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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*

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## *Eucharistic Devotion*

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.

# SAINT HEDWIG PARISH

April 7, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter  
*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.*



## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It starts in the childhood playground and often lingers through adolescence and even to adulthood. I refer to nicknames. Red-headed Renee or Ricky become known as “Reds.” Other such labels derive from a person’s usual behavior or some event in the classroom or the ballfield, or whatever event that everybody else remembers. Case in point: the naming of St. Thomas as “The Doubter.” In retrospect, it’s an unfair nickname given to this Apostle who makes a beautiful act of faith to the risen Jesus. (Imagine him doing so on his knees.) Ever since then, Thomas’ statement “My Lord and my God” makes a perfect prayer to say as the priest elevates the sacred Host right after its consecration as the Body of Christ at every Mass.

At any rate, this incident surely makes St. Thomas the patron saint of those who have doubts, especially about our holy Faith. I presume that includes a lot of us from time to time. Let’s start with doubt about the Eucharist truly being the Body and Blood of Christ. Sadly, that embraces a lot of surveyed Catholics these days. Then there are those who doubt our Church’s teachings, sometimes only because they don’t like them. Moving on from there, we have people who doubt the goodness of life here “below heaven.” Doubt their own goodness as God’s creatures. That means they doubt the person in their mirror as having value.

We must always remember that doubt itself is morally neutral. It spurs on a healthy “proing” into what our Church teaches. That, in turn, can lead to a renewed faith. Open-minded research into this or that teaching provides previously untapped evidence. Of course, some teachings, like the Holy Eucharist, ultimately depend on faith, nurtured by prayer. We can be sure St. Thomas prayed.

Today is the Octave, or the eighth day of Easter. Pope St. John Paul II designated it as “Divine Mercy Sunday.” This is a beautiful devotion based on the visions of a holy Polish nun named Sr. Faustina, wherein Our Lord Himself bids us to trust in Him. That’s what St. Thomas did with renewed vigor in that Upper Room. We can do the same. As an anonymous writer put it: “Doubt makes the mountain which faith can move.”

God love you and give you His Easter peace.



Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

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

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.*

***Pray for the seminarians of our diocese to encourage them in their call to the priestly vocation:***

Christian Collopy, Caleb S. Goff, Nick Wencis, Spencer M. Gregory, Peter Phong Quang Le, Horngam Patrick Razhamah, Andre Nadeau, Deacon Eric Ouellette, Casey Burgess, Jacob Condi, Guillaume Temkkit, Christian Hurlburt



“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.”

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

4:00 pm. - +S.p. Lucien Gagne from Mrs. Simone Beliveau

### SUNDAY APRIL 7

#### Divine Mercy Sunday

10:00 am. - +S.p. Michalina Turczyk  
from Daniela & Ken Cooper

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

#### Annunciation of the Lord

5:30 PM. - +S.p. Anne, Timothy, Zara, Mike, Peter, Autumn  
from Slawek Gawlik

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

#### Easter Weekday

9:00 am. - +S.p. Newman McDonald  
from the Williams Family

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

#### Easter Weekday

5:30 pm.. - +S.p. Carol Lowell  
from Pedone Family

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

#### St. Stanislaus

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

#### Easter Week Day

5:30 pm. - +S.p. Marty Bernstein  
from Lyndi Cote

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

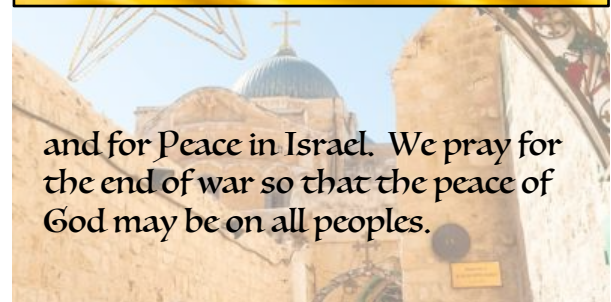
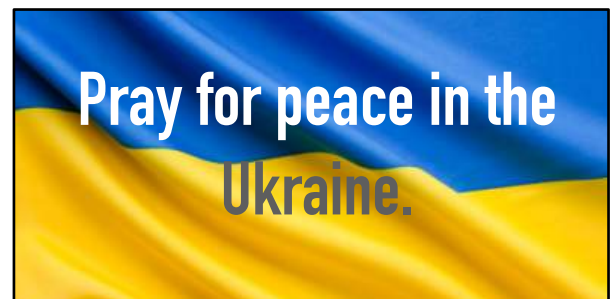
4:00 pm. - +S.p. Rita Lesniak-Pariseau, Birthday Remembrance  
from the Family

### SUNDAY APRIL 14

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 am. - +S.p. John Kazanowski, Birthday Remembrance  
from the Family

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*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.*

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## Parish Devotional Life

### Sunday Readings

#### Reading I: Acts 4: 32-35

This selection is a summary of the community's support for each other and the power of the Apostles' witnessing the Resurrection.

#### Reading II: 1 John 5: 1-6

True obedience to the Lord's love command is shown by interaction with others. Faith opposes the world's ideas about how to live.

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

The author identifies the crucified Jesus with the risen Lord. Thomas' doubt turns into a beautiful act of faith. Jesus' blessing on those "who have not seen" encourages believers down through the ages.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday** Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

**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 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48



**Join us every Sunday for the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass at 9:05 am.**



"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

*St Padre Pio*



## 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.

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## St. Hedwig Parish Spagetti Supper

featuring Fr. Eric's  
homemade sauce and  
meatballs, will be held  
**Saturday, April 20, 2024,**  
in the parish hall. Tickets  
will go on sale in the  
beginning of April.

**Adults \$10**  
**Children under 14 \$6**

## Divine Mercy Sunday

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

St. Hedwig Parish  
On the corner of  
Beech & Orange Sts.  
Manchester, NH



### Divine Mercy Sunday Schedule

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Confessions: 1:30 pm. - 2:15 pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 2:30 pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 pm.

Reflection of Divine Mercy

Benediction and Close: 3:30 pm.



## Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, & 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be celebrated **Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 2:00 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester, NH.** To register, please contact the parish office by April 12, 2024, with your names, address, e-mail, and which anniversary it is. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this Spring!

## Easter Arts and Crafts for the Kids

Join us in the parish hall after Mass on April 14, 2024 for Easter arts and crafts. The kids will have a fun time learning about Easter as they assemble cute little decorations and ornaments. Families are always encouraged to join in.

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The day after Easter is known as Dyngus Day. It's commemorated in Poland and in Polish communities across the U.S. Dyngus - sometimes spelled Dingus - is marked by parties and parades with some fun traditions thrown in as well.

Among the more colorful Dyngus Day traditions is for single boys to chase single girls with water with an aim of dousing your beloved. The modern take uses more squirt guns than buckets of water but beware - tradition also holds that girls get their revenge on the following Tuesday when they can throw dishes back the boys (and dishes hurt a lot more than water.) Other traditions include lightly hitting someone on the legs with switches to commemorate an act of contrition.

Dyngus Day traces its origins back to the Baptist of Police Prince Mieszko in 966 A.D. with water signifying cleaning and purification. The word "Dyngus" loosely translates to "worthy."

Like most other holidays, food plays a role in Dyngus Day as well. Traditional Polish foods such as pierogis, kielbasa, stuffed cabbage and butter shaped like lambs adorn tables today. There's also Polka dancing and- of course - a little beer drinking.

The day is commemorated in places with larger Polish-American communities, such as New York and Buffalo. Buffalo commemorates the day with a parade. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, about 9.5 million Americans claim Polish ancestry.



## Zdrowaś Maryjo



Zdrowaś Maryjo, łaski pełna, Pan z Tobą, błogosławionaś Ty między niewiastami, i błogosławiony owoc żywota Twojego, Jezus. Święta Maryjo, Matko Boża, módl się za nami grzesznymi teraz i w godzinę

śmierci naszej. Amen.



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