

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.

When they brought their boats
to the shore, they left everything
and followed him.

Luke 5:11



February 9, 2025 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirty-eighth 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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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
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Jan. 25 - Feb. 1, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 958.00
On-line Giving \$ 260.00 **Total: \$ 1,218.00**

Thank You Dziękuję!



“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:

147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104

If you were to research the notion of “The Peter Principle” you would find it is ultimately just a theory first recognized by a Canadian educator named Dr. Laurence J. Peter. Admittedly light in his proposal, he wrote that in any corporate structure a person tends to be promoted until he or she gets to one rung above his or her level of competence. You can be the judge of whether or not this has happened where you work. I know it happens in the Church.

What I propose is “the St. Peter Principle,” It was initiated by the lovable man who become our first pope. Christ’s choice of him put Peter where he was most competent, as leader and bulwark against heresy. Yes, he was imperfect, but he always kept intact his beautiful humility. Evidence of this we have in today’s Gospel. With transparent frustration, Peter resists Jesus’ command to lower the nets in deep water. “We’ve been at this all night, Lord!” he says. But out of respect for the carpenter’s son, He lowers the nets. When the miracle happens, Peter immediately kneels before Jesus and urges Him to leave sinful company.

Now just freeze the moment and savor it. Note both the power and the beauty. Here a rough and ready fisherman, tired from a hard night’s work, still manages to convert to a ready penitent. Please allow me to stretch this tidy conclusion with a more elusive one. Do you recognize the fact that all Peter, can just St. Peter, can be surprised by God? He frequently supplies something positive and wonderful in our lives, and we routinely forget those when we complain to Him about the inevitable negatives. I leave it to you to name them from your life experience so far.

I prefer it if you were to list the items you acknowledge on Thanksgiving morning. Things like meeting the person you eventually fall in love with enough to bind your life with theirs. This one is most appropriate to think about on this “World Day of Marriage” in our Church calendar. Or the happy diagnosis given one by the cancer specialist. Or the unexpected raise given you by the boss. Or the return to the faith by a non-practicing family member, to name a few. But note how the “St. Peter Principle” kicks in. It is your humility showing when you compose such a list. It urges you kneel and be grateful that God does not run away from you. Listen to the great Pope Gregory the Great: “God first gathered the unlearned, afterwards philosophers, nor has he taught fishermen by orators, but has subdued orators by fishermen.”
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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Bedford, New Hampshire



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 8

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 pm. +S.p. Elaine Perusse *from Anonymous*

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. +S.p. John Betley *from Lyndi Cote*

Monday, February 10 St. Scholastica

5:30 pm. +S.p. Adele Cutts *from Williams Family*

Tuesday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 am. +S.p. John Kazanowski *from Family*

Wednesday, February 12 Ordinary Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Gen. Robert Williams *from Williams Family*

Thursday, February 13 Ordinary Weekday

9:00 am. Peace in the Ukraine & Israel

Friday, February 14 Sts. Cyril & Methodius

5:30 pm. Chris Bilodeau *from Jenna Pedone*

Saturday, February 15

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 pm. +S.p. Mariette LeClair
from Elaine & George Beaudette

Sunday, February 16

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. +S.p. Elaine Perusse *from 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

Parishioners' Intentions

First Reading: Is. 6: 1-2, 3-8

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple
and give thanks to your name.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth;
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD:
"Great is the glory of the LORD."

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.
R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, Christ appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia

*Come after me
and I will make you fishers of men.*

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God,
he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret.
He saw two boats there alongside the lake;
the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.
Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon,
he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore.
Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.
After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,
"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."
Simon said in reply,
"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing,
but at your command I will lower the nets."
When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish
and their nets were tearing.
They signaled to their partners in the other boat
to come to help them.
They came and filled both boats
so that the boats were in danger of sinking.
When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said,
"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."
For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him
and all those with him,
and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee,
who were partners of Simon.
Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him.



**Polish Mass, next Sunday, February 16, 2025
4:00 pm.**

Ks. Daniel Mikołajewski is the celebrant.

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Confessions at 3:00 pm.,
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available also on Fridays
from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm.**

**before the Divine Mercy Devotion and
5:30 pm. Mass.**

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

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.

Where was Fr. Eric Eric the last two weekends?

No need for concern. The first weekend, I was called at a moments notice to cover the parishes in Lancaster, and Whitefield, NH. Their pastor was recalled to his home nation of India, and the new pastor from India had not yet arrived. Without my help, there would have been no Masses there that weekend. My thanks to the Very. Rev. Shawn Therrien, and Bishop Peter Libasci for covering the Masses at St. Hedwig's. I hope the Bishop's presence didn't scare anybody!

The second weekend I was away in Rhode Island visiting my family. It was our belated Christmas gathering with my parents, my sister, brother- in law, and my nephews. We do not get a chance to get together often and last weekend was the only chance we had. In the future, things will get better once I move my parents from Rhode Island, to Portland, ME to be closer to my sister and myself.



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.

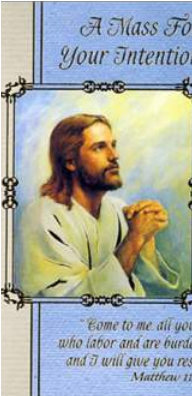
Plenary Indulgence and Apostolic Blessing are to be granted to those who fulfill the norms established for the reception of the Indulgence:

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.



We have Mass Cards available.

Mass Card are available for Mass Intension or for the repose of the deceased. These cards can be purchased by calling the parish office at 623-4835. They are \$10.00.



Readings for the Week

Monday Gen 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gen 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,
29bc-30 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gen 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 7:24-30

Friday Gen 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gen 3:9-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Mk
8:1-10

Sunday Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1 Cor 15:12,
16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



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