May 23, Maj 2021

**Weekend Mass Times:**  Saturday 4:00 pm. / Sunday 10:00 am.  Holy Days as announced

**Weekday Masses:**  Mon., Wed., Fri.  5:30 pm.  Tues., Thurs.  9:00 am.

**Confessions**  Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm or by appointment

**Eucharistic Adoration**  Thursdays 9:30 am.  **Divine Mercy Devotion**  Fridays 3:00 pm.

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwignh.org

Pentecost Sunday

**Uroczystość Zesłania Ducha Świętego**

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Office & Hall: 180 Orange St., Manchester, NH.
Hello Everyone!

We close out the Easter season this weekend with the celebration of the Pentecost. It has been fifty days since the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus has appeared to us, offering His peace, and has been promising us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will help us in our daily lives as disciples of the Lord. It is the Holy Spirit which helps us to discern, to make right choices, and to live in God's love, justice, and mercy. On that Pentecost day, after Jesus had ascended to be at the right hand of the Father, the Apostles and the Blessed Mother joined in prayer as they awaited the coming of the Spirit. It came upon them as a great wind, and tongues of fire appeared over their heads, blessing them with wisdom, with the gift of tongues so that the gospel can be preached in many languages, in many lands, around the world. The Pentecost is the birthday of the Church that will go global, be universal in bringing the People of God together as one family, as one belief, one faith. Yes there are many faiths, many beliefs, but there is one God alone who rules the world.

We daily need the help of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We cannot live without the guidance It provides for us on a daily basis. The Spirit blesses us with seven gifts: Wisdom-to make good judgment of the truth and be able to see God in everyone and everything. Understanding- to help us comprehend how we need to live as a disciple and to reason. Counsel- helps us to know the difference between right and wrong, and how to to choose what is right for us, to do the right thing. Fortitude- we grow strong with the help of God, and overcome our fears. Fortitude is also a willingness to to take risks as a follower of the Lord. Look at the many saints who have gone on before us and took that risk for the gospel and have become saints. We can too. Knowledge- helps us to understand the meaning of God, and the things around us. Piety- reverence, we have a deep sence of respect for God and the Church. Piety is also a total reliance of God with faith, trust, and humility. Finally, fear of the Lord. We are in awe of the great majesty and glory of God. This fear is not one of being afraid, but in awe. We do not cower in the sight of God, but are glorified by it.

These are the gifts that we live by. The Spirit is among us to bless and sanctify us, making us holy for God, to live a holy life despite our weaknesses, our sins. It is the Spirit that guides us back to God when we have fallen and helps to renew our friendship with God through reconciliation. With the Spirit, we have nothing to fear and all things to hope for, for the goodness of God is all around us. Come Holy Spirit and fill our lives with God's love.

Yours Truly.

May 23, 2021
Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle  Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastor  Pastoral Assistant

Scott Bergendahl  Dan Felch
Music Director  Parish Maintenance

Ellie Felch  Parish Secretary

Parish Information

St. Hedwig Cemetery
Old Bedford, Bedford, NH 03103
Phone: 603-623-4835

Sacraments:

Baptism
Please contact the parish if you wish to have your child baptized. Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 am Mass on Sundays, except during the Lenten season.

Marriage
Marriages are booked six months in advance.

Convent
Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF
147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH. 03104
603-232-3115

Weekly Giving

Donations received, May 8 - 14, 2021
Weekly Offerings  $1,373.00
Online giving  $107.50  Total: $1,480.50

Ascension Thursday  $187.00

Thank You!  Bóg Zapłac

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Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Shirley Stemska, Rita Haskins,
Emily Menczywor, Walter Gorski

If you know of any other members of St. Hedwig's who are homebound and could be added to this list, please let Fr. Eric know or leave a message on the parish voice mail.

Thank you.

A Prayer for the Sick of our Parish

May you be wrapped up in God's love found deep in His everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breath across your being now.

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We have made available for your use a trifold paper worship aid that contains the readings and the music for Mass. Scott, our music director, takes the time and effort to put these together so as to guide us through the Mass. Some may prefer to use these over the missalettes. If using the paper worship aid, please bring it home with you or dispose of it after Mass. If you prefer to use the missalettes, they are yours for the taking to bring with you to Mass on the weekends.
Saturday, May 22, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p Kloeck Family  from The Family

Sunday, May 23, 2021  Pentecost Sunday
10:00 am.  +S.p. Rita Lesniak Pariseau  from the Lesniak Family
+S.p. Claire B. Palys, 12th Anniv. Beloved Mother  from the Family

Monday, May 24, 2021  Mary Mother of the Church
5:30 pm.  +Sp. Ann Eibe  from Paul Savel

Tuesday, May 25, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am.  +Sp. Alexander & Mary Boyarchock  from Daughter

Wednesday, May 26, 2021  St. Phillip Neri
5:30 pm.  Increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Thursday, May 27, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am.  For increase of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, May 28, 2021  Weekday
5:300 pm.  For the protection of the unborn

Saturday, May 29, 2021
4:00 pm.  Parishioners’ Intensions

Sunday, May 30, 2021  Most Holy Trinity
10:00 am.  +S.p. Lori Lopez  from the Family

Sanctuary Candle  Szafarz Family

Joseph Most Faithful
Fidelity connotes steadfastness. In the vicissitudes of life, one needs steadfast love, that is, fidelity, when encountering confusion, suffering, and failure. The image of Joseph finding a place in which the Child could be born was his movement in all of life. Failure simply meant one went on in fidelity and found by failure what God had intended for the fruitfulness of His will.

What St. Joseph Taught Us
Things rarely go according to plan. Even if you have the greatest project manager in the world, there are still factors and elements that cannot be controlled. St. Joseph teaches us to place our trust in God, especially when things do not go as expected. St. Joseph, the Betrothed of the Virgin Mary, found himself in a difficult situation. He was betrothed to a young woman from Nazareth who was pregnant, though he knew that they had not had relations. At this stage in their relationship, Mary and Joseph were promised to one another in a solemnized way by Jewish custom. Certainly, St. Joseph did not expect the situation and did not know what to do. He had decided that he would divorce Mary and send her away quietly to spare her from being stoned to death for adultery. Of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary was not guilty of this or any crime or sin, but St. Joseph knew that did not matter to those in the town. Instead of this course of action, the angel Gabriel appeared to him in dream, told him not to be afraid, and to continue with Mary.

St. Joseph, a good and righteous man, held the course in faith and became the most chaste spouse of the Virgin, the foster father of the Son of God, and a powerful figure for trusting in God. He did not allow the plan of the Evil One to triumph over the plan of Almighty God. His perseverance in grace is terror of the demons and a model for us.

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**Readings of the Week**

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34  
**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday:** Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45  
**Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 10:46-52  
**Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26  
**Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33  
**Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

**Sunday Readings**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Reading I:** Acts 2: 1-11  
The bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the first community of the nascent Church is recounted with great drama and memorable details, not the least of which is the language miracle.

**Reading II:** I Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13  
Sensing some dissension in the community, Paul knows that such can threaten unity among the members. He reminds them that it is one and the same Spirit who confers all gifts, service and workings. These diverse parts form one body.

**The Gospel:** John 20: 19-23  
After showing His wounds to the gathered disciples, the Risen Lord offers them His peace. He gives the group, including the Twelve, the power to bestow the Spirit on those who believe and also to forgive their sins.

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**Pentecost Sunday**

Every Fridays at 3:00 pm. join us for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Devotions as we pray for God’s mercy on the world.

Join us every Thursday following the 9:00 am. Mass (9:30 am.) at St. Hedwig parish to spend time in prayer and silence before the Lord. It will be the best hour of your life. Adoration will also be live-streamed.

Rodzina jest pierwszą zasadniczą komorką życia społecznego.  
The family is the first essential cell of human society.
Guidelines to follow as we return to the public celebration of Mass.

For your safety:

Please Use Hand Sanitizer when entering the church.

Masks are strongly required. They are to be removed when receiving Holy Communion and replaced afterwards. If you don’t have one, spare masks are available at the entrance of the church. Please discard after use.

Maintain 6 Feet Social Distancing In Line and in the pews.

Congregational singing is discouraged at this time. There is no Exchange of Peace. When exiting the church after Mass, please leave your kneeler down so we know where to clean and disinfect the pews. We can only hope and pray that this will be for only a little while longer and return to some sense of normalcy.

“Saint 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 evil spirits who prowl through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

Our parish goal for this year’s appeal is $3,000. Please be sure to pick up a Catholic Charities envelope if you have not yet picked one up. Please consider making a donation to support their good works.

We welcome into our Catholic family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Piotr Czapinski

Pray for him and his family that they live in peace, happiness, and joy that comes from God.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.
Rosary Marathon during the Month of May

Take this month of May to pray the Rosary fervently for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic, for the conversion of sinners, and peace in the world.

If you aspire to a great crown in Heaven that will never fade, love and honor Mary, and strive to make her known, loved, and honored by others.

ST. JOSEPH CAPASSO

St. Hedwig Parish Religious Ed.

Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the church. If you have a child, or know of a child, who needs to be prepared for the reception of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, and would need religious instruction, please fill out a form and return to the parish by mail or place in the collection bin.

Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 31, 2021 will be celebrated at 9:00 am at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Bring a lawn chair if the weather is nice, if not, Mass will be celebrated in the cemetery chapel.

Bishop Libasci has allowed the return of the use of Holy Water fonts for blessing ourselves upon entering and exiting the church. Our Holy Water fonts will be changed and sanitized weekly to maintain cleanliness and safety.

Humor

Chalice Restoration Donations

So far we have received $455.00 so far in contributions towards the chalice. Thank you for your generosity! There is still plenty of time to contribute if you wish. This chalice will make a fine addition to our collection.

“Gulls are lucky. They stay at the seashore all year.”