



St. Hedwig Parish

Manchester, New Hampshire

August 15, 2021



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Uroczystość Wniebowzięcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwighn.org

Weekend Mass Times:

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

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm.
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am.

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass 6:00 pm.
Mass of the Day 8:00 am.

Confessions:

Saturday 3:00 pm. - 3:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration:

After the Thursday Morning Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday 5:10 pm.

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St. Hedwig Cemetery

Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, NH.

For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.



Pastor's Letter

Hello Everyone!

This weekend, we have the honor of celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is with this feast that we celebrate Mary's entrance into the heavenly realm, body and soul, to reign gloriously with God. She is given this most singular honor because she is the Mother of God. It was at that one moment in time when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary on behalf of God, to announce that she was the chosen of all women, of all time, to bear the Son of God in her womb, and to bring Him into this world. She was a very young woman, pure and innocent. At first apprehensive, but assured by the angel, she accepted her role in the salvation of humanity.

She was immaculately conceived in the womb of her mother Anne, thus preserving her from all stain of Original Sin, making her worthy to be the vessel to bear the Savior of the world. Through out her life, she surrendered herself to the will of God. She, along with Joseph, raised the child Jesus as a normal family would, teaching Him the ancient scriptures, the craft of carpentry, and the love of God. She may have accompanied Jesus on His preaching and healing ministry, but what is for sure is that she followed her Son during His Passion to the Cross. We cannot begin to imagine how a mother as herself had the strength to bear such pain as witnessing the crucifixion and death of her son, and then to cradle His dead body in her arms, just as she cradled Him at His birth. From the cradle to the cross. After those three days in the tomb, she gloried in the resurrection of her Son.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been believed for many centuries but was made an official teaching of the Church as recently as 1950, declared by Pope Pius XII.



We do not know the whole story behind the death, or dormition, a falling asleep, of the Virgin Mary. We do not know how old she was. We do know that her time on earth was complete, and she fell asleep to this world, and opened her eyes in the new world of heaven.

The story is told that the Apostles, except for one, was present at Mary's passing. The missing Apostle was Thomas. This event mirrors the absence of Thomas at the first post resurrection appearance of Jesus some years before. As we know the story, Thomas was doubtful of the Lord's resurrection until he saw the resurrected Lord with his own eyes. Thomas was not present at

Mary's passing and when he arrived some days later, he wanted to see the body of Mary. It was when her tomb was opened, no body was found but many flowers instead. With this, the Apostles came to believe that Jesus took His mother into heaven to be with Him.

She is for us a powerful intercessor in heaven. We pray to her with our prayers and and intentions and she brings them to the ear of her Son. A good son always listens to his mother. The Blessed Mother continually urges us to go to Jesus, to pray the Rosary, to pray for the conversion of sinners and for the world. She has said this in many of her apparition through history. She is very much at work in heaven. It is said that she continually holds back the avenging hand of God from inflicting great punishment upon us, but wants to give all of God's creation many opportunities to save itself, convert, and come back to God. Let us listen to Mary, she loves us as our mother and wants to bring us back to the heart of God.



Fr. Eric



Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle
Pastor

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastoral Assistant

Scott Bergendahl
Music Director

Dan Felch
Parish Maintenance

Ellie Felch
Parish Secretary



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



Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

*Shirley Stemska, Rita Haskins, Emily Mencywor,
Walter Gorski, Richard Radlinski*

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.



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

Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF

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Weekly Giving

Donations received, July 31 - August 6, 2021

Weekly Offerings \$ 1,791.00

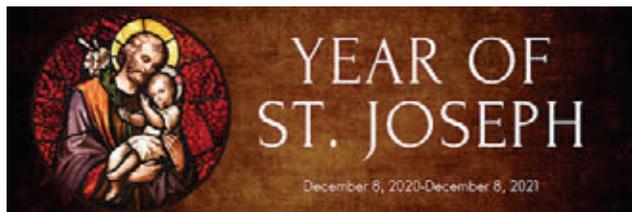
Online giving \$ 120.00

Total: \$ 1,911.00

Thank You!

Bóg Zapłać

We have made available for your use a trifold paper worship aid that contains the readings and the music for Mass. Scott, our music director, takes the time and effort to put these together so as to guide us through the Mass. Some may prefer to use these over the missalettes. If using the paper worship aid, please bring it home with you or dispose of it after Mass. If you prefer to use the missalettes, they are yours for the taking to bring with you to Mass on the weekends.



Saturday, August 14, 2021

4:00 pm. **+S.p. Raymond Menard** *from the Family*

Sunday, August 15, 2021 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am. **+S.p. Helen Stacey** *from Lindi Cote*

Monday, August 16, 2021 *St. Stephen of Hungary*

5:30 pm. **For the protection of the unborn**

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 *Weekday*

9:00 am. **+S.p. Elyse Lang** *from the Szulc Family*

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 *Weekday*

5:30 pm. **Increase of vocations to the priesthood**

Thursday, August 19, 2021 *St. John Eudes, priest*

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

Friday, August 20, 2021 *St. Bernard, Abbot*

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

Saturday, August 21, 2021

4:00 pm. **+S.p. Mildred Kazanowski, Birthday Remembrance**
from the Family

Congratulation, Elaine & Richard Peruse, 45th Wedding Anniversary
from the Family

Sunday, August 22, 2021 **21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**

10:00 am. **+S.p. Rose Houle** *from the Family*

Apparition of St. Joseph, Knock, Ireland

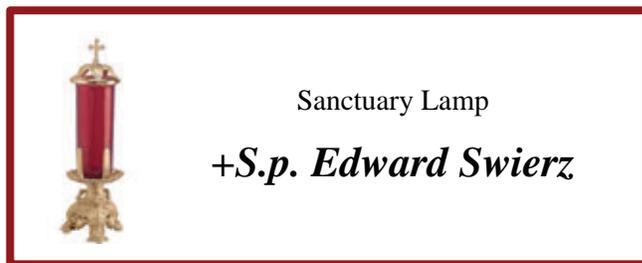


At 8pm on August 21st 1879, a diverse group of fifteen people (including men, women and children), beheld a silent vision of Our Lady – with hands and eyes raised toward Heaven, wearing a crown upon her head, St Joseph – robed in white with hands joined and head bowed and St John the Evangelist – wearing a Bishop’s mitre and holding a large Bible. They appeared at the south gable of the Knock Parish Church in a blaze of glorious light. Behind them, to the left of St John, was a simple altar with a Cross standing on it, with a Lamb (traditional symbol of Jesus Christ – the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world) at the foot of the Cross. Adoring at the altar was a group of angels.

St Joseph appeared to be close to middle-age with hints of gray in his hair. He was clothed in white robes, standing bare-foot at the Virgin Mary’s right-hand side. His head was inclined forward and appeared to be paying his respects to his Blessed Spouse, and adoring the Lamb on the altar, his hands joined in prayer. He was the figure of humility and of a gentle disposition, in contemplation of the Holy Virgin and the Lamb of God. He is showing us to have reverence for the Mass and to honor the Mother of God. We must be like St Joseph in his humility and prayerfulness, setting aside our trials and distractions to spend more time in contemplation of God and His works.



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





Parish Devotional Life

“Co nas nie zabije to was wzmocni.”

What doesn't kill us makes us stronger.



Readings of the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays



Come spend some quiet time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

**Thursdays after the 9:00 am Mass
(9:30 am)**

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”
Pope Benedict XVI

*Adoration is also available at St. Joseph Cathedral,
Wednesdays 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.in the chapel (Lowell St.)*

Join us every Sunday for the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass at 9:15 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



Sunday Readings

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading I: Revelation 11: 19A; 12: 1-6a, 10ab

The opening of the Temple expresses an extraordinary self-revelation of God. The woman in this vision our Church takes to be the Virgin Mary. She boldly faces the red dragon, the symbol of chaos. Salvation comes through Christ her Son.

Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 20-27

Paul offers a thesis: at the end of time when everyone ever created will rise from the dead, along with “those who belong to Christ.” We know and believe that Our Lady belonged to Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

Elizabeth and Mary pronounce the meaning of Jesus in God’s plan of salvation. Mary offers her great prayer of praise, the “Magnificat.” Her prayer is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Hours as Evening Prayer.

Matka Boska Częstochowska



Saint Luke the Evangelist, according to tradition, is believed to be the original artist of this painting in which Mary is depicted holding the Christ Child. This sacred picture, enshrined and venerated at the renowned Marian Shrine in Poland, was first brought from Jerusalem through Constantinople and was bestowed to the Princess of Ruthenia. It was brought to Poland in 1382 through the efforts of Ladislaus of Opole who had discovered it in a castle at Belz. To ensure its protection, he invited the Monks of Saint Paul the First Hermit from Hungary to be its guardians.

From this time onward, the historic records of the painting are documented and authenticated by the miracles associated with the painting. In 1430, a devastating attack on the Polish Shrine resulted in tragic losses and the damaging of the holy picture. To this very day, despite the attempts to repair the damage, the slashes on the face of the Virgin Mary are still visible.

The foundation of the Monastery and Shrine in Czestochowa began with a small wooden church. Subsequent development (1632-48) led to the construction of the present day basilica and defense wall which surrounds the sacred buildings. Under the heroic leadership of the Prior of the Monastery, Father Augustine Kordecki, the Shrine withstood the attacks of the Swedish Invasion of 1655. This great victory proved to be a tremendous boost to the morale of the entire Polish nation.

As a result, King Jan Casimir, in 1656, made a solemn vow proclaiming the Mother of God to be the "Queen of the Polish Crown" and the Shrine of Jasna Gora to be the "Mount of Victory" and a spiritual capital for Poland.

Following the restoration of national independence in 1918, pilgrimages to the Polish Shrine grew in number and size. As World War II ended, a nation devastated by the scourges of war drew new strength and courage from the Shrine to rebuild and recover from the war. Today the Shrine of Czestochowa in Poland attracts millions of worshipers and tourists who come to honor the miraculous image of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

In 1966, in celebration of the 1000th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity, a National Shrine to Our Lady of Czestochowa was dedicated in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and is under the direction of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers who also administer the Shrine in Poland.



Every Fridays at 5:10 pm.
join us for the recitation of
the Divine Mercy Devotions
as we pray for God's mercy
on the world.



The Saint Cecilia Choir is back!

The choir is seeking additional members. If you enjoy singing, can read music (at least at a basic level), you are encouraged to seek more information. The Saint Cecilia Choir rehearses weekly on Fridays at 6:30 pm starting September 3 and sings every week at the 10 am Mass on Sundays, as well as special liturgies throughout the year. If you are interested in using your gifts for the glory of God, please contact Scott Bergendahl (scott.bergendahl@gmail.com) to set up a time to meet in person for a vocal assessment. We hope many can join us!

Wisdom of the Saints

“Neither fear nor self-interest can convert the soul. They may change the appearance, perhaps even the conduct, but never the object of supreme desire... Fear is the motive which constrains the slave; greed binds the selfish man, by which he is tempted when he is drawn away by his own lust and enticed (James 1:14). But neither fear nor self-interest is undefiled, nor can they convert the soul. Only charity can convert the soul, freeing it from unworthy motives.”

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

August, 20





The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

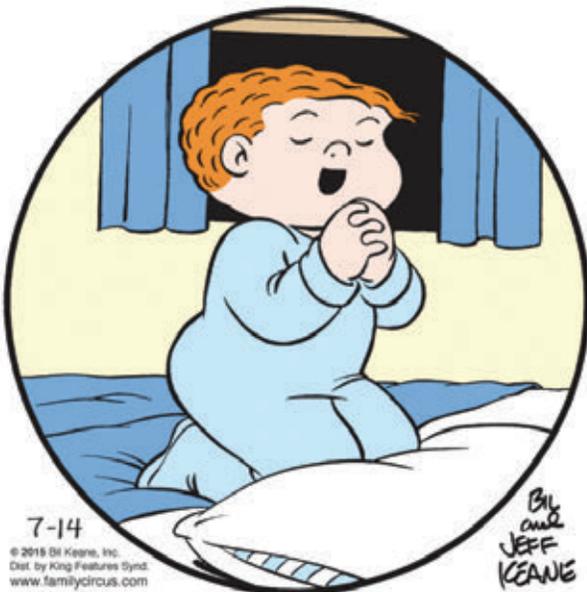
The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is the greatest of all her feasts. Her divine maternity may be regarded as the immediate reason for her Assumption, but the former reason

for the preservation of her body from corruption and for her privileged assumption into heaven may be sought in her immunity from all stain of original sin. Let us rejoice with our celestial Mother, and ask her intercession "now and at the hour of our death."

We believe that the most holy Virgin, to resemble Jesus in everything, died of pure love of God; that she was not subject to the corruption of the grave but was raised up by the omnipotence of God; and she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. We believe that in heaven she occupies a higher place than all other creatures, that she is enthroned as Queen at the right hand of her Son, that her heart resembles most closely the heart of Jesus. We believe in her maternal good. Mary assumed into heaven, pray for us who have recourse unto thee. Amen



Humor



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"...and just so you know, I had a very good day today, so I'd like more of the same tomorrow."



Golabki Dinner (Stuffed Cabbage)

September 11, 2021

These will be to go meals and can be picked up at the St. Hedwig Parish Hall after the 4:00 pm. Mass until 7:00 pm. **Dinners are \$10.00.**

This is to help fund and support George and Nick Farmer's Eagle Scout Projects. Let us show them our support and appreciation!

Orders with payment must be placed by September 5th, 2021 and can be put in the collection box or orders and payment can be made online at:

<https://troop118wreaths.square.site/>

Stuffed Cabbage with the following choices:

Drinks:

Coke Diet Coke Sprite
Water None

Desert:

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