February 14, Luty 2021

**Weekend Mass Times:**  Saturday 4:00 pm. / Sunday 10:00 am.  Holy Days as announced

**Weekday Masses:**  Mon., Wed., Fri.  5:30 pm.  Tues., Thurs.  9:00 am.

**Confessions**  Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm or by appointment

**Eucharistic Adoration**  Thursdays 9:30 am.  **Divine Mercy Devotion**  Fridays 3:00 pm.

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Szosta Niedziela Zwykła*

“I do will it. Be made clean.”
Pastor’s Letter

Hello Everyone,

This coming Wednesday begins the Lenten season. It's that time of the year again, as we trudge through the cold and grey days of winter, we begin a time of preparation for the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ followed by the glory of the resurrection, and the beginnings of warm Spring days. (I am so ready for Spring!) This time is spent in taking a good look at our selves, being mindful of our faults and failures, even our sins. It’s not a pretty picture and we do not like what we see, so, we need to do something about this. Lent provides us the opportunity for daily conversion and the desire to change the things we need to change. In a spirit of prayer we ask Jesus to take away the things we struggle with, say, perhaps, impatience, gossip, gluttony, or whatever holds us back from growing closer to the Lord.

God's love for us so great that He wants us to share in His life, He desire our souls for heaven, so we try with all genuine effort to live a good life, and we do, but along the way, we sometimes make mistakes, or bad decisions. With contrition in our hearts, we can approach the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and unburden ourselves from the sins of life and be renewed in our friendship with Jesus. I would certainly encourage you to consider making a good confession during Lent, I’ll even add an extra half hour of confession time (Saturdays from 2:30 pm. to 3:30 pm.) or by appointment, just give the office a call and leave a message.

We have our daily and weekend Masses which are live streamed, and times for personal prayer at home. The world is a noisy place and we need to find some quiet time for ourselves and to commune with the Lord. He will walk with us through the desert time of Lent, to bring us to the horror of the Cross which will become for us the means of our salvation, and victory over sin and darkness through the Resurrection.

Fr. Eric
Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle
Pastor

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Ellie Felch
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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
147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH. 03104
603-232-3115

Weekly Giving

Donations received, Jan. 30 - Feb. 5, 2021

Weekly giving $ 1,295.00
Online giving $ 107.50 Total: $ 1,402.50

Thank You! Bóg Zapłac

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

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Frederick Ejdowski, Shirley Stemska,
Rita Haskins, Emily Menczywor, Walter Gorski

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.

NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE KIDDIES!

The Kids' Bulletin. These are now available to the little members of our parish and a great teaching tool for parents to help their children grow and learn our faith. Take one home and let the kids have fun with the puzzles and other activities.
Saturday, February 13, 2021
4:00 pm. S+p. Phyllis Macek  from Cindy & Steve Walsh & Family
   S+p. John Turczyn, Anniv.  from David & Eva Petersen

Sunday, February 14, 2021  Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am. S+p. Rose Houle
   from Katherine McNaughton and Family

Monday, February 15, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm. S+p. Phyllis Prince  from Pam Harvey

Tuesday, February 16, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am. For peace in the world

Wednesday, February 17, 2021  Ash Wednesday
8:00 am. & 5:30 pm. Parishioners’ Intentions

Thursday, February 18, 2021  Thursday after Ash Wednesday
9:00 am. For the protection of the unborn

Friday, February 19, 2021  Friday after Ash Wednesday
5:30 pm. For an end to the coronavirus pandemic

Saturday, February 20, 2021
4:00 pm. S+p. Joseph Dudziak, Anniv.  from Nancy Dudziak
   S+p. John Young  from Raymond & Brenda Young

Sunday, February 21, 2021  First Sunday of Lent
10:00 am. S+p. Thomas Sullivan  from Karen Cooper
   S+p. Rosemary Dabrowski Norris
   from Gary & Victoria Brown

Sanctuary Candle  Parishioners’ Intentions

Online Giving: Help grow and sustain our parish! Online giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges to your parish via your computer or smart device. Just go to sainthedwigparishnh.org, click on online giving to set up an account. It’s very easy.

Mass Intentions Requests
Mass Intentions: Weekend and weekday Mass intentions are available for the rest of this year and the 2021 Calendar at $10. Call the Parish Office, or send us a message via the parish email. Book soon, dates to go quickly.

Sanctuary Candle: For a $10 donation, the sanctuary candle will burn for one week for your intentions Sunday through Saturday.

Humor

THE FAMILY CIRCUS, By Bil Keane

"If Mommy hadn't married Daddy, we'd be in some other family."
Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-4, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Sunday Readings

**The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46
The disease specified as leprosy was in ancient days any rash or scab seen as a contagious skin disease. Only the priest could determine whether or not its victim was worthy of temple worship. Once purified, the victim could reenter the community and worship with it.

**Reading II:** I Corinthians 10: 31-11:1
The community has the task of evangelization and must make conversion attractive, all the time avoiding obstacles to a prospect’s decision. We are called to imitate Christ in our mission of outreach to others not Catholic.

**The Gospel:** Mark 1: 40-45
Jesus shows remarkable tenderness and compassion in curing the leper. He demands that the cured man obey the community law and go show himself to the priest.
During the Communion Rite after the breaking of the bread, the priest breaks off a particle of the host and drops it in the chalice. It is called 'commingling'. In the early Church, there was only one Eucharistic celebration in each city and all gathered and the bishop celebrated the Eucharist. As the Church grew it became physically impossible to gather for one liturgy and Mass was celebrated throughout the area. A priest was appointed by the bishop and a small portion of the host, consecrated by the bishop, was taken to each of the Eucharistic celebrations over which the priest was presiding. This fraction was mingled into the chalice. The commingling symbolizes the Lord's resurrection. In death, body and blood are often separated, but in life they are united.
Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Ahead of the beginning of Lent, the Vatican has published a note detailing how ashes are to be distributed to the faithful. The new guidelines aim to minimize person to person contact because of the pandemic. Ashed are to be sprinkled on the tops of peoples' heads instead of forming a cross on the forehead. Sprinkling ashes on the tops of peoples' heads, rather than marking foreheads with ashes, is the customary practice of the Vatican and in Italy. Given the spread of the Coronavirus, the practice has the advantage of not requiring the priest to touch multiple people.

The instructions for Ash Wednesday include:

After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent and believe in the gospel." or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The priest then cleanses his hands, dons a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him. The priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one in silence.

Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Hedwig
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
8:00 am. & 5:30 pm.

Getting Ready for Lent

Lent begins on February 17. This is the time of the year where we are called to take our Lenten journey through the desert with Jesus. This is the time we take to have a good look at ourselves, to see our faults and our sins, and the need to change ourselves for the better. We need to let go of those things that weigh us down and raise ourselves up to Jesus. This is the time we need to confess our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and be freed from these burdens. This is the time to renew and strengthen our friendship with the Lord. There are three ways to spend our Lent:

Prayer: Spend time in communicating with the Lord, give to Him all that is in your hearts and minds. The Lord listens to our prayers.

Fasting: We are mindful of those who are less fortunate than ourselves and do not have much to eat. Let us dedicate a day of the week where we can fast from a meal of the day. It's not only food, perhaps we can fast from television, social media, or anything that we indulge in.

Almsgiving: We do what we can to contribute and help those in need. Soon we will announce ways in which we can help those in need within our community.

There are a great many resources to help us in our Lenten journey, through spiritual readings, reflections, and conferences. Here are a few examples:

Lenten Meditations from Bishop Barron
www.lentreflections.com


Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever
www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever

Diocese of Manchester
www.catholicnh.com/worship-and-sacraments/faith/liturgical-calendar/lent