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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

Holiday Masses:

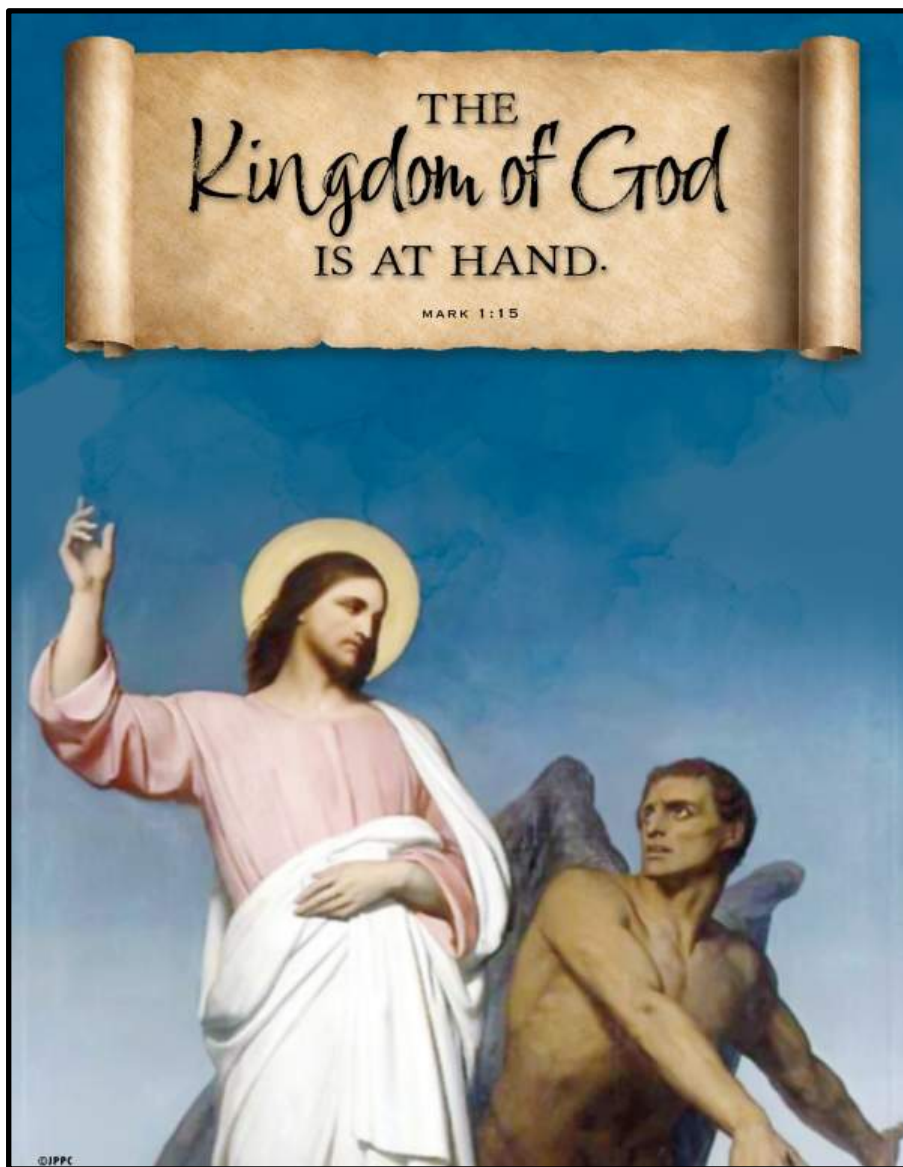
As Announced

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Devotion
After the morning Mass on
Thursdays.

SAINT HEDWIG PARISH

February 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent
Thirty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery



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Bedford, New Hampshire

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

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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
147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH. 03104
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WEEKLY GIVING

Feb 3 - 9	\$ 1,481.00
Online Giving	\$ 120.00
Total	\$ 1,601.00

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There is the option of giving on line to the weekly collection. Just go to sainthedwighn.org. Click on online giving and follow the easy instructions to set up your account. Online giving helps to support the parish even when your are away.

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

Pastor's Letter *Guest Columnist* *Rev. Len Petersen*

Each Lent we open the Sundays with the account of Our Lord entering the desert. We might naturally picture Him in the land of the ancient pyramids. Or maybe the vast stretches of sand where Lawrence of Arabia fought his epic battles. This scene, however, is not one of endless sand, with the complete absence of water and greenery. The desert mentioned here was a remote area for sure, largely soundless as opposed to the noise of villages and towns. Wild beasts were the only creatures who would lurk around Him from time to time. But mainly it was the kind of place free of the usual distractions, where a person could face his inmost thoughts, hopes and desires, as well as his faults and failures.

Here it was that Jesus went, not contending with any faults or failures, but to commune with His Father and prepare for His unique mission. We know from the other gospel accounts that Satan himself came to disturb and tempt Jesus with the same matters that often lure us into sin: wealth, power and fame, sex, and addictions of all kinds. Not only is Jesus' strength and endurance remarkable as he deals with this confrontation with the same human nature as we have. But He also does so with His divine power armored with humility and the words of the Scriptures.

St. Mark does not give us the details of this high drama. Simply a blunt statement that the Spirit "drove" Jesus to the desert, in itself a remarkable declaration. It comes across as a mandatory requirement for Jesus to begin saving the world from its sin. Lent has ever since been symbolized in our churches by decorations that include barren growth, perhaps with cactus plants, rocks and even some sand. But more importantly, the Church wants us to go to our own "desert," whether it's at a nearby park or woods, perhaps even in our parked car, or a corner of our bedroom with a lit candle and a notebook for writing. Certainly, with the cell phone off and packed away. Certainly, a handy copy of the Bible would be helpful. Or a prayer book you favor, or your rosary. Give yourself some time to "shut down" your busy brain and grow calm. Then you can go on to "meet yourself" so to speak. But always be careful to listen to the Lord with less talk from you.

In this simple way, practiced as close to a daily effort as we can, that we can learn the major truths of Lent. To be at peace with the one Person who loves you completely, enough to die for your sake on a cross. To have a focus for your Lent 2024, which, who knows? could be your last.

Eight-ninths of the bulk of an iceberg is below the waterline and out of sight. Only one-ninth is visible above the surface. Our prayer life should be like an iceberg, with about one-ninth showing in public group prayer and eight-ninths out of sight in our personal prayer time.

God love you and give you His peace.

Pray FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

***Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak,
Julia Korona, Dr. Henry Plodzick, John Golabiewski, Jr.***

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.*

Pray for the seminarians of our diocese to encourage them in their call to the priestly vocation:

Christian Collopy, Caleb S. Goff, Nick Wencis,
Spencer M. Gregory, Peter Phong Quang Le,
Horgam Patrick Razhamah, Andre Nadeau,
Deacon Eric Ouellette, Casey Burgess, Jacob Condi,
Guillaume Temkkit, Christian Hurlburt



“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.”

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:00 PM. +S.p. Joseph Raczka *from his Sister*
+S.p. Phyllis Kozlowski, Month's Mind
from Children



FEBRUARY 18 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 am. - +S.p. Emily Menczywor, Birthday Remembrance
from the Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 Lenten Weekday

5:30 PM. - Holy Souls in Purgatory
from Dennis & Janet Caza

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 Lenten Weekday

9:00 am. - +S.p. Jozef Musialik *from Friends*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm.. - +S.p. Ann Desmarais, 1st Anniversary
from Family & Friends

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 The Chair of St. Peter

9:00 am. - Peace in the Ukraine and Israel

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. - +S.p. Eva Peterson, Birthday Remembrance
from Robert Peterson

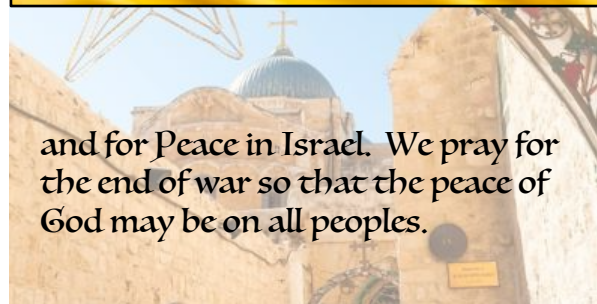
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:00 PM. - +S.p. Joseph Dudziak, Anniversary
from Nancy Dudziak

FEBRUARY 25 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 am. - +S.p. Theresa LaFlamme, 23rd Anniversary
from the Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE **Joseph Raczka**



O God, You who taught St. Hedwig to renounce the pomps of this world, that, with her whole heart, she might follow the humble way of Your Cross, grant that, through her merits and example, we may learn to trample underfoot the perishable delights of this world, and by embracing Your Cross overcome whatever opposes us. Amen.

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February 11, 2024

Parish Devotional Life

Sunday Readings

Reading I: Genesis 9: 8-15

The story of the Great Flood and Noah's leadership is one in which the world is cleansed by water. There follows a covenant between God and the people symbolized by a rainbow which will mean the end of future rainstorms before they destroy the world.

Reading II: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

The victory of Christ over sin is applied to Christians by baptism. This was prefigured by the cleansing waters of the Great Flood.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

The brief and simple narrative of Mark contrasts with the more elaborate scriptural debate between the devil and Jesus, as portrayed in both Matthew and Luke, both of which followed Mark in time.

Readings for the Week

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

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

Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk



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.

**Join us every Sunday for the recitation of
the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet
before Mass at 9:05 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

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.)*

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Lent 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday during Lent

3:00 pm & after the 5:30 pm. Mass (6:00 pm.)

Lenten Practices and Suggestions

- Attend Mass daily, Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30 pm. and Tues., & Thurs. 9:00 am.
- Pray the Rosary.
- Read and reflect on the Scriptures.
- Weekly Adoration after the 9:00 am. Mass on Thursdays.
- St. Paul tells us to pray always. Memorize a short prayer and repeat through out the day. It can be as simple as "Jesus, I trust in you."
- Fasting from food and other negative behaviors.
- Almsgiving. We will have baskets at the entrance of the church to collect canned goods and non perishable foods for the St. Joseph Cathedral Outreach food pantry.
- Show charity by the good we do for others, assisting an elderly neighbor, showing kindness towards others.
- Go to Confession!

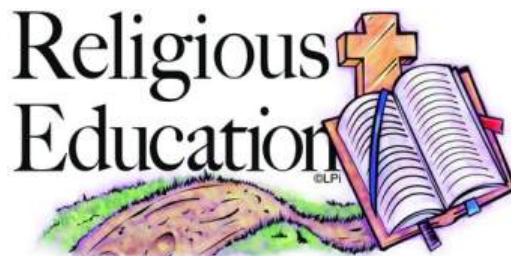
Msza Polska

The Polish Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, February 18, 2024.

3:00 pm. at St. Hedwig Parish*

**please note time change.*

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Religious Education classes resume on Sunday, February 18, 2024 (First Sunday of Lent) before the 10 am Mass in the parish hall.



Envelopes for the February Winter Fuel Collection are available in the back of the church. Your contribution helps to keep our church warm and cozy during the winter months. A huge thanks to all who contributed so kindly in January. Your generosity helped to pay the January gas bill. There will be one more fuel collection in March.

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HUMOR



Zdrowaś Maryjo



Zdrowaś Maryjo, łaski pełna, Pan z Tobą, błogosławionaś Ty między niewiastami, i błogosławiony owoc żywota Twojego, Jezus. Święta Maryjo, Matko Boża, módl się za nami grzesznymi teraz i w godzinę

śmierci naszej. Amen.



*Saint Hedwig
Ladies Guild*

The Ladies Guild will be meeting on
Wednesday, February 21, 2024,
10 am in the parish hall.



**Wednesdays at
Pennacook Street**

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.



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