February 7, 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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**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Piąta Niedziela Zwykła*

“Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose I have come.”

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Hello Everyone,

I am very happy to announce that the Chandler House has been sold. The closing on the sale was completed on Friday. As I had mentioned in the past, The Currier Museum of Art will be the new owners of the house of which they will restore to it’s Victorian charm and make it a part of the museum’s display. The upper floors of the house will be used for office space and the basement for art classes. Now that the sale has been complete, work on restoring the interior of the house will begin. Once the interior is done, then exterior work will begin. During construction work, there will be vehicles around the property, but won’t be obtrusive to the parish. The lot on which the church and Chandler House stands has been subdivided down the middle from Beech St., to Walnut St.

This has been a very lengthy process over the last several years. Several prospects came and went, and even the possibility of tearing the house down was considered. Thankfully the museum and the City of Manchester stepped in for one last effort to save the house. All things worked out and the historical and architectural integrity of the house is saved for future prosperity. There are winners all around. The house will no longer be a financial burden on the parish and St. Hedwig’s can now take a breath and begin to focus on itself. This also puts more money into the parish coffers. We can rest comfortably with financial security.

I am grateful to the Diocese of Manchester who assisted me in the process of selling the school and the Chandler House, and to you, the parishioners for your support and patience in these matters. I wish the Currier Museum of Art all the best and good luck in their work of restoring the Chandler House.

Fr. Eric
**Parish Staff**

Rev. Eric T. Delisle  
*Pastor*

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak  
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Scott Bergendahl  
*Music Director*

Dan Felch  
*Parish Maintenance*

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*Parish Secretary*

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**Parish Information**

**St. Hedwig Cemetery**  
Old Bedford, Bedford, NH 03103  
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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.

**Convent**

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF  
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**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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**Weekly Giving**

Donations received, Jan. 23-29, 2021  
Weekly giving $ 1,069.00  
Online giving $ 127.50  
Total: $ 1,196.50

Thank You!  
Bóg Zapłac

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**Pray for the Sick**

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.

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**Lent is around the corner**

Lenten daily and weekend Mass schedules will soon be announced between St. Hedwig’s and St. Joseph Cathedral. There will be many opportunities to prepare ourselves for this season in preparation for Easter.
Saturday, February 6, 2021
4:00 pm.  S+p. Alan Jahn  from the Family

S+p. Gen. Tadeusz Kosciuszko (1746-1817)
from NH Polish American Congress

Sunday, February 7, 2021  Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  S+p. Kutyla & Walkowiak Families  from the FamilieS
S+p. David Rock II  from Barbara, sister

Monday, February 8, 2021  St. Jerome Emiliani
5:30 pm.  For the conversion of sinners.

Tuesday, February 9, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am.  +S.p. Felicia Craig  from The Legion of Mary

Wednesday, February 10, 2021  St. Scolastica
5:30 pm.  +S.p Cheryl Lesniak, 2nd Anniv.  from the Lesniak Family

Thursday, February 11, 2021  Our Lady of Lourdes
9:00 am.  S+p. John Kazanowski, Jr.  from Kazanowski Family

Friday, February 12, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Walter & Mary Szafarz  from the Family

Saturday, February 13, 2021
4:00 pm.  S+p. Phyllis Macek  from Cindy & Steve Walsh & Family
S+p. John Turczyn, Anniv.  from David & Eva Petersen

Sunday, February 14, 2021  Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  S+p. Rose Houle  from Katherine McNaughton and Family

Sanctuary Candle  Frank Menczywor

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:** Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13
**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30
**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37
**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Sunday Readings

**The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
Job temporarily pauses his dialogue with his three friends and turns to a lament about human life in general. He mentions three proverbially unhappy states in life and shows it is only with dependence on God that man has lasting happiness.

**Reading II:** I Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23
Preaching is Paul’s acknowledged calling as a Christian, so he does not deserve credit for using the gift. His integrity is based on his love for all persons, no matter their situation.

**The Gospel:** Mark I: 29-39
Jesus cures Peter’s mother-in-law so completely that she gets up from bed to serve all in the house. Later, Jesus cures all the people who crowd Peter’s door. We learn that the demons knew who Jesus was, but they were silenced by Him. The disciples will gradually come to know Jesus’ identity.

*You rest the way you have made your bed.*

As ye sow, so shall ye reap.

**Join us every Thursday following the 9:00 am. Mass (9:30 am.) at St. Hedwig parish to spend time in prayer and silence before the Lord. It will be the best hour of your life. Adoration will also be live-streamed.**

*As ye sow, so shall ye reap.*
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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 for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

A Prayer by Gen. Tadeusz Kosciuszko

“Almighty God, You enlighten earth's millions with your spirit. Grant that I may travel through this worlds over roads pleasing to you. Let me do good, keep me from evil. Bless my country, my benefactors, my relatives and friends, and all of mankind. And when my last hour comes, permit me to stand before Your face, in the home of the blessed, I ask through Christ, the Savior of us all.”

A prayer composed by Tadeusz Kosciuszko (Feb. 4, 1746 - October 15, 1817) Poland’s and America’s National Hero and Patriot, Altruist and Champion of Freedom, Independence, Democracy and Equality, and Patron Saint of West Point, the Home of the United States Military Academy.

During the offertory part of the Mass the priest pours just a few drops of water into the chalice and then says: “By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.” This is done to symbolize the water and blood that flowed from the side of Christ on the Cross (John 19:33) after he was pierced with the soldier's lance. It calls our attention to the fact that what is human (our gifts of bread and wine) will become divine soon in the consecrations.
Reflection by Rev. Leonard Peterson

Poor little February! Even in its better leap years, it still has fewer days than its calendar mates. Besides that, at least in the Northern hemisphere, it comes at that time of year when the weather offers a tiresome repeat of its neighbor January. Gone is the charm of that first snowfall when others arrive.

There is no significant holiday to prepare for as the previous three months offered. That is, unless one gives an extraordinary rating to Valentine’s Day right in February’s middle. Consequently, nobody rushes around the mall for gifts to liven its days. Speaking of gifts, it’s now the bills for same arrive. No special decorating for most houses. There is no list of favorite songs for February. And, unless you or a loved one celebrates a birthday or an anniversary this month, there are no large gatherings for a special meal. Add to all this the somewhat unwelcome news that Lent soon arrives, with all its purple weeks of fasting and other penances.

But wait! Isn’t a convinced Christian an automatic optimist, no matter the season? Theologically, yes. Psychologically, I am not so sure. Whatever problem Life doles out, it just seems that we’re less likely to handle it well in February. This Sunday’s First Reading from the Book of Job makes explicit what we might be thinking about in February. We get little comfort.

Along comes the timeless “Good News” in today’s Gospel passage. It can lift us up from any “downer” we may experience this month. The Holy Word offers not just a palliative but a pain killer. That’s because it highlights how a certain Jesus, the same we met as a mere babe two short months ago comes to us with the very reason for our optimism. We re-learn that He is the cure for all our ills.

The demons at this point have a temporary advantage over the good people around Jesus who are seeking cures from various maladies. But Jesus orders their silence. He prefers a gradual realization among His newfound followers.

As a result, “little February” is not as forlorn as it may have seemed at first. For here, only seven days in, she presents a Gospel passage that gives us the whole reason for our main Christian claim. Bishop Robert Barron explains it this way: Christianity is, first and foremost, a religion of the concrete and not the abstract. It takes its power not from a general religious consciousness, not from an ethical conviction, not from a comfortable abstraction, but from the person Jesus Christ. It is Christ...that moves the believer to change of life and gift of self.” Of course, pessimists are always to be found. Usually they have a hard time believing in anything, much less Jesus. When someone is convinced that things can’t be done, he will cling to that conviction in the face of the most obvious contradiction. The story is told of the time when Robert Fulton gave the first public demonstration of his steamboat. One of those “can’t be done” fellows stood in the crowd along the shore repeating, “He can’t start it.” Suddenly, there was a belch of steam and the big boat began to move. Startled, the man stared for a moment and then began to chant, “He can’t stop it!”

God love you and give you His peace!

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

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