

# Saint Hedwig Parish

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## Liturgy

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am

### Weekday Masses

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

### Holiday Masses:

As Announced

## Sacrament of Penance

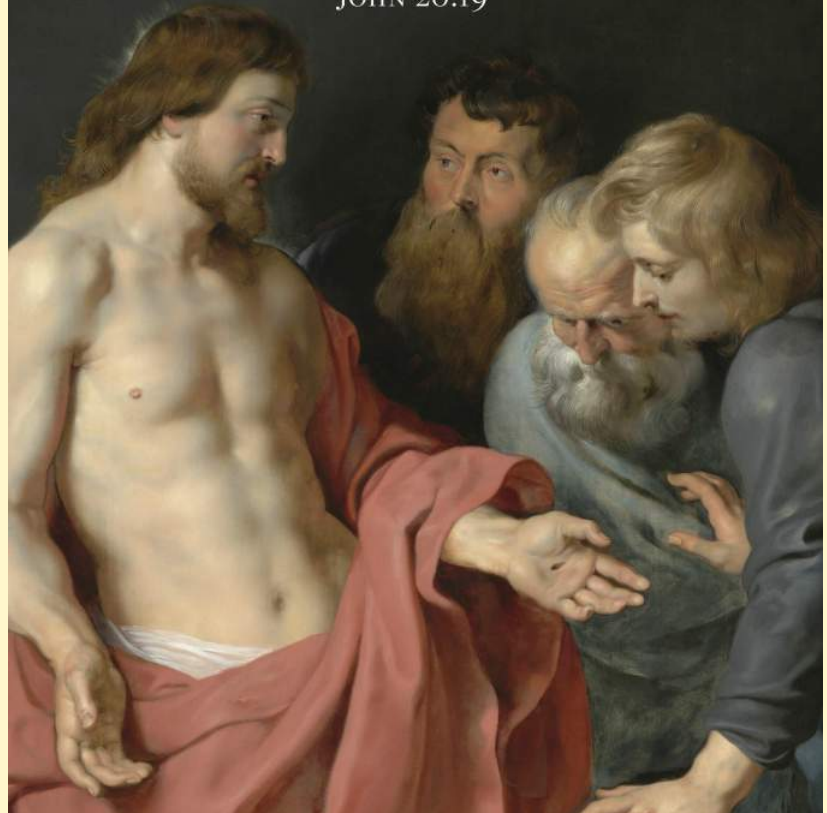
Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.  
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.

*Peace be with you.*

JOHN 20:19



**April 12, 2026** *Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy*  
Forty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## *Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery*



71 Old Bedford Rd.  
Bedford, New Hampshire

*Please contact the parish office for all  
inquiries pertaining to the cemetery.*

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

### Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS  
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**Offertory:** *We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the weekly collection by the collection box or on-line. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running.*

Mar. 21 - 27, 2026

<b>Weekly Giving:</b>	<b>\$ 2,109.00</b>	
<b>On-line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 175.00</b>	<b>Total: \$ 2,284.00</b>

### 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

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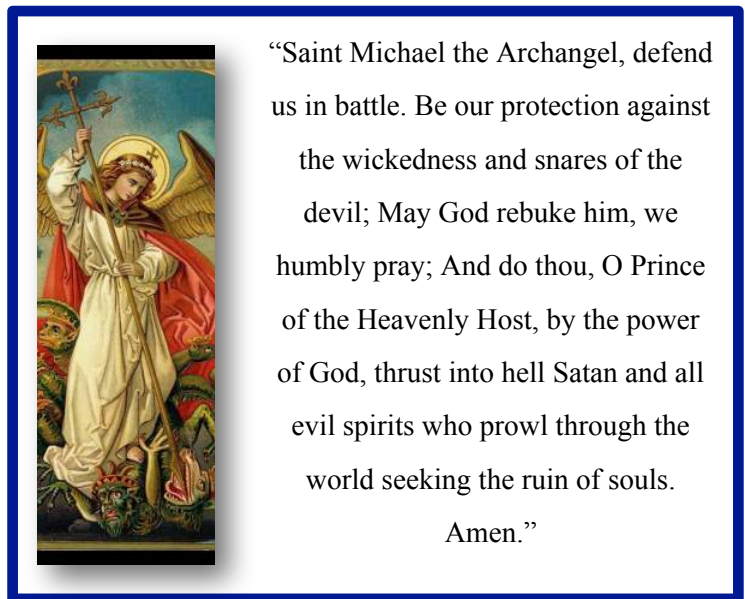
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Thank You      Dziękuję!



“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 seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.”

### 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 box or mail it to the parish office at:

**147 Walnut Street,      Manchester, NH 03104**

### *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Most of us have a favorite movie or TV show. Often enough there's a line or two that stands out and instantly connects us with it that can range from the sublime to the silly. Case in point: St. Thomas More's retort to a cynical Cardinal Wolsey in the Robert Bolt play *A Man for All Seasons*: "When statesmen forget their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos." How often do I think of that line when I hear elected officials avoid a thorough condemnation of abortion!

As for the silly, there's a famous nonsense question asked by Igor in the Mel Brooks farce about *Frankenstein* "What hump?" As if to deny his deformity.

All of this is prelude for me to suggest that in today's Gospel selection from John's gospel, wherein the beautiful story of St. Thomas and his reactions to the Resurrection is told to us. Thomas ultimately meets the living Jesus face to face. I can imagine him very embarrassed, having touched the Lord's bodily scars, and then slowly kneeling before Jesus. Then come his immortal words: "My Lord and my God!" Scripture scholars rightly

claim that one sentence is the climactic moment of John's whole gospel. Capturing the essential point. Inviting us to draw the same conclusion about the identity of Jesus. St. Thomas' phrase lingers in my everyday prayer at Mass, because I learned that those are the words we should say as the Sacred Host is raised by the priest at the Consecration of the Mass. The risen Christ is with us then, under the unlikely appearance of a plain piece of unleavened bread! Pope St. John Paul II designated this Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday." It was to underscore the basis of Christian optimism. Only by and through God's merciful love do we have any hope of heaven. As we strive to live our lives as His faithful disciples, we need to remember this truth and never turn to prideful thinking that we cause our own salvation. Everything ultimately depends on this divine mercy.

Considering the matter of memorable lines from well-loved sources, allow me to add one more given to us by St. Augustine in his classical "Confessions." It too makes for a great prayer: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." God love you and give you His Easter peace.

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### *Summary of This Weekend's Readings*

#### **Reading I: Acts 2: 42-47**

In every aspect of life, the earliest believers led an ideal life, united as a real family, sharing faith, meals, material goods and worship.

#### **Reading II: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

St. Peter blesses his readers for their faith, reminding them that we believers "live by faith and not by sight." He also explains suffering as a kind of smelting process that removes impurities from the gold of their faith.

#### **The Gospel: John 20: 19-31**

The author makes the point that Jesus was raised with the same body that was crucified and dies only days earlier. The beautiful "Thomas story" follows. When "The Doubter" is convinced, he utters the climactic confession of the whole Gospel when he kneels before Jesus: "My Lord and my God."

### **Readings for 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 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36

**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 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 11

#### Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

4:00 pm. +S.p. Lucien & Muriel Gagne  
*from Mrs. Simone Beliveau*  
+S.p. Zofia Bak *from Maria Ptak & Eva Bak*

Sunday April 12

#### Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

10:00 am. +S.p. John Kazanowski, Birthday Remembrance  
*from Family*  
+S.p. Rita Lesniak Pariseau *from Family*

Monday April 13 *Easter Weekday*

5:30 pm. +S.p. Mrs. Federica *from Williams Family*

Tuesday April 14 *Easter Weekday*

9:00 am. Souls in Purgatory *from Dennis & Janet Caza*

Wednesday April 15 *Easter Weekday*

5:30 pm. +S.p. Rev. Nicholas Rogers  
*from Dennis & Janet Caza*

Thursday April 16 *Easter Weekday*

9:00 am. Peace in the Ukraine & Middle East

Friday April 17 *Easter Weekday*

5:30 pm. Intentions of Jadakis Brooks  
*from Barbara Andersen*

Saturday April 18

#### Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm. +S.p. Elaine Perusse *from Nancy Dudziak*  
+S.p. Albert Dudek, 11th Anniv.  
*from Dudek Family*

Sunday April 19

#### Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am. +S.p. John "Buddy" & Jessier Flanagan  
*from Family*



## Saint Hedwig Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Road  
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The time will come when we will need to plan for the day when God calls us home to Himself. After a life well lived, we hope to gain our place in the heavenly kingdom with God.

We will also need our place of rest. Saint Hedwig Cemetery is a place of peace and beauty to bring our loved ones to their place of rest, and for ourselves as well. As a part of planning for the future, consider Saint Hedwig Cemetery. Call the parish office at 603-623-4835 for information and our very affordable prices. We will be glad to assist you.



*Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:*

*Vera Gorski, Jacques Parent, Kathy Philbert*

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.

## Sanctuary Candle

*Elaine Perusse*



***Divine Mercy Sunday***

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

*St. Hedwig Parish*

Confessions: 12 noon - 2:15 pm.

Adoration: 2:30 pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 pm.

Benediction and Closing: 3:30 pm.

***Join us for this hour of grace  
and blessings!***

**Saint Hedwig**  
*Ladies Guild*

The Ladies Guild will have their  
Mothers' Day Luncheon

***Sunday May 17, 2025***

after the 10 am Mass in the parish hall.



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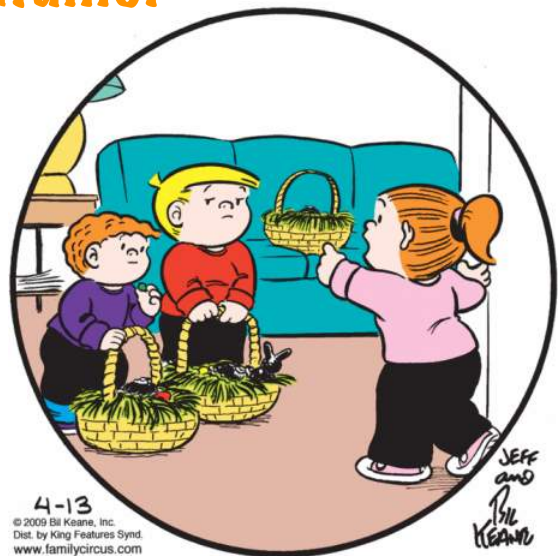
Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 9:00 am. - 2:00 pm.

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Closed Sunday

**Humor**



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JEFF  
AND  
BILL  
KEANE

**"There better still be 17 jellybeans  
in my basket when I get back!"**

April 12, 2026

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The First Sunday After Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026



## THE PROMISE

Our Lord Jesus said, “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”

— Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

## WHY IS THIS PROMISE FROM JESUS SO WONDERFUL AND MERCIFUL?

### TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT AND SUFFERING:

The Catholic Church teaches that sin has two consequences, or punishments. (CCC 1472). The first is eternal punishment in which the soul loses Heaven and is confined to an eternity in Hell. This punishment is remitted through the forgiveness of sins. The second is temporal punishment, in which a person must expiate, or make reparation for his sins. This temporal punishment remains even after sin is forgiven. This temporal punishment is known as Purgatory.

So, Jesus’s amazing promise to St. Faustina amounts to offering all mankind the graces of a COMPLETE PARDON; an opportunity to have all temporal punishment, time in Purgatory, that which would be necessary before entrance into Heaven, completely removed!

### THE DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY

“I desire that there be a feast of mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be known as the Feast of Mercy.”

### THE IMAGE

“I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies, already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death... I Myself will defend it as My own glory.”

### THE CHAPLET

“Pray unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation.”

### THE CONVERSION PRAYER

“If you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith, on behalf of some sinner, I will give that soul the grace of conversion:

*‘O Blood and Water that gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.’*

— Diary 186, 187

Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.”


— Diary 1397

### SPREAD OF THE DEVOTION

“Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack.”


# JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

MSZA ŚWIĘTA W JĘZYKU POLSKIM



odprawiana jest w każdą trzecią niedzielę miesiąca  
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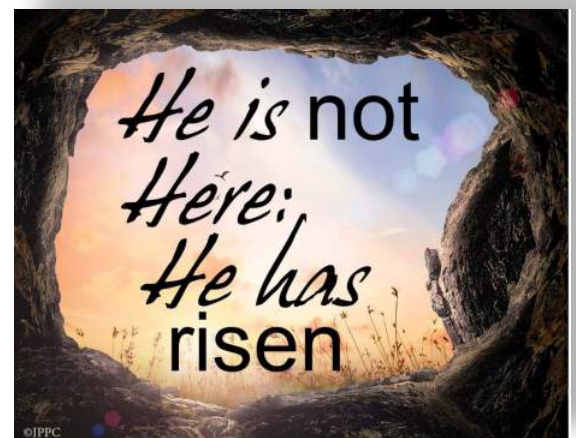
**April Polish Mass**  
**April 19, 2026**  
**4:00 pm.**  
 (Third Sunday of Every Month)  
**St. Hedwig Parish**  
*Ks. Daniel Mikolajewski*  
*celebrant*



**O God, You who taught St. Hedwig  
 to renounce the pomps of this  
 world, that, with her whole heart,  
 she might follow the humble way  
 of Your Cross, grant that, through  
 her merits and example, we may learn to trample  
 underfoot the perishable delights of this world, and  
 by embracing Your Cross overcome whatever  
 opposes us. Amen.**

***What is Dyngus Day?***

Historically a Polish-American tradition, Dyngus Day celebrates the end of the often restrictive observance of lent and the joy of Easter. Over the decades, Dyngus Day has become a wonderful holiday to celebrate Polish-American culture, heritage and traditions. There are many stories that attempt to explain the origins of the day. Many Polish customs date back to pre-Christian, Slavic practices. The custom of pouring water is an ancient spring rite of cleansing, purification, and fertility. The same is true of the complimentary practice of switching with pussy willow branches. Since 966 A.D., Dyngus Day has been associated with the baptism of Prince Mieszko I. Tradition states that Prince Mieszko I along with his court were baptized on Easter Monday. Thus, Dyngus Day and its rites of sprinkling with water have become a folk celebration in thanksgiving for the fact that the first king of Poland was baptized into Christianity, bringing Catholicism to Poland. In more modern times, the tradition continued when farm boys in Poland wanted to attract notice from the girls of their choice. It was customary to throw water and hit the girls on their legs with twigs or pussywillows. Cologne was used instead of water by the more gallant lads. The ladies would reciprocate by throwing dishes & crockery and Tuesday was their day of revenge, imitating the same tactics.





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