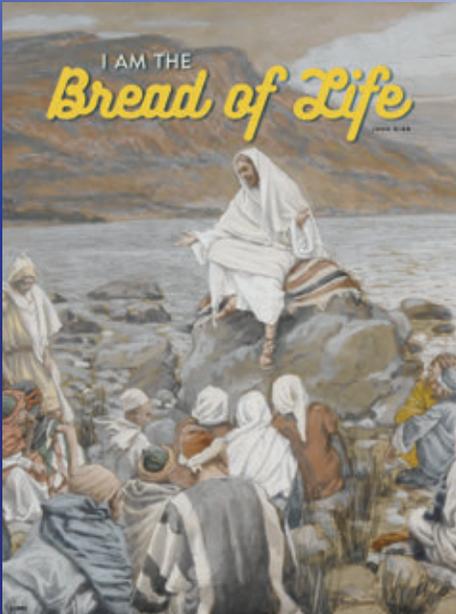




St. Hedwig Parish

Manchester, New Hampshire

August 1, 2021



18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Osiemnasta Niedziela Zwykła

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!

As you well know from last week the news concerning our bishop, Bishop Libasci, who is being sued for damages due to sexual misconduct with a youth in the early 1980s. Bishop Libasci categorically denies such allegations and will defend himself against these charges. Whatever the outcome, justice will be rendered. Over the last couple of decades, the Church has been hit with a scandal that has caused much anger and sadness amongst her faithful, the abuse of children at the hands of clergy. We reeled with shock when we heard the names of those priests accused, priests we once trusted and even loved. Some of the faithful no doubt felt a great sense of betrayal, and would question their faith and the authority of the Church. Yes, we have gone through such a tragedy as this, but this is for sure, the Church still endures and we have kept the faith.

By all means, we do not condone such abuse in any form, sexual, physical, emotional, verbal. We cannot begin to fathom the longterm damage this causes the victims: depression, lack of trust, addictions, sadness, even suicide. The Church still has much work to do in compensating the victims, but more so, to bring the healing hand of the Lord, to restore physical, spiritual, and psychological health. The Church has taken a good look at itself and has seen her own sinfulness and the need to reconcile all things to God.

How do we respond to this current situation with our bishop? Prayer is the answer as we try to grasp some sense of understanding of what this is all about. We pray for the one bringing these allegation, who himself was injured, that he can find the peace and healing he deserves. We pray for all victims of abuse of all forms. As difficult as it can be for some, we should pray also for Bishop Libasci. We can only imagine the agony he is going through. Just imagine if it were our own self going through something like this, we would certainly want someone to pray for us. For the past decade, he has shepherded the Church in New Hampshire, bringing many back to the faith, restoring devotions, and calling many to the love and mercy of

God. He is our shepherd and I pledge my prayerful support for him, that God will be with him and console him, as the justice system works the way it should, to bring fair justice to those in need.

We find our consolation in Jesus who tells us, "I am the bread of life." Last week we saw Jesus feed the multitude with a few barley loaves and some fish, and all were satisfied. Jesus makes this bold statement that He is the bread that will feed us spiritually. He is the bread come down from heaven. When we look at the name of the town where Jesus was born, Bethlehem, it means "house of bread." Jesus walked this earth two thousand years ago to minister to those who needed to be welcomed as a child of God. He preached to us the good news of our salvation and the promise of the resurrection. He healed the sick then to show us today that miracles are still possible.. He has given us faith and hope to live by, helping us to live out each day, in the craziness of the world, combatting sin, and avoiding those things that try to tear us away from the love of God.

Jesus is still in our midst, but in a whole new way. He has ascended to the Father to work His ministry from heaven. Jesus remains with us now in Word and Sacrament. We listen to the Word of God which feeds us intellectually, and He has given Himself to us in bread and wine, consecrated to be the eucharist, to feed us spiritually. It is this that should console us in our time of need, to give us hope in time of tribulation, and to know that the Lord is with us. Sometimes we may not be aware of it, but He is.

We are believers, people of faith. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, Body and Blood, soul and divinity. Let us go to Jesus to adore Him in the tabernacle, to give to Him all who we are, whatever needs we have. He hears our prayers for His great love and mercy endures forever.

Fr. Eric





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Rev. Eric T. Delisle
Pastor

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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 Menczywor,
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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603-232-3115



Weekly Giving

Donations received, July 17 - 23, 2021

Weekly Offerings \$ 1,269.00

Online giving \$ 250.00

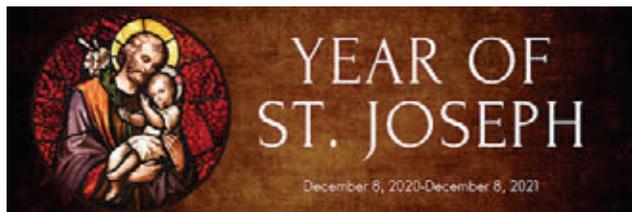
Total: \$ 1,519.00

Thank You!

Bóg Zapłać

Votive Candles \$201.00

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, July 31, 2021

4:00 pm. **+S.p. Maryanna Betley** *from Lyndi Cote*

Sunday, August 1, 2021 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. **+S.p. David Kazanowski** *from the Family*

+S.p. MaryAnne Pawlowski, Anniv.
from James Pawlowski

Monday, August 2, 2021 *St. Peter Julian Eymard*

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

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 *Weekday*

9:00 am. **For the protection of the unborn**

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 *St. John Vianney*

5:30 pm. **For an increase of vocations to the priesthood**

Thursday, August 5, 2021 *Dedication of St. Mary Major*

9:00 am. **+S.p. Eugene Larouche** *from the Williams Family*

Friday, August 6, 2021 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

5:30 pm. **For your personal intentions**

Saturday, August 7, 2021

4:00 pm. **+S.p. Charlotte Clearly** *from the Williams Family*

Sunday, August 8, 2021 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. **+S.p. Ignacy Betley** *from Lindi Cote*



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

Miracles through the intercession of St. Joseph

In the 16th Century there arose a devotion called “The Seven Our Fathers of Saint Joseph”, which would later be known as “The Seven Sorrows and Joys”. The devotion as it appears today is credited to Blessed Gennaro Sarnelli (1702-1744). Below is related the brief story of how this devotion came to be requested by St. Joseph himself:

There were once two priests of the Franciscan order who were sailing along the coast of Flanders. A terrible tempest arose, sinking the ship along with 300 passengers. The two Fathers grabbed hold of a nearby plank, embracing it for dear life, as they were tossed about in the violent waves for three days and three nights. All the while the two men had recourse to St. Joseph, praying and begging for his assistance, to save them in the name of God from their most helpless and dire situation.

On the third day someone came to their aide, appearing as a most radiant man, encouraging them to have faith and to continue to confide in St. Joseph. The mysterious man safely conducted them into a harbor much to the happiness and relief of the two priests. Upon arriving safely, they thanked him repeatedly and asked for the name of the man who had just saved their lives. The man revealed to them that he was none other than St. Joseph—the one to whom they had prayed all this time.

The two priests wanting to extend some form of honor or respect to the saint for all that he had done for them, asked what they could do to show their gratefulness. St. Joseph told them to honor him thusly: to recite daily the “Our Father” and “Hail Mary” seven times while meditating on his seven sorrows and seven joys. After advising them, he disappeared as mysteriously as he had come.





Parish Devotional Life

“Nie dziel skóry na niedźwiedzu”

Don't divide the skin while it is still on the bear. In so many words, don't celebrate too early.



Readings of the Week

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Reacting to the people’s complaint, Yahweh provides prompt relief by sending the manna and the quail. The manna, for St. John, is a “type” of the Holy Eucharist.

Reading II: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

The “old man” for Paul represents the convert’s life led only with mere human resources to go by leading to weakness and sin. The new life, “put on” at Baptism is an actual incorporation into Christ.

The Gospel: John 6: 24-35

Jesus instructs the crowd that has followed Him on the nature of the true bread from heaven, which is Christ Himself. This Bread alone gives a person true life.

Św. Wojciech



St. Wojciech/Adalbert, is revered as one of Poland's oldest saints and in fact one of the great patron saints of the Polish nation. Wojciech was born of a noble family in Bohemia in 956, ten years before Poland became a Christian nation with the baptism of King Mieszko the first bishop of Magdeburg. The name Wojciech in Slavonic means "Help of the army."

As a child, Wojciech was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin by his parents who feared losing him to sickness. They promised the Virgin that Wojciech would live under her patronage with the clergy. Wojciech received an excellent education at the cathedral school of Magdeburg. In 982 he was ordained a subdeacon by the bishop of Prague. Though only 27 years of age, he was elected bishop of Prague in 983, after the sudden death of the previous bishop. Wojciech entered the city of Prague barefoot as a symbol of his humility. He was received with enthusiasm by Boleslaus II, prince of Bohemia, and all the people of that city. He proceeded to reorganize the diocese but was saddened to learn of the religious state of his flock. Most were Christian in name only. He withdrew to Rome in 990 but returned to Prague in 994 at the insistence of Pope John XV. Again he encountered difficulties and a refusal to accept the true gospel in Prague, which caused him to withdraw from Prague to Rome. Once again the Pope, Gregory V at this time, ordered him back to Prague.

The people of Prague, however, refused to admit Wojciech to the diocese and so he turned his attention to the conversion of Poland (Pomerania) to Christianity as a missionary. He made converts at Gdansk but later met with scorn as he and his companions were accused of being spies.

On April 23rd, 997, he and his companions were martyred near Krolewiec by being beaten to death with oars. After severing his head and fixing it on a pole which was carried throughout the village, his body was thrown into the Nogat River, a tributary of the Wistula, and washed up on the Polish coast. The body was held for ransom by heathens who received a small fortune, the weight of the body in gold, from Boleslaus, Duke of Poland, for its return. Later in 998 his body was enshrined in Gniezno; some of his relics, however, were returned by force to Prague in 1039. Adalbert was canonized a saint in the year 1000.



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.



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Our parish goal for this year's appeal is **\$3,000.**

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Saint Hedwig Cemetery

For more than two thousand years, Christians have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. After Jesus was taken down from the cross, His body was prepared and placed in a grave called a sepulcher. As Catholics, we profess each Sunday that we look forward to the resurrection of the dead. But have you ever thought about that place where you will rise? Since the very early 1900s St. Hedwig Cemetery has provided a sacred burial place for those who have died and await the resurrection from the dead. Visit our cemetery on Old Bedford Rd., and contact us if you have any questions or would like more information. 603-623-4835.

Are you looking for a greater sense of peace in your life, to be more connected to God? Spiritual reading can help us achieve this. There is a great series of easy to read books from the author Fr. Jacques Phillip. Such titles are:

Searching for and Maintaining Peace

Interior Freedom

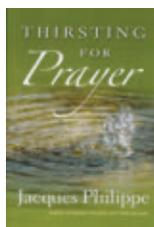
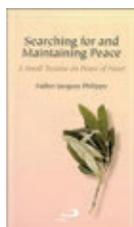
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Fr. Eric



 **Humor**



Praying on Penacook Street

Recently, the sidewalk counselors met a young woman who said at the age of 15 her parents brought her to Planned Parenthood for an abortion. She did not want to abort her baby but, as a minor living at home, she felt she had no options. She is now an adult and pregnant. She put her hand over her heart and said, "My heart still hurts," but now she is able to make her own decision and will have this baby.

On surgical abortion day (Wednesday), a mother and daughter from New Jersey rushed in to PP and remained inside for several hours. A man went outside to smoke while his partner was having an abortion. When asked to talk, he walked over to the fence and said, "I will never regret this abortion." Then the security guard told him not to talk to the counselors. A young girl walking by was offered literature and said, "I support abortion." When asked if she supports pregnant women, she walked away. However, several people stopped to thank the counselors for being there.

For more information about the life-affirming Pennacook Pregnancy Center, visit www.pennacookpregnancy.org and facebook.com/nhpregnancyhelp

Ever wonder why you are alive at this time? Maybe counseling abortion bound women and men is the reason. Please consider being a sidewalk counselor. Training is available. For more information, contact Cathy Kelly at (603) 206-5306 or ckelly@pennacookpregnancy.org.

Poland has a very diverse nature. Almost 800 km of the seashore and a few mountain chains (Tatra, Carpathian, Sudet Bieszczady and *Świętokrzyskie*). Poland also has the only Central-European desert, *Pustynia Błędowska*. There are also dunes in the Pomerania region that are a curiosity on a European scale. So are wetlands in *Biebrzański National Park*. And islands in *Woliński National Park*.

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