

# Saint Hedwig Parish

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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*

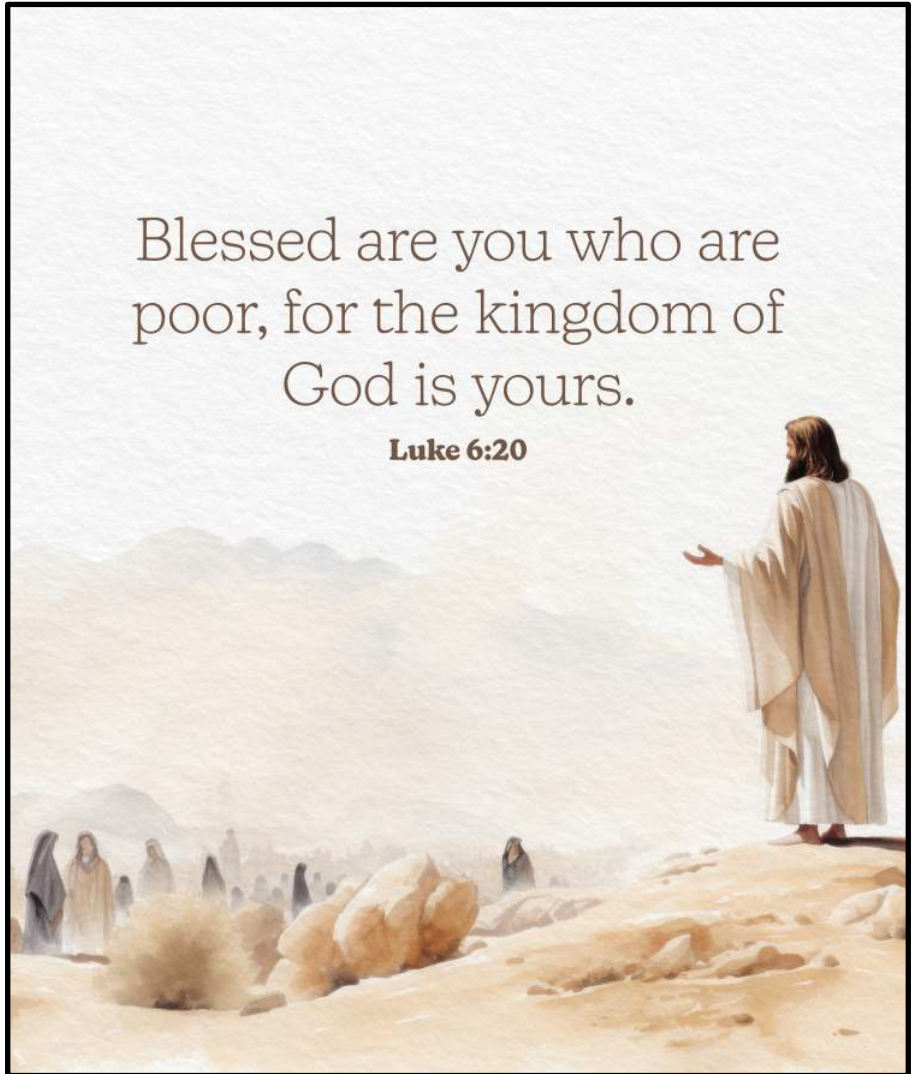
Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.  
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## *Eucharistic Devotion*

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.

Blessed are you who are  
poor, for the kingdom of  
God is yours.

**Luke 6:20**



**February 16, 2025 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Thirty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery



71 Old Bedford Rd.  
Bedford, New Hampshire

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

## Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS      Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak  
*Pastor*                                      *Pastoral Assistant*

Christopher Maynard              Dan Felch  
*Director of Music*                      *Parish Maintenance*

Ellie Felch                              Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski  
*Parish Secretary*                      *Mount Carmel Nursing Home Volunteer*

## 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.

## Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF  
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF

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**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.*

Feb. 2 - 7, 2025

**Weekly Giving:**              \$ 1,678.00  
**On-line Giving**              \$ 60.00              **Total: \$ 1,747.00**

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“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 seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.”

## 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**

You've most likely seen the scene. In a dark room sits a group of diverse people around a covered table with a crystal ball in its center. The group leader, a female with heavy eye makeup and long fingernails darkly painted, makes odd intonations. Allegedly she calls the dead forward to speak through her or otherwise signal their presence. At other times, she might predict the future with confidence. Her audience is expected to make a generous contribution to the handy receptacle. Call this a seance. Or a clever scam.

Our blessed Lord occasionally spoke about the future life in wide open outdoor spaces. Here a plain. At another time from a hilltop. His predictions opposed the Sadducees of His time, who did not believe in an afterlife. On both occasions, His great sermon was more about the right behavior to live as preparation for the next life and not too many detailed descriptions of it. He wanted our imaginations to soar upward in delights indescribable.

We who listen to Jesus every year on a given Sunday, and often enough at funeral Masses know that He beckons us to call it "Decision time," no matter our ages or circumstances. First, do we believe and trust Him? Here we are, in a time and place best, living in a free society and in a high-tech age redolent with gadgets that feed our desire to be in control. That gives us a form of relief from some cares. But not all. Does your smartphone tell you how your relationship with your Maker is going? Or is it a kind of gearbox to work the engine of your time on this earth? Hardly.

If we allow ourselves to fall for that hoax, we're no better than needy souls at a seance. In today's Scriptural context, we're no better off than the people of Judah compared by Jeremiah to a desert shrub lacking water. Or like the skeptical Corinthians St. Paul addresses about the resurrection of the body after death. On this winter Sunday, it seems best to keep your child-like faith and trust intact. Do it with daily prayer and ready resolve to behave as we know we should. That alone will give us entree to the bright room where Christ's holy table is set for you in the kingdom, we all hope to share with Him. Until then, believe that "when God measures a person, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head." God love you and give you His peace.



**Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:**

*Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak, Julia Korona, Dr. Henry Plodzik, Stella Russell.*

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.*



## Saint Hedwig Cemetery

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**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.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 15**

**Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**4:00 pm.** +S.p. Mariette LeClair  
*from Elaine & George Beaudette*

**Sunday, February 16**

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**10:00 am.** +S.p. Elaine Perusse *from Family*

**Monday, February 17**     **Seven Holy Founders**

**5:30 pm.** Souls in Purgatory *from Dennis & Janet Caza*

**Tuesday, February 18**     **Ordinary Weekday**

**9:00 am.** +S.p. Rose Bilodeau *from Jenna Pedone*

**Wednesday, February 19**     **Ordinary Weekday**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. John Pedone *from Jenna Pedone*

**Thursday, February 20**     **Ordinary Weekday**

**9:00 am.** Peace in the Ukraine & Israel

**Friday, February 21**     **St. Peter Damian**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. Mansfield Cleary *from Williams Family*

**Saturday, February 22**

**Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**4:00 pm.** +S.p. Joseph Dudziak, Anniversary  
*from Nancy Dudziak*

**Sunday, February 23**

**Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**10:00 am.** +S.p. Eva Peterson *from Robert Peterson*

## ***Penitential Rite***

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask Blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and to you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.

## ***Gloria***

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand

of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***Sanctuary Candle***

***Elaine Perusse***

***First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8***

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

***Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6***

***R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.***

Blessed the man who follows not  
the counsel of the wicked,  
nor walks in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the company of the insolent,  
but delights in the law of the LORD  
and meditates on his law day and night.  
*R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.*

He is like a tree  
planted near running water,  
that yields its fruit in due season,  
and whose leaves never fade.  
Whatever he does, prospers.  
*R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.*

Not so the wicked, not so;  
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.  
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,  
but the way of the wicked vanishes.  
*R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.*

***Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20***

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised,

your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

***Alleluia***

***Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward will be great in heaven.***

***Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26***

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh.  
Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!  
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.  
For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,  
for you will be hungry.  
Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for their ancestors treated the false prophets  
in this way.”



**Polish Mass, this Sunday, February 16, 2025  
4:00 pm.**

**Ks. Daniel Mikołajewski is the celebrant.**

**2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**

***NEW UPDATE as of February 3!***

We are currently at **\$9,075.00** towards our **\$11,855.00** parish goal for the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. A big thanks to all who contributed to the appeal and for their generosity. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, Catholic Appeal brochures and envelopes are available on the tables behind the last pews in the church.



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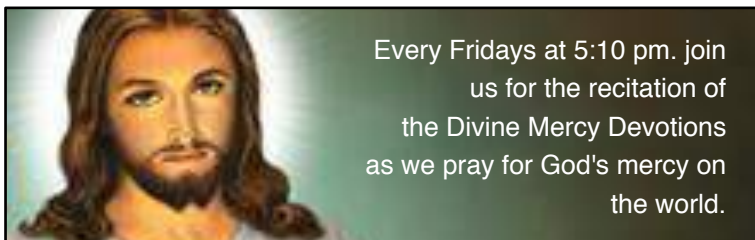
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Wed. 9:00 am. - 5:30 pm.  
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***If you remember from our last Parish Mission during Advent, Fr. Peter Stravinskas will be returning to Manchester to provide for us a Pre-Lenten Mission***

**Looking toward Lent:** Lent is just around the corner and, with that realization, we should be thinking in a serious way about how we shall observe that Sacred Season, particularly in this Jubilee Year. In the lead-up to Advent, you will recall that Father Peter Stravinskas provided our parish community with a mission. Due to the way you received him and to his willingness, he is returning to St. Hedwig's to assist us in our pre-Lenten preparation for the weekend of February 22-23 and on the evenings of Sunday through Tuesday of February 23-25. For the Sunday Masses, Father Stravinskas will offer practical suggestions on how to pursue a holy Lent; on the evenings (at 7 p.m.), he will offer reflections on the Seven Penitential Psalms and the Passion Narrative from the Gospel according to St. John.

Mark your calendars. All are welcome. Bring a friend.



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### The Jubilee Year of Hope

in effect from December 28, 2024 to December 29, 2025.

Plenary Indulgence and Apostolic Blessing are to be granted to those who fulfill the norms established for the reception of the Indulgence:

*Sacramental confession and a renunciation of sin.*

*Reception of Holy Communion*

*Prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father*

*Participation in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and/or joining in procession in the Diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage starting Sunday, May 18, 2025 and concluding its statewide travel on Thursday, June 19, 2025.*

### Readings for the Week

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

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

**Wednesday** Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday** Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29+22-23 Mk 8:27-33

**Friday** Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 8:34 – 9:1

**Saturday** 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday** 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38



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