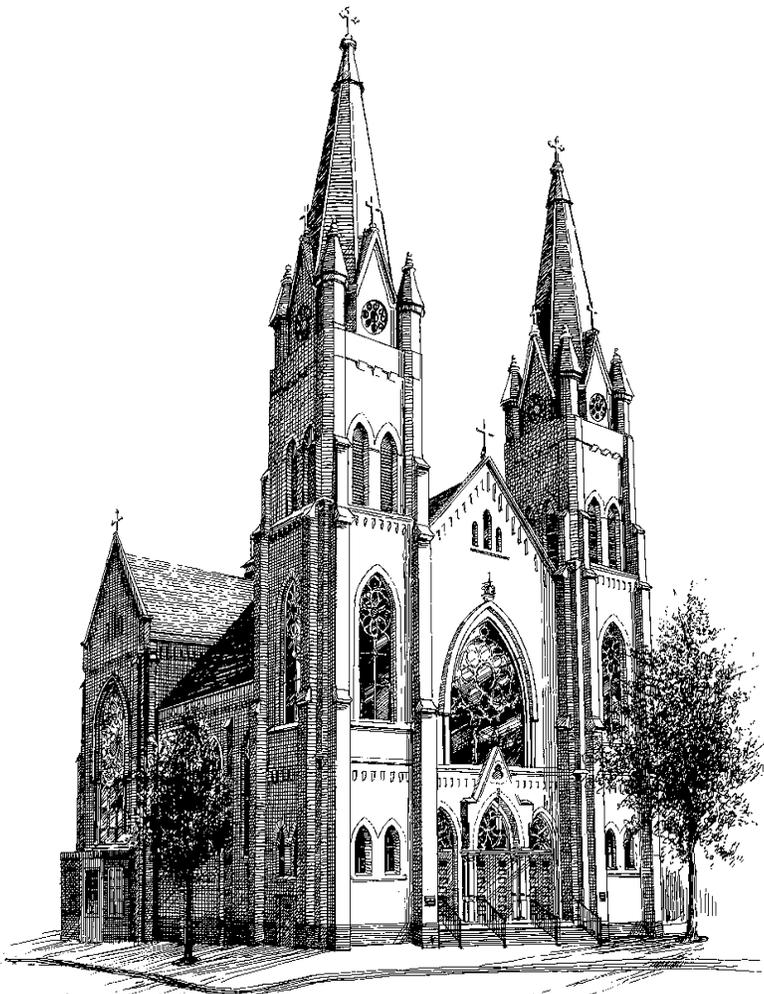
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October 18, 2020

TWENTY-NINTH 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 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



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Notes from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Second Isaiah, the anonymous prophet of the Exile, recognizes the Persian ruler Cyrus as God's servant who becomes Israel's redeemer. The term "anointed"-mashiach in the Hebrew – is also translated "messiah." Ordinarily in Israel, kings and priests were anointed. But Cyrus is given the title, since he acts as an agent of God, though he "knows him not." Cyrus is not simply another rising star on the horizon of history; his actions are directed by God for the sake of Jacob and Israel.

The First Letter to the Thessalonians is the oldest extant Pauline epistle, written while Paul was in Corinth around 52-53 CE (common era). Addressed to the community in Thessalonica, Paul tries to assuage their fears about the delay of the parousia (Jesus' second coming). Paul is joined by Silvanus and Timothy as co-writers. These three had also proclaimed the gospel among the Corinthians. In the thanksgiving section of the letter, which is ready today, the three complement the community for their work of faith, labor of love, and endurance in hope. Likely here and in 1 Thessalonians 5:8, we find the earliest mention of these Christian virtues.

Upon Jesus' arrival in the temple area, he had been questioned by the religious authorities, represented by the chief priest and elders. In today's reading, the Pharisees send their disciples and some Herodians to entrap Jesus. The topic is the question of paying taxes to Caesar, a requirement for every man, woman, and adult slave. Pharisees were laymen whose locus of power was the synagogue. They likely opposed paying taxes to a foreign power. Herodians were members of a political party that supported Herod Antipas, a Roman appointee. Where the temple leaders had grilled Jesus about His religious authority, these adversaries question His political orientation. By responding with a theological answer, Jesus avoids choosing sides. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are duly amazed.

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.

Kochani Parafianie

Pan Bog mowi przez proroka Izajasza: "Ja jestem Pan i nie ma innego. Poza Mna nie ma boga." Rzadko kiedy okresla Bog tak dosadnie swoja wyalnosc. To jest istota naszego monoteizmu – czyli doslownie jednobostwa. Nie ma innego boga. A Pismo sw. jest przeciez nieomylnie.

Poza ta absolutna wyalnoscia mowi tez Bog przez usta proroka o swojej wszechmocy. Dzieki owej wszechmocy posluzyl sie On takze poganskim wladca Cy-rusem w celu przywrocenia pelnego blasku swiatyni ziemskiej. Co wiecej, przyzna temu poganskiemu wladcy tytul "swojego Pomazanca." Pamietajmy, ze tak wlasnie jest okreslany Mesjasz czyli Syn Bozy.

Tego rodzaju samoobjawienia Boga, powtorzmy to raz jeszcze, zdarzaja sie w Biblii nieczesto. Sa po to, zeby nam przypomniec – jak powie po wielu stuleciach sw. Pawel – ze z Boga nie mozna sobie sztydzic.

W drugim czytaniu z dziesiejszej liturgii Słowa zostal przypomniany poczatek najstarszego pisma Pawla – pierwszego Listu do Tesaloniczan. Pawel lubil Tesaloniczan – byli chyba po Filipianach najblizsi jego sercu. Szczerze dziakuje Bogu za Tesaloniczan: "Zawsze dziakuje Bogu za Was." Przyklad to do nasladowania dla wszystkich biskupow, proboszczow – nawet gdyby sie czasem zdarzalo, ze nie wszyscy sposrod wiernych budza w nich uczucia szczerzej wdziecznosc.

Co Pawla urzeklo szczegolnie w postawie Tesaloniczan? Otoz trzy rzeczy: dzieło ich wiary, trud milosci i wytrwalosc nadziei, czyli trzy sprawnosci moralne – zwane inaczej cnotami – dzieki ktorym mozna budowac koscioł Bozy czyli cialo Chrystusa.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

October 10-11 \$3,869

Weekly Offertory Envelopes—\$3,540
& Special Collections—\$329

October 3-4 \$3,230

Weekly Offertory Envelopes—\$3,079
& Special Collections—\$151

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



THIS WEEKEND...

**FORTY
HOURS
ADORATION**

ST. HEDWIG CHURCH

OCTOBER 18-19-20

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY

Forty Hours schedule is printed in this bulletin.

HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY BREAKFAST

The Holy Rosary Society annual breakfast for members and their guests will be held in the parish hall this weekend, Sunday, October 18th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This is a social event only, no meeting! Menu is modified to pastries, fruit, and beverages. Masks and social distancing requirements will be followed. Pay in advance or at the door \$10. The annual business meeting and election will be held in January.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

October is the month of the Rosary! We invite you to join us for Benediction and recitation of the Rosary each weekend during the month of October following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 11:30 a.m. Polish Mass on Sunday. We invite you to stay a few extra minutes after Mass and join us as we pray the rosary during the month of October. Pray the rosary every day.



**WE HAVE ADDED
A NEW MASS TIME**

Mass will be celebrated every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

SISTER LAETITIA OKONIEWSKI OSF

Sister Laetitia Okoniewski, OSF, 101, of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of St. Francis, died of natural causes on September 15, 2020, at St. Joseph Villa in Reading, PA, where she had resided since 2014. Sister graduated from St. Hedwig Elementary School. Services and burial at St. Joseph Villa were private due to the coronavirus pandemic. A memorial Mass for family and friends will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2020, here at St. Hedwig Church.

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!

CATHOLIC FORUM SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, October 24th, Catholic Charities' Matt Hahn will discuss domestic violence. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Catholicforum.



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.

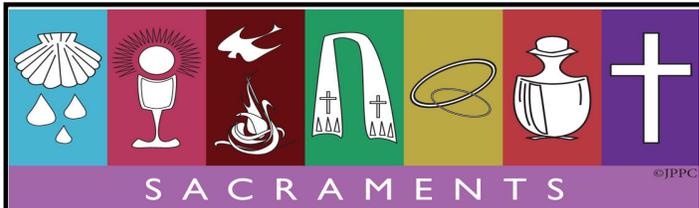
All donations, large and small, are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

Weekly Mass Intentions



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Monday, 6:30pm	October 19 Josephine Durynski
Tuesday, 6:30pm	October 20 Living Intentions & Blessings for Geri & Joe Rybaltowski on their 64th Wedding Anniversary int. Erwin J. Juda
Wednesday, 6:30pm	October 21 Stephanie Jacqueline Witzman int. Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Bullock & Family
Thursday, 6:30pm	October 22 Sophie Rutkowski (birthday) Clare, Joanne and Family
Friday, 6:30pm	October 23 Living Intentions & Blessings of Health for Edward Zaremba int. Ciocia Nana Golden
Saturday, 8:00am	October 24 Mary Anne Kliszejko
4:00pm	Ruth Ann NeCastro int. Eileen Brzazgon
Sunday, 9:00am	October 25 † Thirtieth Sunday Mary Bradshaw int. Marie & Terry Pierser
11:30am	Frank Boruta int. Anna Boruta
4:00pm	Charles Duricek int. Steve and Chris



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.

October Month of the Holy Rosary



† Sanctuary Lamp †



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

Alfred Rutkowski

as requested by Wife, Children,
Grandchildren and Great-Grandson

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.

† FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION †

St. Hedwig Church
OCTOBER 17-20, 2020

The celebrants for Forty Hours will be Father Andrew and Father Tomasz Pietrzak, our new assistant pastor. Rev. Tomasz Pietrzak SChr, was born in Poznań, Poland. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2006. Until 2016 he worked in Poland (Płoty, Mórkowo, Stargard, Goleniów), then he moved to the North American Province of the Society of Christ, and spent the last four years at the Polish Parish of Divine Mercy (Parafia PW. Miłosierdzia Bozego) in Lombard, Illinois. We welcome Father Tomasz and are very happy to have him with us.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

3:00-3:45pm † Confession

4:00pm † Holy Mass - 1st talk—Fr. Andrew will preach
(following Mass, recitation of the Holy Rosary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00am † Holy Mass - 1st talk—Fr. Andrew will preach
(following Mass, recitation of the Holy Rosary)

11:30am † Holy Mass (in Polish) - 1st talk—Fr. Tomasz will preach
(following Mass, recitation of the Holy Rosary)

12:30-3:55pm † Confession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:00pm † Holy Mass - 1st talk—Fr. Andrew will preach
(following Mass, recitation of the Holy Rosary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

12:00pm † Holy Mass - 2nd talk—Fr. Tomasz will preach

1:00pm-5:55pm † Confession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm † Recitation of the Holy Rosary

6:30pm † Holy Mass - 2nd talk—Fr. Andrew will preach

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:00pm † Holy Mass - 3rd talk—Fr. Tomasz will preach

1:00pm-5:55pm † Confession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm † Recitation of the Holy Rosary

6:30pm † Holy Mass - 3rd talk—Fr. Andrew will preach

(Following communion we will have a special induction to the Brown Scapular.
Free Scapulars, Rosaries and other sacramentals will be given out.)

Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions will be held in St. Hedwig Church.