April 25, 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Czwarta Niedziela Wielkanocna
Hello Everyone,

As the weather starts to look more promising as Spring should be, even despite the little snow from last week, starting in the next few weeks there will be some repair work done to the exterior of the church along the edge of the roof. Over the last 55 years since the church was built, the copper ice belts, sheathing, and gutters are wearing out. There are cracks in the seams of the sheathing that allow rain water to leak in between the exterior and interior walls of the church, thus contributing to some rather nasty water stains in the carpet in two spots, by the side door to the chapel/baptistry and the opposite side door to the hall. We have obtained three bids and with permission from the diocese, A. W. Therrien will do the work for a good price, $62,000. The copper will be replace with bronze aluminum, that has a weathered copper finish look to it. We have funds set aside from our well funded Central Fund account to pay for this. Once this is done, then I will have to decide what to do with the floor. Some options I have been thinking are shampooing the existing carpet to clean it, replacing the carpet, or laminate flooring. This is not immediate but something to mull over during the summer as I seek the advice of the finance committee. Overall, the church building is in very good shape and there are really no other major repairs that need to be done.

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. We are very familiar with this image. Perhaps we have an image of the Good Shepherd in our homes, either as a picture or a statue. It depicts Jesus holding a lamb in His arms with such tender care. Jesus is that good shepherd who always looks after His flock to see to our safety from the dangers of the world, especially that of sin. The world around us has gone crazy and as certain events will unfold over time, we are going to encounter sin and darkness. That is why we need to cling to the Good Shepherd, to keep our eyes and ears on Him so that we do not loose sight of Him, so that we can hear His gentle voice calling us by name when we are tempted or anxious.

If we should ever get lost, or stray away from the faith, or become weakened, the Good Shepherd will look for us, and He will never give up on us. Why? Simply because He loves us. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, wants to win our souls for God so that we can live a life of peace and joy, and when our time is up, we can live in eternity with God. That is what we desire, eternal life in the immensity of God's love for us. We do what we can to live the best life we can live, to be the best person we can be, but we find ourselves faced by many challenges that will try to pull us away from the love of God. This is why we need our Good Shepherd. He seeks us out as we seek for Him. Listen to His voice in the silence of our hearts, even if the world around us is noisy. His is the voice that will guide us in the right direction, provide us with understanding of the ways of the world, and lead us to the green pastures of peace.

When we pray, imagine ourselves enfolded in the arms of the Good Shepherd. It is there that we will feel comfort, peaceful, and secure. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for us as any shepherd would do to keep his flock safe.
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

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
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Weekly Giving

Donations received, April 10-16, 2021
Easter Offerings $1,824.00
Online giving $107.50 Total: $1,931.50

Thank You!
Bóg Zapłac

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Joseph Most Just

Joseph was first and foremost just unto God, rendering to Him what was His due. Since all things are due to God, Joseph was perfectly religious in prayer, in labor, and in love giving to God, even as an infant, the energy of his whole life.

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Resurrection of the Dead

During the Easter season we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. After He was taken down from the cross, His body was lovingly prepared for burial in a suitable tomb. We gather every weekend, or even every day to celebrate Mass which is a celebration of the promise of the resurrection of our own bodies and to pray for the souls of our dearly departed. For over a century, St. Hedwig Cemetery has provided a beautiful place to bury our dead. A walk through the cemetery affords us the opportunity to read the names on the headstones and to remember our the times we have spent with our families, but mostly, to pray for their soul. As the days will be getting warmer, we’ll have more of an opportunity to walk the cemetery, and perhaps think about the day when we will be interred there, to be together with our families again. If you are thinking about planning your final resting place, or have any questions, please call us at 603-623-4835.
Parish Devotional Life

Nie jest ważne jak wolno idziesz, dopóki się nie zatrzymasz.

It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop.

Readings of the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50


Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Jn 14:7-14


Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 4: 8-12
Here displayed is St. Peter’s first speech before the Insane, Israel’s chief religious governing body. The head of the Apostles bravely ascribes the healing of a man to the power of Jesus’ name, He whom they had crucified and who has been raised from the dead by God.

Reading II: I John 3: 1-2
As God’s adopted children, we shall one day have the joy of witnessing the full glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: John 10: 11-18
The well-known biblical image of Jesus’ self-proclaimed title of Himself as the Good Shepherd persists as one of our favorites. This not to omit our awareness of the opposite kind of shepherd rampant in the world.

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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
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.”

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

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**Catholic Charities NH: Upcoming Mass Talk**

Catholic Charities NH will be coming to our parish on the weekend of May 1/2, 2021 for their annual Mass Talk/Appeal. They will be sharing specific ways your support allowed them to adapt and create new opportunities to serve New Hampshire residents in incredibly meaningful ways over the past year, while building on its mission – one rooted in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ – of serving the vulnerable and those without a voice. Visit www.cc-nh.org/ to make a gift and see how your support of Catholic Charities helps our neighbors in need overcome hardship. Our parish goal is $3,000.

Catholic Charities NH provides many services and resources to help those in need, especially through counseling, those suffering the loss of a loved one, as well as many other needs. For information call: 603-669-3030 or cc-nh.org.

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**Springtime Traditions in Poland**

**Gaik**

In some parts of Poland, one may still encounter yet another tradition, known as gaik or maik (meaning “a copse”). Gaik is a pine twig or branch decorated with ribbons, colorful beads, flowers or little trinkets. Such a branch is then carried in a procession around a village, in order to celebrate the beginning of spring. This custom, however, is not as popular as Marzanna and is said to be sadly slowly dying out.

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**Remembrance of suffering and Death in the Season of the Resurrection**

April is designated as Abuse Awareness Month; this has been and continues to be an important identification with Jesus who, though innocent, suffered greatly at the hands of others. His resurrection is the source of hope for all who have been wronged. In recent years, April has also become the month to remember and pray for the victims of other evils as well. Internationally and locally, April is Known as Genocide and Holocaust Awareness Month because this terrible phenomenon has grown to unimaginable levels. In preparation and in faith, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter Libasci at the Cathedral at 6:00 pm, April 19-22, to remember the victims of the evils of abuse, abortion, the Holocaust, and Genocide, and to pray for the conversion of heart and mind of those who would be perpetrators of these evils.

* Monday, April 19: The Armenian and Rwandan Genocides
* Tuesday, April 20: Those Who Have Been Abused and Those Who Care for or Mourn Them.
* Wednesday, April 21: The Holocaust
* Thursday, April 22: The Atrocities in Sudan and Darfur.

All Masses will be livestreamed at stjosephcathedralnh.org.

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