

# 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

### **Holyday 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.



*April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday*

## Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery



71 Old Bedford Rd.  
Bedford, New Hampshire

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

# Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

## Parish Staff

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

**Christopher Maynard**                      **Dan Felch**  
*Director of Music*                              *Parish Maintenance*

**Ellie Felch**                                      **Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski**  
*Parish Secretary*                              *Mount Carmel Nursing Home*  
*Volunteer*

## 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. Please contact the pastor to begin marriage preparation program.

## Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF  
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF

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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.*

March 29 - April 4, 2025

**Weekly Giving:                      \$ 1,168.00**  
**On-line Giving                      \$ 398.63                      Total: \$ 1,566.63**

**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 basket or mail it to the parish office at:

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

Each of us is drawn into the story of the Passion, particularly if the 3 parish lectors present it with clarity and realism in their voices. I believe this narrative does this like no other, because the Jesus story is ours as well. We know and believe that we are the indirect cause of Jesus' pain. It was our sins, big and little, that drove in the nails and made Him hang there on that cross of shame.

We find ourselves almost exactly 2 months from February 14. Valentine's day, when our attention was focused on warm romantic love, even as snow lay on the ground and may have canceled many a romantic dinner. The story of Our Lord's Passion drives home the facts about real love of neighbor. "Greater love than this no man has: that he lay down his life for his friend." That is the famous caption for the picture. That is what Jesus did for us even though we were and are still to a large extent: sinners.

Add to this the fact that Jesus is God, and the whole story heard on a higher level. How dare we say that God does not love us? Check out the nearest crucifix for the opposite truth.

Imagine, if you will, what you would do if someone were to harm you physically. Or hurt you with malicious untrue gossip. You would certainly have righteous indignation. And perhaps a handy fist. How different is our loving God!

What we blandly call "the Passion Narrative" is really a chronicle of the worst injustice ever done by man to a Man. A man who is also God Himself. Don't be too quick to insert yourself in the adoring crowd laying down palm for Jesus on a donkey to walk over. Instead, see yourself among those who picked up the nails for the soldiers to use. The confessional is the place for reconciliation with the Man on the donkey.

How better to end these thoughts than by praying together the traditional Act of Contrition which still says it best:

"O my God, I am heartily sorry for my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins; do penance; and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."

God love you, and have a meaningful Holy Week.



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

**Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak, Julia Korona, Stella Russell.**

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.*



## Saint Hedwig Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Road  
Bedford, New Hampshire



**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.**

# Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 12**

**Vigil: Palm Sunday**

**4:00 pm.** +S.p. Mariette LeClair  
*from Elaine & George Beaudette*

**Sunday, April 13**

**Palm Sunday**

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

**Monday of Holy Week, April 14**

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

**Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15**

**9:00 am.** +S.p. Elaine Perusse *from Perusse Family*

**Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. Helen Stacy *from Lyndi Cote*

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 17**

**6:00 pm.** Peace in the Ukraine and Israel

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 18**

**3:00 pm.** Service of the Lord's Passion

**6:00 pm.** Station of the Cross

**Saturday, April 19**

**EASTER VIGIL**

**7:30 pm.** +S.p. Kimberly McMillian  
*from Katharine McNaughton*

**Sunday, April 20**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**10:00 am.** Parishioners' Intentions

## ***Penitential Rite***

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask Blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and to you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.

## ***Gloria (not recited during Lent)***

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand

of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***Sanctuary Candle***

***Paul & Ann Harvey***

*At the Procession with palms: Luke 19: 28-40*

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'" So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount.

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24.**

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;  
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,  
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

*R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
They have pierced my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.

*R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.

*R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"  
*R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

**Second Reading : Philippians 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Verse Before the Gospel**

*Christ became obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
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and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.*

**Please refer to the Missalettes or the worship aid for the reading of the Passion, as it is a lengthy gospel.**



# Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

## Holy Week 2025



### Schedule of Services:

#### Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12	4:00 pm.
Sunday, April 13	10:00 am.

#### Weekday Masses during Holy Week

Mon., Wed.	5:30 pm.
Tues., 9:00 am.	<i>(no Mass or Adoration Thursday)</i>

#### Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 17	6:00 pm.
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#### Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion

April 18	3:00 pm.
Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm.

#### Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 19	7:30 pm.
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#### Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

April 20	10:00 am.
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You are invited to join us as we celebrate the

### Jubilee Year of Hope

with a pilgrimage to the

## National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



### Tuesday, June 10, 2025

**Departure:** 8:00 AM from St Joseph Cathedral.

**Parking:** is available in the Hartnett Lot across the street from the Cathedral. Please arrive no later than 7:30 to have time to park and board the bus.

The day will include Holy Mass, opportunities for prayer, Adoration, Confession, and time to explore the 375-acre grounds of Eden Hill. There are numerous outdoor shrines and an outdoor Stations of the Cross.

**Cost:** \$50 per person.

For more info or to Register, go to:

[stjosephcathedralnh.org/stockbridge-pilgrimage](http://stjosephcathedralnh.org/stockbridge-pilgrimage)



## Divine Mercy Sunday



### Sunday April 27, 2025

Confessions 12 noon - 2:15 pm.

2:30 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet / Reflection

3:30 pm. Benediction and closing

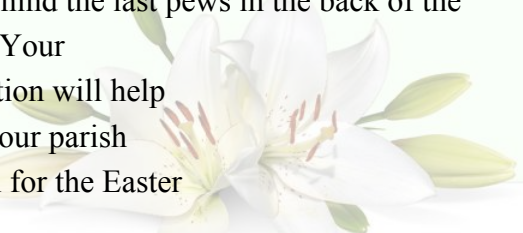
**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating significant years of marriage to a Mass in celebration of wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on Sunday, June 1, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office by May 9th. Please call 603-623-4835. Please provide your names, anniversary year, address and phone number. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information.

Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating significant anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!

*You will notice that the Easter Sunday Mass this year is at 10 am., not 9 am. as in years past. The reason being is that our music director Chris Maynard, has another commitment at St. Matthew Parish in Windham for the 7:30 am. Mass. This will give Chris time to get to St. Hedwig in time for our Easter Mass. We thank you for your understanding.*

Easter Flower Envelopes can be found on the tables behind the last pews in the back of the church. Your contribution will help to make our parish beautiful for the Easter Season.



Bishop Peter Libasci has decreed a Jubilee Year as directed Pope Francis, in the Diocese of Manchester,

**The Jubilee Year of Hope**

in effect from December 28, 2024 to December 29, 2025.

Plenary Indulgence and Apostolic Blessing are to be granted to those who fulfill the norms established for the reception of the Indulgence:

*Sacramental confession and a renunciation of sin.*

*Reception of Holy Communion*

*Prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father*

*Participation in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and/or joining in procession in the Diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage starting Sunday, May 18, 2025 and concluding its statewide travel on Thursday, June 19, 2025.*

**MSZA ŚWIĘTA W JEZYKU POLSKIM**

odprawiana jest w każdą trzecią niedzielę miesiąca w kościele św. Jadwigi w Manchester o godz. 16:00

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**Polish Mass, Easter Sunday April 20, 2025  
4:00 pm.  
Ks. Daniel Mikołajewski is the celebrant.**



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