Take courage, it is I;
do not be afraid.
MATTHEW 14:27
August 9, 2026 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
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Saint Hedwig Parish

August 9, 2026

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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.

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. Please contact the pastor to begin marriage preparation program.

Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, New Hampshire

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

St. Hedwig Parish — **Church located on Beech & Orange Sts.**
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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 box or mail it to the parish office at:

147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104

Offertory: *We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the weekly collection by the collection box or on-line. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running.*

July 25 - 31 , 2026

Weekly Giving:	**$ 1,421.00**	
On-line Giving	**$ 105.00**	**Total: $ 1,526.00**

Thank You Dziękuje!

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If time travel were possible, I would enjoy a relaxed conversation with St. Peter about his past fears, especially his fear of drowning. My own fear of the same happened many years ago when I was a boy on a lakeside summer vacation with my family. I was wading carefree in the cool water when suddenly the soft ground beneath me disappeared, and I started to sink. My arms flailing about happily caught the lifeguard's attention, and I soon felt the power of his strong arms around me as he carried me to shore. My fear of deep water born that day has been with me ever since. This despite several failed efforts to learn how to swim.

In our gospel scene today, we see wonderfully impetuous St. Peter leap from the storm-tossed boat when he heard his Lord invite him to join him by simply saying "Come!" But it wasn't an easy ocean walk. The big fisherman felt small as he started to sink. His one prayer became: "Lord, save me!" Afterward, Jesus had to ask our first pope: "Why did you begin to have doubts, O man of little faith?"

Jesus had always insisted that people should look at a situation in its entirety before they acted (Matthew 16:24-25). He was always completely honest with people, as He still is with us. He urged any who would follow Him to see the difficulties of doing so before they joined Him on "the Way." A thread runs through Christian history of people's failure to count the cost of a decision and not act on impulse or emotion. Dare I cite Judas as an example? So, it is well to have our own emotions in check when we are considering doing something "for Jesus' sake." Prudence is a virtue. It is not so much a harness on our generosity as it is a cautionary blinking yellow light on our internal switchboard. The rent money, after all, has a built-in purpose.

Like all of us, St. Peter and the chosen Eleven had to learn the truths of the Lord the hard way. Experience is a hard teacher because first you get the test and then the lesson. So, it is wise to pay attention to life lessons from Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

At the Milan Cathedral in Italy there are three inscriptions over the respective doorways. Over the right-hand door there is this motto: "All that pleases is but for a moment." Over the left-hand door the words are: "All that troubles is but for a moment." But over the central door there is a simple sentence: "Nothing is important save that which is eternal."

God love you and give you prudence.

Saturday, August 8
4:00 pm. Vera Carlucci by Paige Alpuche

Sunday, August 9
10:00 am. Michalina Turczyk by Daniela & Ken Cooper
Christopher LeBlanc by Szulc Family

Monday, August 10 St. Lawrence
5:30 pm. Karen Stives by Williams Family

Tuesday, August 11 St. Clare
9:00 am. Souls in Purgatory by Dennis & Janet Caza

Wednesday, August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal
5:30 pm. William Voloshen by Williams Family

Thursday, August 13 Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus
9:00 am. Elise Lang by Szulc Family

Friday, August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe
5:30 pm. Peace in Ukraine & Israel

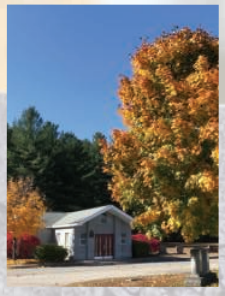
Saturday, August 15
4:00 pm. Elaine Perusse by Nancy Dudziak
Ray Menard by the Family

Sunday, August 16
10:00 am. Stella Russell by St. Hedwig Ladies Guild

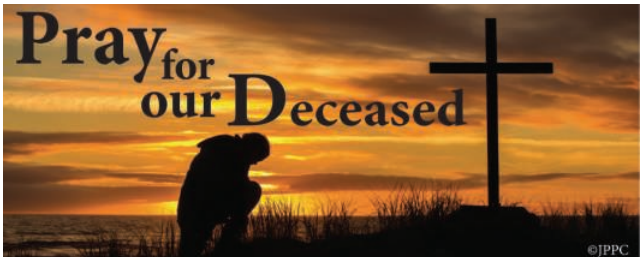
Sanctuary Candle:
Parishioners' Intentions

Saint Hedwig Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Road
Bedford, New Hampshire



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.



Why Do We Pray For the Dead

Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest dyas of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins, she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable of not only helping them, but also making their intercession fro us effective. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 985)

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb,Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD— but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake— but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire— but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD — for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading 2: Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Alleluia

I wait for the Lord;
my soul waits for his word.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Readings for the Week

Monday 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:15-20
Thursday Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12
Saturday Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28
Saturday Day Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Sunday Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Vigil Mass Friday, August 14
5:30 pm. at St. Hedwig
Mass of the Day Saturday, August 15
8:00 am. at St. Joseph Cathedral

2026 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: We thank all who made their gift to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II** this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, our community, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift envelope that includes your donor ID and parish ID and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. ***We thank you for your generosity and for helping to reflect the love of Christ throughout our state! Our parish goal for this year is $12,188.00.***

So far we have contributed $6,805.00 towards our goal.

August Polish Mass
August 16, 2026
4:00 pm.
(Third Sunday of Every Month)
St. Hedwig Parish

Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia

Free Online Support Group

Are you caring for a spouse, parent, or other loved one with dementia or memory loss? You don't have to navigate this journey alone. Catholic Charities New Hampshire is offering a free five week on line support group beginning, Tuesday, September 8. Connect with others who understand what you're experiencing, share encouragement, and learn practical strategies and resources to help care fot your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia or contact Shannon Popescu ay 603-448-5151 or shannon.popescu@cc-nh.org

Weekly Prayer for Your Reflection

Father, let your salvation come to us as you have promised, that we may keep your law always and, taught by the Word of Truth, find strength in His salvation.

Mahrajan 2026 Middle Eastern Food Festival

Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church 140 Mitchell St., Manchester, will be hosting their annual, Mahrajan Middle Eastern Food Festival on

Friday, August 21, 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

Saturday, August 22, Noon - 10:00 pm.

Sunday, August 23, Noon - 5:00 pm.

The event will feature a variety of Lebanese foods and pastries, a cash bar, Arabic music by DJ Kibar, gifts, church tours, a bouncy slide, and children's games.

Free Admission.

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Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 9:00 am. - 2:00 pm.
Wed. 9:00 am. - 5:30 pm.
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Join us in praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet every Sunday at 9:00 am. (before the 10 am Mass>) The Rosary is the most powerful prayer for our challenging times.

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