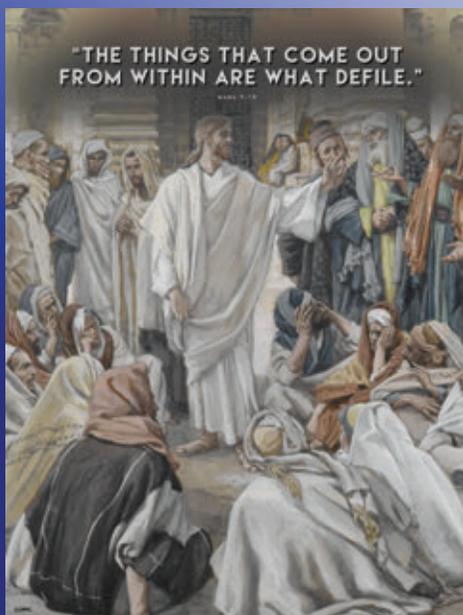




# St. Hedwig Parish

Manchester, New Hampshire

August 29, 2021



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Dwudziesta druga Niedziela Zwykła*

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**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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**Office & Parish Hall:**

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**Website:** [www.sainthedwighn.org](http://www.sainthedwighn.org)

**Facebook:** @StHedwigParish



**St. Hedwig Cemetery**

Old Bedford Rd.  
Bedford, NH.

For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.



## Pastor's Letter

Hello Everyone!

It has been decided that we will postpone the annual Polish Fest again for this year, due to continued concerns about the Covid variant and its spread. Your safety and protection is our primary concern and we want you to be healthy. Let us hope and pray for Polish Fest 2022. Let us continue to pray that this pesky pandemic will finally pass, and return us to a normal way of life and allow us to truly live again and celebrate with one another.

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus lays it straight out to us about the way we live. He notices that the Jewish people follow some rather strict rules when it comes to cleanliness. The laws dictate that one washes their hands before they eat (well, we do that anyway so we do not spread any germs.) Even when food is prepared, it must be cleansed from any impurities, (we do that too so that we do not spread any pathogens and get sick.) What is Jesus getting at? He is comparing the laws of cleanliness with the way we live. All the cleansing rituals make it look clean on the outside, but what about the inside?

We may look good on the outside, but what is going on inside of us? Are we being true to who we say we are? We can say we are a good person, and we are, but sin is the little monster that dwells within. It sometimes comes out in the form of an action or behavior that is contrary to the goodness of God. Jesus says that sinful behavior flows from within, from the heart, which is the core of the self, the deepest center of who we are, that place from which our thoughts and actions arise.

When we look at the world around us, we see so many different things that can be enticing, alluring, exciting, that may influence how we think and behave. They are those fleeting worldly pleasures that will try to separate us from the love of God and pull us into its trap of despair and division. What we see through the eye,

what we hear through the ear can plant the seeds of sin in our hearts, hardening them, and guiding us to ways that go against what is good. It can be easy to fall into this trap, even harder to get out of it because we desire to live a life of goodness, peace, and joy, these things which bring us to the heart of God.

God wants to break into our hearts, to rid it of sinful intentions and replace it with love, so that He can become the core, the center of our lives. We cannot put a mask on to hide our true self or put on an air that makes us look good. Jesus wants us to be true to ourselves, inside and out. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says, "In place of purity, what we have now is not merely morality, but the gift of encounter with God, in Christ Jesus. It is the incarnate God who makes us truly pure and draws creation into unity with God."

Let us through prayer, good works, and worship work our way towards this communion with the Lord so that He can continually teach us the ways of purity and goodness, keeping ourselves truly clean on the outside and on the inside. Let us always keep our sight set towards the heavens and avoid the worldly allurements that will try to keep us away from our heavenly goal. Life is a struggle, we are weak in our humanity and prone to sin. yes, we will fall from time to time, but always remember, we have a God of love and mercy who calls us to daily conversion and wants to save us from damnation and bring us to the promise of eternal life with Him.

*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 & Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak***

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, August 14 - 20, 2021**

Weekly Offerings \$ 1,307.00

Online giving \$ 100.00

**Total: \$ 1,407.00**

Thank You!

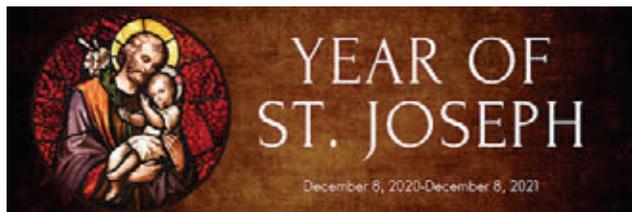
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### ***Wisdom of the Saints***

“The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. Therefore, if you want to be rich, beloved, love true riches. If you aspire to the heights of real honor, strive to reach the kingdom of Heaven. If you value rank and renown, hasten to be enrolled in the heavenly court of the Angels.”

-- Pope Gregory I

September 3.



**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

4:00 pm.      **+S.p. Francis Stacey**      *from Lyndi Cote*

**Sunday, August 29, 2021      22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

10:00 am.      **+S.p. John Cleary**      *from the Williams Family*

**Monday, August 30, 2021      Weekday**

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

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021      Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021      Weekday**

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

**Thursday, September 2, 2021      Weekday**

9:00 am.      **Increase of vocations to religious life**

**Friday, September 3, 2021      St. Gregory the Great**

5:30 pm.      **For the sanctification of St. Hedwig Parish**

**Saturday, September 4, 2021**

4:00 pm.      **+S.p. John Dabrowski** *from Ray & Jeanne Bellemore*

**Sunday, September 5, 2021      23rd Sunday of Ordinary**

**Time**

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

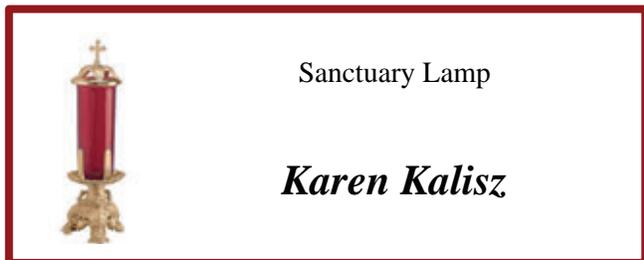
***Where is the Body of St. Joseph? It is believed that he too, like the Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven.***

Of all the saints in Christendom, the only pair of whom we possess no first-class relics are the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. We attribute this lack of bodily relics to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven body and soul which is one of the great Marian Dogmas of the Church. This tradition has been popularly believed from the earliest days of the Church but was not officially defined as dogma until November 1, 1950 by Venerable Pope Pius XII.

The same reasoning is applied to lack of bodily relics of St. Joseph, Virgin-Father of Christ and Chaste Spouse of Mary. We can feel validated in the possible belief of the Assumption of St. Joseph by looking to the apparitions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. When St Joseph appeared at Fatima, Portugal, to bless the world on October 13, 1917 holding the Child Jesus and standing next to Our Lady, would he just have been some type of "ghost" holding the flesh and blood Jesus standing next to flesh and blood Blessed Virgin? It doesn't make sense that the Earthly Trinity: Jesus, Mary and Joseph - who were so closely united on Earth, would be hindered in their union in Heaven. That is just one small example.

It is believed that after St. Joseph's happy and holy passing, his body was entombed in the foothills of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem before it was assumed into Heaven on the day of Christ's glorious ascension. While his body was in the tomb, his soul entered the Bosom of Abraham (Limbo) where he was to announce to the prophets and patriarchs of the Old Covenant the Good News of Christ and their forthcoming entry to Heaven (after the coming Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Our Lord.) When the time for Christ's Ascension came, St. Joseph's soul was united with his body and was assumed into Heaven. Many saints and mystics piously believe in the bodily assumption of St. Joseph into Heaven – just as Our Lord had done for his mother.

If ever a man existed who deserves the splendor of Heaven it is St. Joseph, the just man who lived such an honorable and holy life. He is united with his beloved spouse Mary and with Jesus the Eternal Son, whom he raised as his own flesh and blood. His trials reminiscent of the exile into Egypt have long faded, his anxieties have been calmed, and his rough hands, which supported his family, have been soothed by the Divine Healer, who crowns his achievements and tribulations with everlasting life.





## Parish Devotional Life

**“Największym darem życia jest przyjaźń.  
Ja go otrzymałem”**

*The greatest gift of life is friendship, and I have received it.*



### Readings of the Week

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5, 6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

### 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 Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**Reading I: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8**

Observance of the law is an essential condition for the secure possession of the land for God’s chosen people. It constitutes their true wisdom. Their God is always near to them.

**Reading II: James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27**

We are to welcome God’s word into our hearts. For certain, true religion demands that we do good deeds and not just be passive listeners.

**The Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The Pharisees act as if they are very concerned with observance of their laws about ritual purity, and Jesus’ disciples appear negligent. Jesus warns them about substituting human teaching for divine commands, and using the law to escape from one’s obligations.

*Sw. Stanislawa Kostka*



The liturgy recalls to us the baptism of Jesus and this should remind us of our own baptism. When St. John baptized Jesus, he said: "I baptize you with water, but he who is coming... will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." The baptism by John was only a penitential rite; at our baptism the Holy Spirit came into us and endowed us with supernatural life. Remember what happened to us when as infants we were brought into the Church through the grace of God. We did not then understand what was happening but the grace of God preceded us. We were not capable of asking this new birth in the Holy Spirit, but the Lord was merciful to us and gave us the seed of the fruits of the redemption, which is the beginning of spiritual and supernatural life within us. The other window in located in the baptistery of the church shows us a fountain with the Water of Life flowing for us to partake of, to be cleansed of our sins and for our thirst for God to be satisfied. This is the refreshing waters that give us new life and sustain us for the pilgrimage of our faith.

This completes our series of the stained glass windows of our parish church. I hope they enlightened you and gave you a better understanding of the lives of the saints of our Polish culture.

*Many thanks for the generous donations towards the refurbishing of the chalice!*

Donors whose name was accidentally omitted in last weeks posting:

**Joan and Peter Golabiewski**

*with apologies for the omission.*



“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.”

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

***Richard Radlinski***

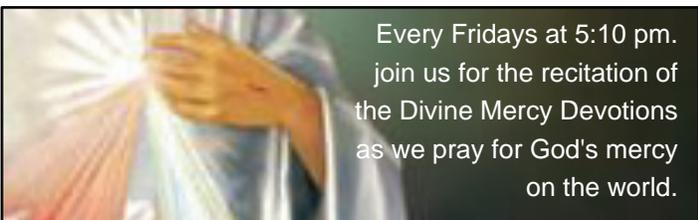
May he rest in the peace of Christ until the day of the resurrection



Our parish goal for this year's appeal is **\$3,000.**  
***So far we have contributed***

***\$1,860. Thank You!***

Let's keep up the good work. Please be sure to pick up a Catholic Charities envelope if you have not yet picked one up. Please consider making a donation to support their good works.



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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**Register:**  
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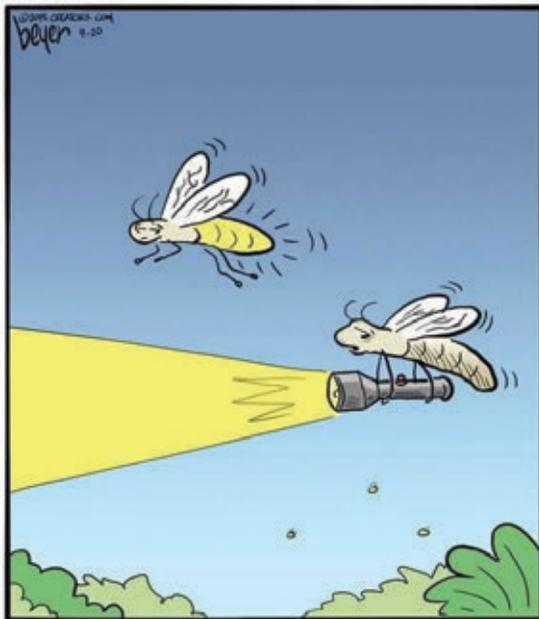
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## Humor



"When you get to be my age, things don't work like they used to."



## 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!

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### Drinks:

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### Desert:

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### Sauce:

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