February 28, 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.

Second Sunday of Lent

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St. Hedwig Cemetery: Old Bedford Rd., Bedford, NH.
Hello Everyone,

In this weekend's gospel, we are a witness to one of the most remarkable, but mysterious events in the life of Christ, the Transfiguration. It is in this event that we get a glimpse of the real identity of Jesus as the Son of God. He is manifesting His divinity to us, as well as His humanity. He goes to the top of Mt. Tabor to be transfigured to the image of God for us to see and be in awe of His communion, one in being with the Father. We can try all we want to wrap our heads around the event and to interpret it's meaning, but we have been blessed with the gift of faith to help us believe and understand the mysterious. The Transfiguration also gives us a glimpse of the Resurrection and glorification of Jesus.

We, as mere mortals, will never go through a transfiguration, but we can be transformed, we can change our selves for the better. This is more of an interior transformation. We can be transformed from our way of sin to a new life with God, to be freed from those things that weigh us down. When we confess our sins, we can feel the difference, we can feel the transformation from sinner to one who is more at peace, and in love with God. Lent affords us this opportunity to change ourselves, to see and think in different ways, to act on the promptings of love in reaching out to those who are less fortunate of ourselves, reaching out to those who need to know that God loves them.

At the time when Christ comes again, to wake us from our sleep of death, it is then that we hopefully will be transfigured to that of Christ, to share in His glorified body after we have been purged of all our sins and faults, so as to be worthy of the vision of God. This will be the time of great glory, peace, joy, and the ultimate victory over death.

Fr. Eric
Parish Staff

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

Scott Bergendahl   Dan Felch
Music Director   Parish Maintenance

Ellie Felch   Parish Secretary

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
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Weekly Giving

Donations received, Feb. 13-19, 2021
Weekly giving $ 986.00
Online giving $ 147.50        Total: $ 1,133.50

Thank You!

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.

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

Welcome

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

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.
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 Bromislawa Walkowiak
S+p. Zofia Kolodnicki from Stanley, Yolanda, Alicja Kolodnicki

Monday, March 1, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm.  Parishioner's Intentions

Tuesday, March 2, 2021  Lenten Weekday
9:00 am.  S+p. Karol & Jadwiga Betley from Eileen Kelley

Wednesday, March 3, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm.  S+p. John Dubay from Iwona Dubay

Thursday, March 4, 2021  Lenten Weekday (St. Casimir)
9:00 am.  For Peace in the world

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

Saturday, March 6, 2021
4:00 pm.  S+p. Mr. & Mrs. Roger Morin from Claire Bilodeau & Evelyn Ferris
S+p. Janice Koch from Chuck & Janice Gagne

Sunday, March 7, 2021  Third Sunday of Lent
10:00 am.  S+p. David Kazanowski from Sr. Thomas
S+p. Edna & Alfred Landry from Jacquelin, Paul & Family
S+p. Jan, Wiktoria & Wladyslaw Ziarko from Drozd Family

Sanctuary Candle  Eva Peterson from Robert Peterson

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
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:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Sunday Readings

**The Second Sunday of Lent**

**Reading I:** Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Yahweh gives Abraham the ultimate test, that of sacrificing his favorite son Isaac. Observing Abraham’s unquestioning obedience, Yahweh calls off the killing, accepting the sacrifice of a nearby ram. He also promises Abraham abundant rewards, including the growth of a great people as his descendants.

**Reading II:** Romans 8: 31b-34

St. Paul provides his readers a solid basis for their hope, specifying along the way the unique power of Jesus’ intercession for us with His Father. He also asks “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

**The Gospel:** Mark 9: 2-10

The transfiguration of Jesus was such a dazzling experience for Peter that he nervously proposes setting up three tents so that the three persons from the world beyond could stay and prolong it. But immediately after, Jesus brings the three apostles down to earth to complete their earthly mission.
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

“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 for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

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

Frederick Ejdowski

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

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**Lenten Lamentations**

In Poland there pervaded among the people a desire to meditate on the Passion and death of Jesus. One tradition during Lent that maintained this sentiment was a weekly Lenten service called Gorzkie Zale. This devotion that was developed in the 18th Century in Poland is a set of hymns that focus on the Passion of Christ. It is sung every Sunday during Lent and is a constant reminder of the sadness of Christ’s death.

St. John Paul II remarked that every year on Ash Wednesday he was reminded of this Polish practice and that it “remained deeply impressed in my memory.” During a homily on Ash Wednesday he even recounted a portion of the hymn from memory.

Come, bitter regret, pierce our hearts Let go, my eyes! Well up, springs of sad tears! The sun and stars recede, shrouding themselves in mourning. The angels cry sadly. Who can describe their grief? The cliffs harden; the dead arise from the earth. I ask what is it, what has happened? All creation is stunned! In the presence of the passion of Christ, We are filled with inexpressible regret! Jesus, shatter without delay the hardness of our hearts! Quench the ardor of my passions as I enter the depths of your Passion.

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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.
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, Inc.

A Safe Haven for Mother and Child

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 promote 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 St. Hedwig Parish encourage our parishioners to give alms to support life by helping 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 Mom)
- **Gift Cards** - To Market Basket, Hannaford, Amazon, WalMart or Uber for transportation or medical apps.

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

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### Lenten Reflection from the Diocese of Manchester

February 28, 2021

This week two familiar stories are proclaimed; Abraham and Isaac and the Transfiguration of the Lord. We are reminded in the reading from Romans, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” The value of a son to Abraham is significant in light of his age and having no descendants. Yet in the midst of doing what God asks, he states, “God will provide.” In the Gospel, Jesus, first declared “beloved Son” at his baptism, is affirmed as such in the Transfiguration and is given absolute authority in the presence of Moses and Elijah, representatives to all in Israel of The Law and the Prophets.

**Think**

The stories of Abraham and Isaac and the Transfiguration involve leaving level ground and climbing. In Scripture, high places are associated with encountering the Sacred. From higher ground, a broader perspective is available and spatial relationships more evident.

Think about times you were challenged to climb to new heights. What helped you respond to the challenge? What held you back at times? Who helped you, or how were you able to get up and continue to climb?

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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

**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
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