April 11, Kwiecień 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.

**Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday**

*Druga Niedziela Wielkanocna Czyli Miłoserdzia Bozego*
First, I want to take this opportunity to say thanks to all who made the Holy Week and Easter celebrations a great success: Sr. Thomas, Scott Bergendahl, St. Cecilia Choir, Mark Farmer, George Farmer, Christopher Gendron, Chuck Gagnon. It was our best Easter yet, and to all who attended these services as family. It was good to see you all again!

As we continue to look at the different aspects of our Catholic faith, let us look at veneration of the saints, and so we ask the question:

“What is the difference between veneration and worship?”

Answer: In response to the accusation that they worship Mary and the saints, Catholics will often claim that they “venerate,” not worship, them. To venerate is to regard with great respect or to revere. Veneration can be defined as “respect or awe directed toward someone due to his/her value or greatness.”

The simplest definition of worship is to “ascribe worth.” Worship can be more completely defined as “showing respect, love, reverence, or adoration.” Based on the dictionary, no clear difference between veneration and worship exists. In fact, veneration and worship are often used as synonyms for each other.

But dictionary definitions are not the point. It does not matter what it is called. The Bible nowhere instructs followers of Jesus Christ to offer worship, veneration, adoration, or anything similar to anyone but God. Nowhere does the New Testament describe any followers of Jesus Christ worshiping, venerating, or adoring anyone other than God. They did not receive worship, either. Peter refused to receive adoration from Cornelius (Acts 10:25-26), and Paul and Barnabas were equally adamant that the people of Lystra not venerate them (Acts 14:15). Twice in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 19:10; 22:8), the apostle John begins to worship an angel, and the angel instructs him, “Worship God!” Mary and the saints who have gone to heaven before us would say the same thing: “Worship God!”

The Catholic Church has different degrees of worship: dulia, hyper dulia, and latria. Dulia is the honor given to the saints. Hyper dulia is the honor given to Mary alone, as the greatest of the saints. Latria is the honor given to God alone. In contrast, the Bible always ascribes honor, in the context of worship, to God alone (1 Chronicles 29:11; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16; Revelation 4:11; 5:13). Even if there were biblical support for different levels of worship, there still would be no biblical support for offering lower/lesser levels of worship to anyone other than God.

Only God is worthy of worship, adoration, praise (Nehemiah 9:6; Revelation 4:11; 15:4), and veneration, no matter how it is defined. Mary’s worth comes from the fact that God choose her for a glorious role and saved her from her sins through the death of Jesus Christ (Luke 1:47). The saints’ worth comes from the fact that God saved them, transformed them, and then used them in mighty and amazing ways. May we all, with Mary and the saints, fall on our knees and worship the only One who is worthy.


Source: gotquestions.org
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St. Hedwig Cemetery
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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.

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Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF
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Welcome

Are you new to the parish?
We are glad you can worship with us at St. Hedwig Parish. Please register at the rectory or in the Sacristy after Mass. If you haven't already, please take a parish registration form at the entrance of the Church and fill it out. On the reverse side of the form, you can make a choice of joining any of the Parish Ministries available at St. Hedwig. When complete, please drop the form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office at:

147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104

Parish Information

Weekly Giving

Donations received, Mar. 20-26, 2021
Weekly giving $1,512.00
Online giving $257.50 Total: $1,769.50

Donations received, Mar. 27 - Apr. 2, 2021
Weekly Giving $1,695.00
Online Giving $107.70 Total: $1,802.50

Swięconka Donations: $329.00
Easter Flowers: $825.00

Thank You!

Bóg Zapłac

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.
St. Joseph: Valiant Protector of the Church

St. Joseph had the entire Church under his protection since the Holy Family was the Church. Our Lady is the Mother and Image of the Church, the Holy Spirit the soul of the Church and Christ the Church’s head. To Joseph this treasure was entrusted and by his wit, his obedience and his sacrifice he valiantly defended them.

Dyngus Day

The tradition is widely associated with Poland and is observed by Polish Diaspora communities, particularly among Polish Americans who call it Dyngus Day.

Traditionally, boys throw water over girls and gently spank them with pussy willow branches (in some regions) on Easter Monday, and girls sometimes do the same to boys. This is accompanied by a number of other rituals, such as making verse declarations and holding door-to-door processions, in some regions involving boys dressed as bears or other creatures. The origins of the celebration are uncertain, but it may date to pagan times before 1000 AD; it is described in writing as early as the 15th century. It continues to be observed throughout Central Europe and also in the United States, where certain patriotic American elements have been added to the traditional Polish ones.
Parish Devotional Life

Readings of the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 6:1-15
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Sunday Readings

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

Reading I: Acts 4: 32-35
We read a description of the “golden age” of the early Church in Apostolic times. It is an ideal community life, in which members generously surrendered their goods and property based on their needs.

Reading II: 1 John 5: 1-6
This “letter” is really an exhortation to its readers to so live that their faith overcomes “the world.” God’s Son came to us “in water and blood.”

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31
After the report of St. Thomas’ initial doubt and its resolution, we learn the purpose of the Gospel: having faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, who is the source of eternal life.

Niech będzie pokwałony Jezus Chrystus!
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.”

Humor

“Easter tastes better than Halloween, and we don’t have to ring a lot of doorbells.”

Fr. Eric will be away the weekend of April 10/11 to visit family. Fr. Gerry Dion will be filling in for Fr. Eric. Please make Fr. Gerry feel welcomed as he celebrates Mass for us. Fr. Eric will be back early Sunday afternoon in time for the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration.

In these trying times in the Church, please pray for and support our good seminarians for the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester:

Christian Collopy
Dc. David Gagnon
Caleb Goff
Daniel Mikolajewski
Spencer Gregory
Dc. Joseph Moynihan
Andre Nadeau
Cuong Van Nguyen
Eric Ouelette
Guillaume Temkkit
Rory Traynor
As you may have noticed, since Holy Thursday, I have incorporated the use of a kneeler for the distribution of Holy Communion. I have done this to offer those who wish to receive Communion kneeling. It is totally up to you how you wish to receive Communion, kneeling or standing. I by all means will not force anyone either way. The reception of Holy Communion is the everlasting gift left to us by Christ to remind us of His presence among in the world today. Whether standing or kneeling, we receive with reverence and love, and with the belief that Jesus is truly present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy Church. Teach them that to serve you is to reign: to possess you is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of our people the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom upon earth. Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 11, 2021
3:00 pm.
St. Hedwig Parish
147 Walnut St.
Manchester, NH
603-623-4835

Join us as we celebrate God’s mercy on the world as we recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary with Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Confessions will be available from 2:00 pm until 2:45 pm. Sunday afternoon.

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating any significant wedding anniversaries during the year 2021 to pray with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on Sunday, April 18 at 2 pm. All registering couples will receive a certificate from the bishop recognizing their anniversaries and a link to an at-home date night kit. Registering couples may opt to attend a virtual trivia night for a small fee ($10/couple). Please register by April 11. To register, go to catholicnh.org

NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE KIDDIES!
The Kids’ Bulletin. These are now available to the little members of our parish and a great teaching tool for parents to help their children grow and learn our faith. Take one home and let the kids have fun with the puzzles and other activities.

A big thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Cathedral Outreach food pantry and St. Gianna’s Place. We received a lot of materials of which we will be happy to deliver to these organizations next week.
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