February 21, 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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**First Sunday of Lent**

*Pierwsza Niedziela wielkiego Postu*

“You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”
Hello Everyone,

Now it is official, the Chandler House is sold! It is now 100% property of the Currier Museum of Art. The purchase also included the lawn in front of the house. With the subdivision of the lot, St. Hedwig now owns half the property on which it stands. The Currier will soon begin the process of restoring the interior of the house and then move on to the exterior. I’m sure this will be quite the project for them and will take some time. I wish them well and good success as they work to restore the beauty of the house and maintain Manchester's historic architecture.

We have begun the season of Lent. It is a time of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penance as we work our way with Christ in the desert. We will accompany the Lord as He makes His way to Jerusalem to meet the fate of the Cross, where He will give of His life for the salvation of humanity.

The distribution of ashes will be different this year in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. In the past we have always had the ashes imposed upon us on our foreheads to mark ourselves as one on this penitential journey. This year, the Church has directed us to simply impose ashes by sprinkling them on the tops of our heads, so as to avoid physical contact as a means of safety. This method is not uncommon, it has been practiced in this manner throughout most of Europe, particularly, Italy and the Vatican City. We look to the ancient past when those who wanted to express sorrow for their sins and make reparation would dress in sack cloth and douse themselves with ashes. We don’t go to such extremes, but the symbol of it is in the ashes. Let us with solemnity enter into this season, let us take the time we need to pray, and take a good look at ourselves. We need to seek the Lord's mercy and kindness because He wants to heal us and restore us to the joy He wants us to live. Let us keep our eye on the cross for it will lead us to victory over sin and death.

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:

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.

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, Feb. 6 - 12, 2021
Weekly giving $1,407.00
Online giving $137.50 Total: $1,544.50

Thank You!

Bóg Zapłać

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
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

Monday, February 22, 2021  Chair of St. Peter
5:30 pm.  S+p. Phyllis Prince  from Pam Harvey

Tuesday, February 23, 2021  Lenten Weekday
9:00 am.  S+p. Eva Anne Peterson, Birthday Remembrance from the Family

Wednesday, February 24, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm.  Parishioners’ Intensions

Thursday, February 25, 2021  Lenten Weekday
9:00 am.  S+p. Theresa LaFlamme, Anniv.  from Family

Friday, February 26, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm.  For an end to the coronavirus pandemic

Saturday, February 27, 2021
4:00 pm.  S+p. Eva Peterson, Anniv.  from Robert Peterson
        S+p. Rose Houle  from Lina Puciw & Family

Sunday, February 28, 2021  Second Sunday of Lent
10:00 am.  S+p. Eva Peterson, Anniv.  from Family
        S+p. Edmund Walkowiak from wife Bronislawa Walkowiak
        S+p. Zofia Kolodnicki  from Stanley, Yolanda, Alicja Kolodnicki

Sanctuary Candle: Phyllis Prince

Mass Intention 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.

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.
**Readings of the Week**

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19  
**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:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2ab, 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 9:2-10

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**Sunday Readings**

**The First Sunday of Lent**

**Reading I:** Genesis 9: 8-15  
God’s surmounting promise after the devastating flood was never again to bring another one to the earth. The sign of this new covenant was to be “the rainbow in the clouds.”

**Reading II:** 1 Peter 3: 18-22  
The great flood in Genesis “prefigured baptism.” These later sacramental waters bring salvation for us through the death of Christ.

**The Gospel:** Mark 1: 12-15  
The testing of Jesus by Satan in the water-less desert and the summary of His teaching lead to Our Lord’s power soon to be on display in Galilee.
Guidelines to follow as we return to the public celebration of Mass.

For your safety:

Please Use Hand Sanitizer when entering the church.

Masks are strongly required. They are to be removed when receiving Holy Communion and replaced afterwards. If you don’t have one, spare masks are available at the entrance of the church. Please discard after use.

Maintain 6 Feet Social Distancing In Line and in the pews.

Congregational singing is discouraged at this time. There is no Exchange of Peace. When exiting the church after Mass, please leave your kneeler down so we know where to clean and disinfect the pews. We can only hope and pray that this will be for only a little while longer and return to some sense of normalcy.

Please join us in forming a

Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle

Tuesday Mornings immediately after the 9:00 am Mass

at St. Hedwig Parish

on the corner of Beech and Orange Sts.,
Manchester, NH 03104

Masks Mandatory

“In these trying times in the Church, please pray for and support our good seminarians for the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester:

Christian Collopy
Dr. David Gagnon
Benjamin Gorewitz
Caleb Goff
Daniel Nikolajewski
Spencer Gregory
Dr. Joseph Moynihan
Andre Nadeau
Cuong Van Nguyen
Eric Ouellette
Paul Hoang Ngoc Pham
Guillaume Temkkit
Rory Traynor

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of:

Judith Szopa
Claire Dabrowski

May they rest in the peace of Christ.
Let us practice Almsgiving as a part of our Lenten program to reach out to those in most need through these wonderful organizations:

**Lenten Almsgiving**

St. Gianna’s Place in Hudson, NH provides shelter for homeless pregnant women and their babies. Facing a crisis pregnancy without housing, financial resources, or emotional support is frightening, but St. Gianna’s Place can help. It offers a safe home, job and life skills training, and emotional support to pregnant women in need. The vision is to provide healthy families by providing expectant mothers with resources to give birth to their babies and move their lives forward in a positive direction.

During this Lenten Season, we at Saint Hedwig Parish encourage our parishioners to give alms to support the mothers at St. Gianna’s Place. Any of the following donations are most welcome:

- Paper Towels
- Diapers and baby wipes - Newborn to Size 4
- Personal Care Products - Shampoo, Toothpaste, Body Wash (for the Moms)
- Gift Cards - To Market Basket, Hannaford, Amazon, WalMart or Uber for transportation to medical apps.

Donations may be dropped off at Saint Hedwig Church when you come to weekend or week day Mass.

The Mass Has Been the Central Prayer of the People of God, the Church, for almost two thousand years. Since the time of the Last Supper, Christians have been asked to gather together once a week to celebrate the Lord’s Supper as commanded by Jesus. The language of the Mass, originally celebrated by Jesus and the Apostles, was Aramaic. Then later the prayers of the Mass were in Greek, and later in many other languages of the ancient world: Syriac, Coptic, Latin, etc. Today Mass is celebrated in all the languages of the world either in the Western Church or in the Eastern (Orthodox and United) Church.

Thee 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

- **Living Lent Daily**
  www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily

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

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

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.