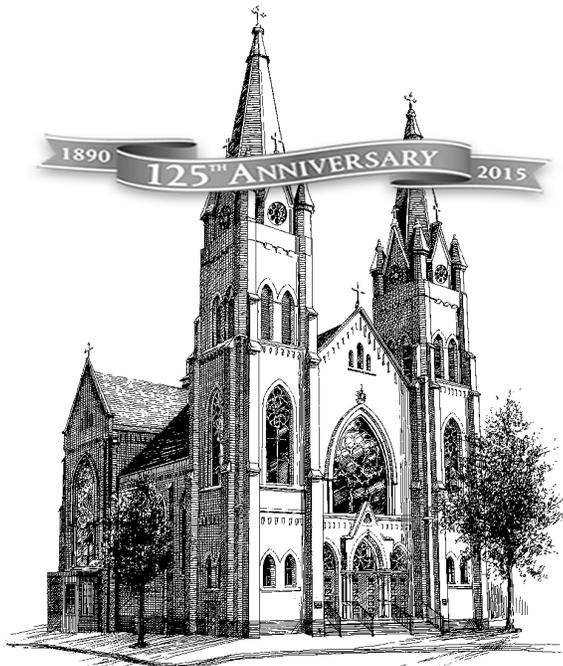


St. Hedwig Church

408 S. Harrison Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

October 6, 2019

† Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time †



Parish Established 1890 ~ Church Dedicated 1905

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass in Saint Pope John Paul II Chapel:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday...6:30pm

Weekend Schedule: Saturday morning (Chapel).....8:00am

Saturday (Vigil).....4:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am (Polish), & 4:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament...3:00-4:00pm

First Friday: Purgatorial Society Mass...last Thursday at 6:30pm

Holy Days: See bulletin for Mass schedule

Parish Staff

Rev. Andrew Molewski, Pastor

Mr. Raymond R. Zolandz, Deacon

Mr. James Handlir, Deacon, retired

Parish Directory

Parish Office..... 594-1400

Parish E-mail..... sthedwigchurch@comcast.net

Parish Website.....www.sthedwigde.org

Religious Education (Roweena Rego)..... 594-1400, Ext. 4

Music Ministry594-1400, Ext. 5

Parish Office Hours:

Mon. Wed. Thurs... 9:00am-2:00pm...(closed Tues. & Friday)

Tuesday evening.....6:00pm -8:00pm

Parish Membership: We welcome all who wish to join our Parish Family. Call or visit the parish office for a registration form or download the forms from www.sthedwigde.org.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

One-half hour before daily Mass, Monday - Saturday in the Chapel or 3:00- 3:45pm on Saturdays in Church; or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Class and to make arrangements for Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Engaged couples should call the parish office at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date.

Ministry to the Sick: Our priest makes weekly hospital visits and monthly visits to nursing homes and the homebound. Please call the parish office to arrange for Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick.

Parish Pastoral Council: Meets monthly. See bulletin for dates.

Religious Education Classes (CCD): Please contact the Office of Religious Education and leave a message at 594-1400 Ext. 4.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): For those who are discerning readiness to join the Catholic Church or to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. Call 594-1400, ext. 0.

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 welcome. For more information call the parish office at 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 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.

† Pastor's Notes †

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In today's first reading from the prophet Habakkuk, we listen in on a dialogue of complaint between the prophet and God. From Habakkuk's vantage, God is delayed in responding to the violence being done, the discord sowed among the people of Judah, and all likely at the hands of the rich and powerful (Habakkuk 2:5). In response, God argues for patience. The prophet is to "write the vision down," so that a herald may proclaim it and the truth of the vision may be verified when it arrives. Habakkuk prophesied in Judah shortly before it had become a vassal of Babylon in 605 B.C., confirming God's proclamation (Habakkuk 2:8).

The second reading is taken from Second Timothy, purportedly written by Paul to Timothy, but actually long after both had died. The letter is largely a reflection on the life and ministry of an aging Paul shortly before his death (2 Timothy 4:6). In the mode of a last will and testament, the letter includes the passing on of a person's legacy. In today's passage, "Timothy" is reminded to "stir into a flame the gift of God" handed on to him from Paul (v.6), and to "guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit" (v. 14). The "imposition of hands" (2 Timothy 1:6) signaled the passing on of authority (Moses to Joshua, Numbers 27:18—23) and became a symbol of installation into an office in the New Testament (Acts 6:6).

Set within the journey narrative of Luke (Luke 9:51 – 19:27), today's Gospel depicts additional aspects of discipleship. After Jesus demands that a repentant sinner be forgiven innumerable times (Luke 17:3—4), the apostles (the Twelve, Luke 6:13) ask for greater faith (v.5). Jesus counters that even the smallest amount of faith has miraculous effect. Jesus uses a narrative example to help the disciples better understand their role as obedient servants. Like the servant who has worked long and hard in the field, the disciple should not expect rewards of acclamation. Rather, the disciples are to do what is commanded of them, recognizing that they have fulfilled their purpose. In the life of Luke's community, this story may have served to admonish the early Christians to be more faithful and obedient believers without the desire for reward.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Tuesday: Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
begins at sundown
Wednesday: St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi
Friday: St. John XXIII
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

† Slovo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie

Troche nas zaskakuje taki nieco zuchwaly sposob zwracania sie do Pana Boga: "Krzywdza mi sie dzieje, a Ty nie pomagasz? Czemu kazesz mi patrzec na nieprawosc?" Jest to nazbyt partnerskie traktowanie Boga. To zdarzy sie, co prawda, takze w Nowym Testamencie, dokladnie Janowi Chrzcicielowi, ktory przebywajac w wiezieniu, wyraznie przygnebiony, pytal przez swoich wyslannikow Jezusa: "Czy to Ty jestes tym, ktory ma przyjsc, czy tez winnismy czekac na innego?" Ale to razi! Czujemy, ze inaczej powinnismy zwracac sie do Boga. Panu Bogu nie wypada przypominac o tym, co powinien nam czynic.

Lecz Bog nie jest jak czlowiek. Jak nie zirytuje sie kiedys na Jana Chrzciciela, tak tez i teraz, pelen niewyczerpanej cierpliwosci, oswiadcza Habakukowi: "Zginie ten, co jest ducha nieprawego, a sprawiedliwy zyc bedzie dzieki swej wiernosci". A wiec jednak modlitwa proroka, mimo ze troche niedelikatna, zostala wysluchana.

Drugie czytanie z dzisiejszej liturgii Slova jest zaadresowane glownie do kaplanow, na co wskazuje wyraznie wzmianka o wkkladaniu rak. Jest to niewatpliwie aluzja do swiecen kaplanskich, ktorych Pawel udziлил Tymoteuszowi. Wtedy to otrzymal Tymoteusz dary mestwa, milosci i trzezwosci.

Dwie zachety kieruje Pawel do Tymoteusza: zeby nie ustalwal w gorliwosci, zeby dosloownie ciagle na nowo rozniecal w sobie Bozy charyzmat i zeby nigdy nie wstydzil sie Ewangellii. To ostatnie odnosi sie zreszta do wszystkich wyznawcow Chrystusa, ktory wyraznie przestrzega: "Kto zaprze sie Mnie przed ludzmi, tego ja zapre sie przed Ojcem moim, ktory jest w niebie".

Swoim uczniom Jezus Chrystus najczesciej wyrzucal malosc ich wiary. W koncu oni sami zapewne doszli do wniosku, ze ich wierze nie dostaje bardzo wiele. I dlatego prosily Pana mowiac: "Przymnoz nam wiary".

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

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.

Weekly Offering



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

September 28-29 \$2,998

Regular Offertory: - \$2,577
& Special Collections - \$421

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

PARISH NEWS

HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL BREAKFAST

The Annual Holy Rosary Society Breakfast will be held in Msgr. Gulcz Hall on Sunday, October 6th following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Cost is \$10.00/person, members and guests are welcome. You can place your payment in the collection basket with HRS breakfast written on the envelope. Please RSVP to Sandi Murphy at (484)343-5776 by September 29th. We must have an accurate count of attendees for food preparation. After the breakfast a short meeting of the Roza leaders will be held. There are currently vacancies and anyone interested in becoming a Roza leader should attend the meeting.

2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Mass Intentions for 2020 will be taken on Tuesday, October 8th, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the rectory basement. All intentions must be written out on paper and paid for in full before being entered into the 2020 Mass Book. Mass intentions received by mail will be entered in the Book after October 9th. There is a limit of 4 weekend Masses per family. To enable each person in line to schedule Masses on Mass Intention Day, a total limit of 10 Mass Intentions will be scheduled in the book between 8:30-11:00 a.m. If you have more than 10 Mass Intentions on your list, they will be scheduled in the book later that day to enable all parishioners the chance to schedule intentions that morning. The requested stipend is \$10 per Mass.



HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE

The Holy Rosary Society will sponsor a bake sale after all weekend Masses on October 12th & 13th.

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.

† A REFLECTION WEEKEND †

This year, to shorten our traditional annual Forty Hours Devotion, we will have *A Reflection Weekend*, next weekend, October 12 & 13.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00am † Holy Mass (in Church)
(followed by Exposition & Holy Rosary)
(Exposition until 2:00pm)
2:00-3:45pm † Confession
4:00pm † Mass in Church
(followed by Exposition and Holy Rosary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00am † Holy Mass (in Church)
11:30am † Mass in Church (English & Polish)
(following Mass, Exposition and one decade of the Holy Rosary followed by procession in Church)



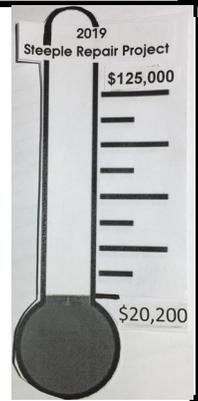
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2019 STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
God bless.

PLEASE DONATE TODAY!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The RCIA—(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team is preparing to start its new year of study and sharing the faith. The program is open to all people who are interested

in learning more about the Catholic faith and to prepare those interested in completing the Sacraments of Initiation. The RCIA program will help to enrich your faith, your prayer life and to help you better understand the Catholic faith through study and sharing the faith with one another. Class begins in a few weeks. For more information or to register, call the Parish Office at (302)594-1400, ext. 0.

BIRTHRIGHT BOTTLES FOR BABIES

During the month of October, Birthright of Delaware will host its annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser. Please take a bottle home today, fill it with your loose change, cash or checks and return it at the beginning of November to the Parish Office or you can place the bottle in the weekend collection basket during Mass. Please feel free to share a bottle with your friends and family. Thank you for supporting Birthright. We appreciate all of you.

BUS TRIP TO CAPE MAY

ONLY 15 SEATS REMAIN ON THE BUS!!

Join St. Hedwig Parish on a relaxing day trip to beautiful, historic Cape May, New Jersey, on Friday, November 8, 2019. Bus leaves Frawley Stadium parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and returns about 7:30 p.m. Day will include free time and shopping at Washington Street Mall, Dolphin & Whale Watching cruise (3 hours) aboard the Cape May Whale Watcher and dinner at Aleathea's Restaurant, a Victorian setting in the Inn of Cape May. To reserve a seat call Eileen (594-1400, ext. 0) for a copy of the flyer and dinner menu. \$105.00 includes bus, driver tip, snacks and water on the bus, 3 hour Cape May Whale Watcher/Dolphin boat cruise, dinner at Aleathea's, tax and gratuity.

Open your hearts to life!

CELEBRATE
Respect Life Month



40 Days for Life - Life Chains - and more...

AROUND THE DIOCESE AND MORE

NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

Any Scout who is interested in earning their Catholic Religious Award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. The Scout Awards Mass will be held in June. For further information please contact either Bob Murray, Committee Chair at (302)993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain at (302)218-1415.

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM EVERY SATURDAY

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. on Relevant Radio 640AM. After it airs each week, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum". For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" www.facebook.com/Catholicforum.

HUGE GARAGE SALE AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Stop by and see the huge Garage Sale on Saturday, October 19th, in Corpus Christi Social Hall, 809 Kirkwood Hwy., in Wilmington. Rain or shine, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Clothing, toys, housewares, furniture, antiques, tools and more. Food, Raffle, Fun! For info, call 302-562-7531. Benefits All Saints Catholic School.

LOVE AND MERCY—A DOCUDRAMA ON THE DIVINE MERCY AND MISSION OF SISTER FAUSTINA IN THEATERS OCTOBER 28TH—ONE DAY ONLY!

Local showings at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 28th: Penn Cimena Riverfront, Wilmington & Regal Brandywine Town Center near route 202 & Naamans Road. Purchase tickets online at Fandango or Regal.

"Love and Mercy", a docudrama on the Divine Mercy and the mission of Sister Faustina Kowalska, reveals previously unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that shed new light on the truth of the Divine Mercy. Scientific analysis carried out in the film proves that Faustina indeed saw the Lord Jesus.

In 1931, Jesus appeared to Faustina Kowalska as the King of Mercy. Clothed in a white robe and emanating two large rays from his side, one white and one red, He asked Faustina to paint this image of Himself along with the phrase, "Jesus, I trust in You" and to spread the message of mercy around the world. He promised that anyone who venerated this image would not perish. The gripping new docudrama LOVE AND MERCY presents unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that shed new light on the vision of Faustina.

Aided by scientific analysis, the film reveals how the Divine Mercy image and the Shroud of Turin were compared to one another to stunning conclusions. Dramatically recreated scenes between Saint Faustina and her confessor Father Michał Sopoćko traces the story of the origins of the image and how the devotion to Divine Mercy was born and spread throughout the world despite a ban of the devotion by the Catholic Church. Shot in the U.S., Poland and Lithuania, the film is a compelling hybrid of dramatization and documentary-style storytelling that will leave viewers in awe of this spectacular account of divine friendship.

Tickets are also available online through the website for the Marians of the Immaculate Conception.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, October 7
6:30pm Jason Miller int. Izabella Toner

Tuesday, October 8
6:30pm Stanley & Jean Pietras
int. Margie, Mary Ann and Helena

Wednesday, October 9
6:30pm Barbara Kuzminska int. Robert & Rosalie Rutkowski

Thursday, October 10
6:30pm Stanley Sawicki int. Susan & Nick Buono

Saturday, October 12
8:00am Gerald & Linda Pellak
int. Gary & Coleen Michalowski

4:00pm Gabriella Migdalski int. Maria Migdalski

Sunday, October 13 † Twenty-Eighth Sunday
9:00am John F. Golden (anniversary.) int. wife, Fran
11:30am Jaroslaw Kolbarczyk int. Jablonski Family
4:00pm Franciszek Rudy& Marian Strojec int. Family



OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH

Pray the Rosary daily for the restoration
of the Holy Catholic Church

† The Sanctuary Lamp †



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

Alfred Rutkowski, Sr.

(1st anniversary)

as requested by his Wife,
Children and Grandchildren