

# 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

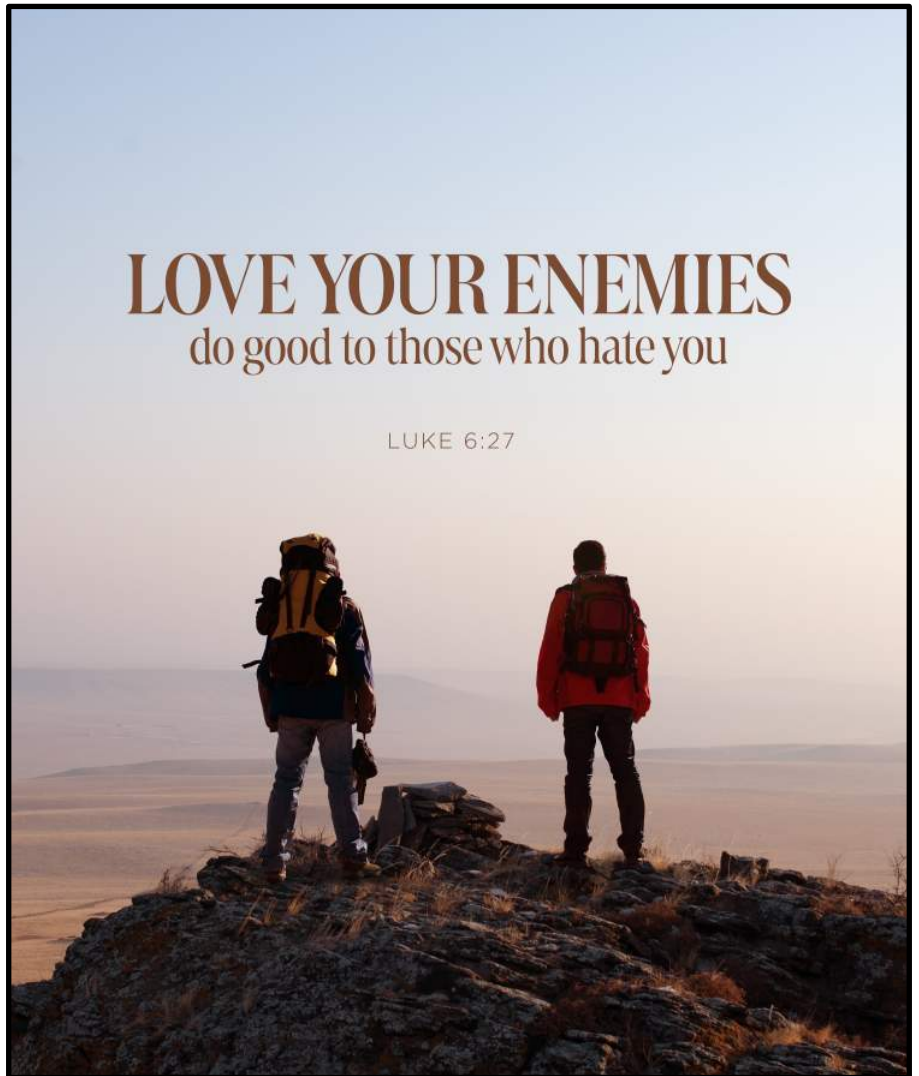
## *Sacrament of Penance*

Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## *Eucharistic Devotion*

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.



**LOVE YOUR ENEMIES**  
do good to those who hate you

LUKE 6:27

**February 23, 2025 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Fortieth 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*

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Ellie Felch                             Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski  
*Parish Secretary*                     *Mount Carmel Nursing Home  
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## 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  
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***Due to early submission of the bulletin, last week's collection will appear next week.***



“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:

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Expansion, like many words and ideas, can have multiple and quite disparate meanings. Often this is the source of good humor. When we think of the expansion long ago by then President Thomas Jefferson in making the Louisiana Purchase, he doubled the size of our country with the stroke of a pen. So wide was the territory that Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark to explore and map it.

Contrast that noble historic event with the notion of an expanded waistline that afflicts most of us after 40, and we have a happening in our personal history that demands will power, or in some cases, injections of expensive drugs to combat.

But today I wish to reflect on an expansion Our good Lord made of the concept of charity. To the question: "Who is to be the object of love of neighbor?" The answer comes in the Gospel for this last Sunday of February. Who did Jesus say we have to love? In a word, everybody!

Wow! Of course, we believers have heard it before. But it can be just as disconcerting to our per-conceived plan of behavior and just as annoying as it was for Christ's first hearers. With Lent being just 10 days away, I would think this is a priority task for most of us in any effort at penance and self-reform.

You may think that the need for such is foreign to the life of a priest. Let me assure you that it is not. Responding positively to Our Lord's expanded idea of love expressed in Luke chapter 6 is just as hard for us as for anyone. Personally speaking, many years ago a priest much younger than I spoke negatively about me to our authorities with no justification. It shocked me at the time because I thought I had bent over backwards to be kind to this man. To this day he has no idea of the hurt and disappointment he caused. I must see him at most diocesan events and never let on. I must refrain from even a hint whenever I'm in the company of those who know him. The devil on my shoulder has urged me to reveal, but this gospel passage stops me. Like David with Saul, I must forgive and respect the teachings of my king and yours, Jesus our Lord.

Somehow over the years that have followed, regarding this incident and others (for priests can be cruel to one another via their tongues) I have come to realize that Our Lord is so right. Absorbing pain when the gospel truth demands it is one sure way of making small amends for the pain of our Savior on His cross. And it helps us all to think big for a change. I found this line from an anonymous source: "Forgiveness is a funny thing. It warms the heart and cools the sting." 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 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*

**Monday, February 24 Ordinary Weekday**

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

**Tuesday, February 25 Ordinary Weekday**

**9:00 am.** +S.p. Theresa LaFlamme *from Family*

**Wednesday, February 26 Ordinary Weekday**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. Cheryl Lesniak *from Family*

**Thursday, February 27 Ordinary Weekday**

**9:00 am.** +S.p. Eva Peterson *from Robert Peterson*

**Friday, February 28 Ordinary Weekday**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. Carole Lesniak *from Family*

**Saturday, March 1**

**Vigil: Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**4:00 pm.** +S.p. Lucien Gagne *from Mrs. Simone Beliveau*

**Sunday, March 2**

**Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**10:00 am.** +S.p. Mansfield Cleary *from Williams Family*

## ***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***

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**First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul’s soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David: “God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!” But David said to Abishai, “Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD’s anointed and remain unpunished?” So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul’s head, and they got away without anyone’s seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: “Here is the king’s spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD’s anointed.”

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

*R The Lord is kind and merciful.*

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

*R The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

*R The Lord is kind and merciful.*

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,

so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.  
*R The Lord is kind and merciful.*

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

Brothers and sisters: It is written, The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

**Alleluia**

*I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
love one another as I have loved you.*

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic.

Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.

If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

**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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**Humor**



*If you remember from our last Parish Mission during Advent, Fr. Peter Stravinkas 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 Stravinkas 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 Stravinkas 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.



Bishop Peter Libasci has decreed a Jubilee Year as directed Pope Francis, in the Diocese of Manchester,

### **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** Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday** Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday** Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday** Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50

**Friday** Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday** Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday** Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45



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