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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*

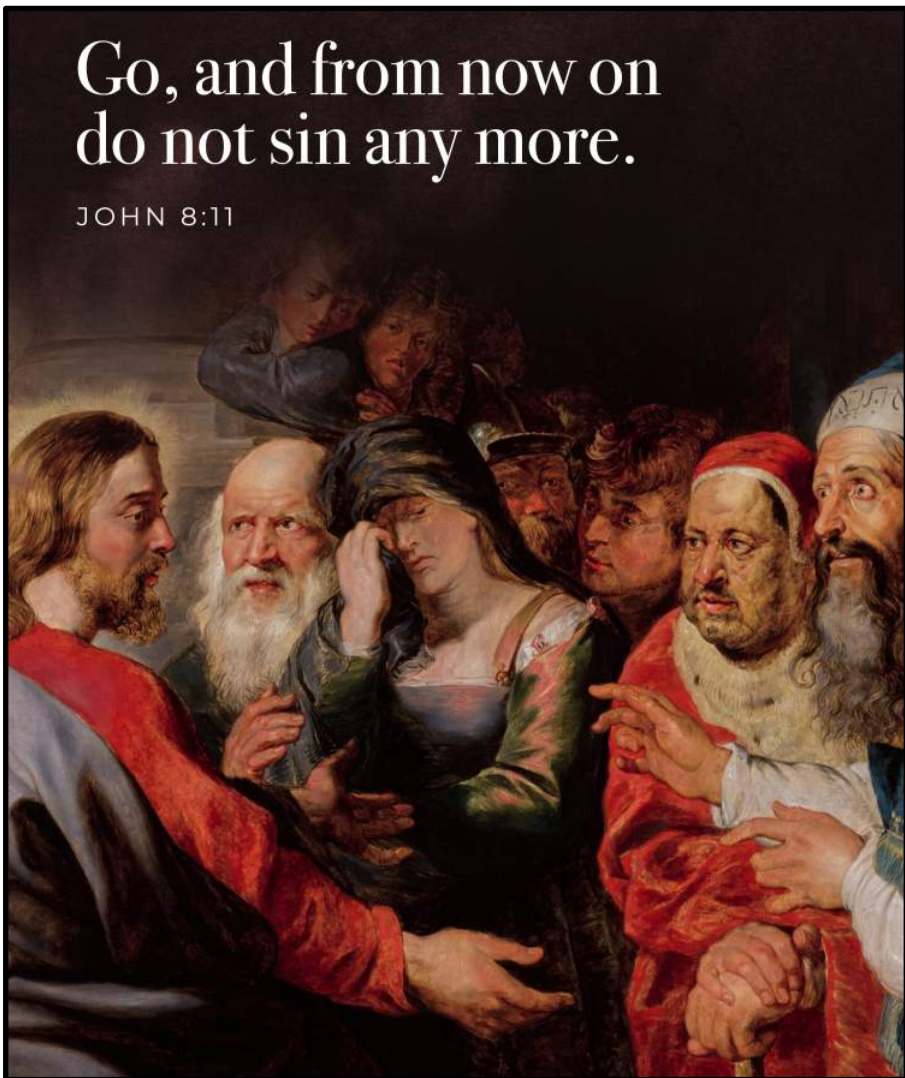
Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.  
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## *Eucharistic Devotion*

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.

Go, and from now on  
do not sin any more.

JOHN 8:11



*April 6, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Lent*

## Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery



71 Old Bedford Rd.  
Bedford, New Hampshire

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



Fifteen years ago, cursive writing teaching stopped in the United States when the Common Core State Standards were adopted. This led many schools to phase cursive writing out of their curricula. With the rise of digital technology, it made sense for many schools to prioritize keyboarding skills over cursive writing.

According to former Harvard president Drew Faust, this matters because among many sad effects is that our youngsters won't be able to read the birthday card from their grandmothers. They'll need their mothers to translate it for them. The good news is that some schools have returned to such instruction.

This whole matter came to mind as I pondered a significant detail in the well-known story of "The Authorities and the Woman caught in Adultery" as found in John chapter 8. It is this: "Jesus bent down and wrote with His finger on the ground." We might ask: "What did He write?" Or "What language did He use? Was it cursive Aramaic or a printed version?" That would be a fool's errand because printing had not yet been invented. The point here is not to bring a contemporary educational question into play over the words of the gospel story. What Jesus wrote is unknown and scholars tell us is that it was probably symbolic. St. Bede puts in his "two cents" this way: "Christ, who twice bends down to write on the ground, teaches us to bend low in humility, so that we can examine ourselves both before and after addressing the faults of our neighbor. If His example becomes our practice, we will avoid the extremes of being unjust and unmerciful toward others."

I find St. Bede's analysis personally helpful, especially during Lent. He asks us all to preclude any smugness on our part. To think that we are morally superior to the scribes and Pharisees in this famous story. We are not allowed to be judgmental of the poor shivering creature those men had dragged from the crowd to place her in front of Jesus. Honestly, how many times have we set ourselves up as judge and jury of somebody else? Sneered at their weakness from our chosen perch above it all?

It's a good thing we have humble saints in our Catholic tradition, beginning of course with Mary our Mother. Not only are they all heroes and models for imitation, but they are also practical teachers. We shouldn't think of saints as some stylized figure captured in stained glass. Except for Our Lady, saints are usually sinners, "revised and edited."

God be with you in these dwindling days of Lent.



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

**Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak, Julia Korona, Dr. Henry Plodzik, 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

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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.**

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 5**

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Sunday, April 6**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 am.** +S.p. Bernie Kerr              *from Williams Family*

**Monday, April 7      Lenten Weekday**

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

**Tuesday, April 8      Lenten Weekday**

**9:00 am.** +S.p. Douglas Bunnel      *from Dennis & Janet Caza*

**Wednesday, April 9      Lenten Weekday**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. Clarence Armstrong      *from Lyndi Cote*

**Thursday, April 10      Lenten Weekday**

**9:00 am.** Peace in the Ukraine and Israel

**Friday, April 11      St. Stanislaus**

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

**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*

### ***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***

***Parishioners' Intentions***

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD,  
 who opens a way in the sea  
 and a path in the mighty waters,  
 who leads out chariots and horsemen,  
 a powerful army,  
 till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,  
 snuffed out and quenched like a wick.  
 Remember not the events of the past,  
 the things of long ago consider not;  
 see, I am doing something new!  
 Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
 In the desert I make a way,  
 in the wasteland, rivers.  
 Wild beasts honor me,  
 jackals and ostriches,  
 for I put water in the desert  
 and rivers in the wasteland  
 for my chosen people to drink,  
 the people whom I formed for myself,  
 that they might announce my praise.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.**

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,  
 we were like men dreaming.  
 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
 and our tongue with rejoicing.  
*R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Then they said among the nations,  
 "The LORD has done great things for them."  
 The LORD has done great things for us;  
 we are glad indeed.  
*R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
 like the torrents in the southern desert.  
 Those that sow in tears  
 shall reap rejoicing.  
*R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Although they go forth weeping,  
 carrying the seed to be sown,  
 They shall come back rejoicing,  
 carrying their sheaves.  
*R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

Brothers and sisters:  
 I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of

knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

***Even now, says the Lord,  
 return to me with your whole heart;  
 for I am gracious and merciful.***

**Gospel: John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.  
 But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area,  
 and all the people started coming to him,  
 and he sat down and taught them.  
 Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman  
 who had been caught in adultery  
 and made her stand in the middle.  
 They said to him,  
 "Teacher, this woman was caught  
 in the very act of committing adultery.  
 Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women.  
 So what do you say?"  
 They said this to test him,  
 so that they could have some charge to bring against him.  
 Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his  
 finger.  
 But when they continued asking him,  
 he straightened up and said to them,  
 "Let the one among you who is without sin  
 be the first to throw a stone at her."  
 Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.  
 And in response, they went away one by one,  
 beginning with the elders.  
 So he was left alone with the woman before him.  
 Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,  
 "Woman, where are they?  
 Has no one condemned you?"  
 She replied, "No one, sir."  
 Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 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.	(no Mass or Adoration Thursday)

#### 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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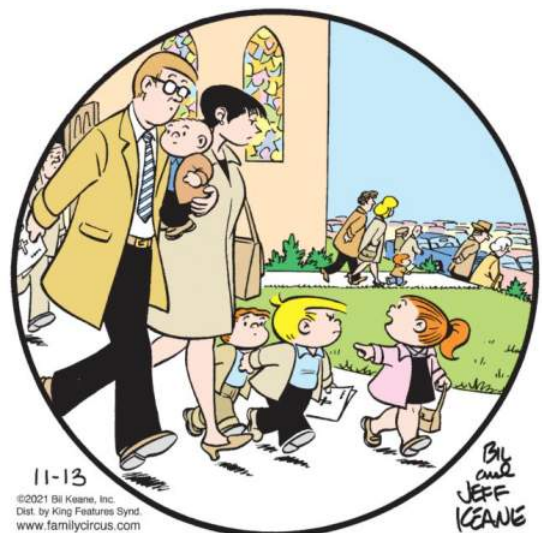
Fridays during Lent  
3:00 pm. and  
after the 5:30 pm. Mass (6:00 pm.)

## Saint Hedwig Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will be meeting on Wednesday,  
April 10, 2025 at 10 am. in the parish hall.



## Humor



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and  
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"Father Forest said, 'As you live,  
so shall you die.' I'll bet Billy  
dies in a messy room."

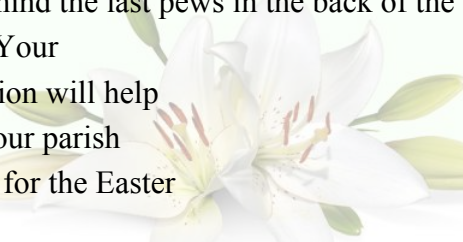

**2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**

As we bring the 2024 Catholic Appeal to a close, the 2025 Appeal is about to begin. We finished with **\$9,095.00**, from our goal of **\$11,855**. Not too

bad, and a big thanks to all who contributed generously to the New Hampshire. We hope you will continue with your commitment to the Catholic Appeal for 2025 to support the good works of the Catholic Church in New Hampshire,

***The 2025 parish goal is \$12,183.***

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.



### Readings for the Week

**Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday** Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday** Gen 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59

**Friday** Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday** Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday** Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49



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.*



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