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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

### **Holiday Masses:**

As Announced

## *Sacrament of Penance*

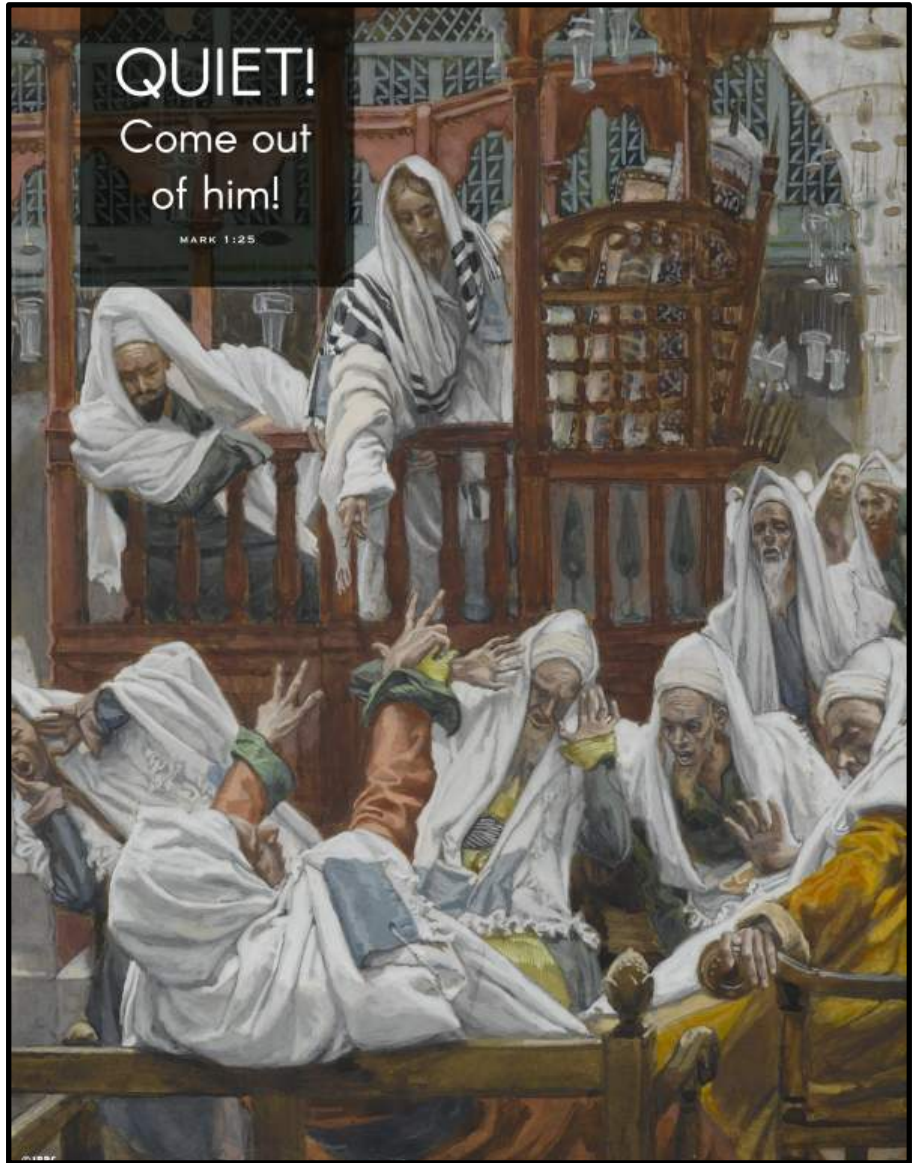
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## *Eucharistic Devotion*

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.

# SAINT HEDWIG PARISH

January 28, 2024 -Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Thirty-fourth 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.*

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## Parish Staff

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

Christopher Maynard *Director of Music* Dan Felch *Parish Maintenance*

Ellie Felch *Parish Secretary* Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski *Mount Carmel Nursing Home*

## 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  
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF  
147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH. 03104  
603-232-3115



## WEEKLY GIVING

Jan. 13 - 19	\$ 1,516.00
Online Giving	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 1,576.00

Fuel Collection	\$ 680.00
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There is the option of giving on line to the weekly collection. Just go to [sainthedwighn.org](http://sainthedwighn.org). Click on online giving and follow the easy instructions to set up your account. Online giving helps to support the parish even when your are away.

## 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

## Pastor's Letter

How well do you know Jesus? We have grown up from our childhood to adulthood learning about Jesus from our studies of our Catholic faith, by our parents, pastors, and religious teachers. Yes, we know Jesus to be the Lord and Messiah, the Savior of the world who gave His life on the cross for us to save us from darkness and sin. It is good that we believe this, but how much do you really know Jesus, on a deeper, more personal level?

In our gospel today we see a strange incident where Jesus drives an evil spirit out of a man. What is strange is that the evil spirit possessing the man knows who Jesus is, "I know who you are, the Holy One of God." The evil spirit knows that it has no power over Jesus. Jesus is the one who can defeat evil in the world.

As much as we see evil in the world, we have to realize the evil that can possess us in the form of sin. We are weak in our human nature and are prone to sin. Temptation is all around us in many forms and it is easy to fall prey to it. We may be very aware of what are doing, or not, but we need to know Jesus, and go to Him to save us. What is the best way to overcome evil in our lives? The Sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Gabriel Amorth who served as the chief exorcist in Rome under John Paul II and Benedict XVI says that The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the best thing we can do to be freed from the grasp of sin. He says that the devil is enraged when we go to Confession because it takes souls away from him and reunites them to God.

It's good to make a Confession from time to time and give our souls a good cleansing. Confession can lift our hearts up to God and we can feel much better about ourselves. Through this sacrament, we can get to know Jesus more intimately as we build up a prayer life to help strengthen our bodies against all forms of temptation. Yes, we will fall from time to time, but we have a God of love and mercy who calls us back to Him everyday so as to live in His justice, mercy, and peace.

*Fr. Eric*



Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

***Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak,  
Julia Korona, Dr. Henry Plodzick, Phyllis Kozlowski,  
John Golabiewski, Jr.***

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.*

***Pray for the seminarians of our diocese to encourage them in their call to the priestly vocation:***

Christian Collopy, Caleb S. Goff, Nick Wencis,  
Spencer M. Gregory, Peter Phong Quang Le,  
Horngam Patrick Razhamah, Andre Nadeau,  
Deacon Eric Ouellette, Casey Burgess, Jacob Condi,  
Guillaume Temkkit, Christian Hurlburt



“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.”

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00 PM. +S.p. Victor Macek      *from the Walsh Family*

### JANUARY 28      4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

10:00 am. - +S.p. John S. Kazanowski      *from the Family*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29

5:30 PM. - +S.p. David Williams      *from Williams Family*      WEEKDAY

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 am. - +S.p. Ann Harvey      *from Pam Harvey*      WEEKDAY

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

5:30 pm. - +S.p. Eugene Larouche      *from Williams Family*      ST. JOHN BOSCO

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 am. - Peace in the Ukraine and Israel      WEEKDAY

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2      PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

5:30 pm. - +S.p. Richard Radlinski, Birthday Remembrance  
*from the Family*

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4:00 PM. +S.p. Walter & Lucy Racz      *from Daughter*

### FEBRUARY 4      5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

10:00 am. - +S.p. Phyllis Kozlowski  
*from the Saint Hedwig Ladies Guild*

SANCTUARY CANDLE      *Richard Radlinski*

## New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

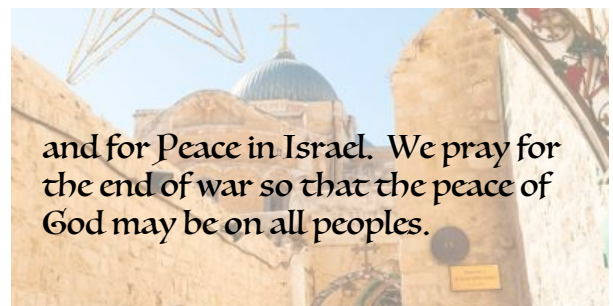


We are grateful to all our parishioners who have donated to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today our parishioners have raised **\$5,265** towards our goal of \$12,000. 100% of funds raised above our goal are returned to the parish. If you have not made your gift yet, envelopes are available in the rear of the church.

*We thank you for your anticipated generosity.*



*O God, You who taught St. Hedwig to renounce the pomps of this world, that, with her whole heart, she might follow the humble way of Your Cross, grant that, through her merits and example, we may learn to trample underfoot the perishable delights of this world, and by embracing Your Cross overcome whatever opposes us. Amen.*



*and for Peace in Israel. We pray for the end of war so that the peace of God may be on all peoples.*

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## Parish Devotional Life

### Sunday Readings

#### **Reading I: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20**

Prophets will be “raised up” as the need arises. Then the people must listen to these authentic prophets called by Yahweh to succeed Moses.

#### **Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35**

Paul offers clear advice to both the married and the unmarried in the community. Yet he does not impose any solution, as they strive for true “adherence to the Lord.”

#### **The Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28**

Mark concludes his stories of Jesus’ healing with the tag that “His fame spread everywhere,” even though it sometimes did so against Our Lord’s will. Above all, He taught “with authority.”

### Readings for the Week

**January 29, 2024** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 5:1-20

**January 30, 2024** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

**January 31, 2024** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6

**February 1, 2024** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13

**February 2, 2024** Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

**February 3, 2024** 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34

**February 4, 2024** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39



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.

**Join us every Sunday for the recitation of  
the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
before Mass at 9:05 am.**



“Love the Madonna and pray the  
Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon  
against the evils of the world today.  
All graces given by God pass through  
the Blessed Mother.”

*St Padre Pio*

### Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays



*Come spend some quiet time with our  
Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.*

**Thursdays after the 9:00 am Mass  
(9:30 am)**

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much  
bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of  
Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the  
prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a  
source of comfort and light, particularly to those who  
are suffering.” *Pope Benedict XVI*

*Adoration is also available at St. Joseph Cathedral,  
Wednesdays 7:30 am - 6:00 pm. in the chapel (Lowell St.)*

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Thank you all so kindly for your assistance with the Winter Fuel Collection! \$680 was contributed to help defray the cost of gas to heat the church during the cold winter months. Another collection will be taken for February to be announced.

Next weekend will be the traditional Blessing of the Throats in honor of St. Blase, after all Masses.

## HUMOR



### *Did you ever think about or realize what the power of one Hail Mary can do?*

Shortly before, on a Saturday morning, John Petrovich was running, as usual, in a Pittsburgh neighborhood. On his route, he passed a house where there was an ambulance in the driveway. The house's front door and garage doors were open.

"Growing up, every time you heard any type of siren — ambulance or police car — you made the Sign of the Cross and said a prayer for those in need and protection for those involved. That was second nature to me,"

"One thing different on that occasion was I always said that prayer but never felt compelled to say a [particular] prayer. That was the one thing that was different than anything else. And the first prayer that came to mind [that day] was the Hail Mary."

Petrovich thought of stopping and helping, but since he has no first-aid training, he decided to keep running, although he wondered if he was wrong not to stop. Yet he prayed: "God, if that ambulance is still parked in that driveway, I will stop and see if I can give assistance." On his run back, he reported, "The ambulance was not there, there were no lights in house, the garage door was shut, and the front door was shut."

The following Thursday, after work, Petrovich was running in the same neighborhood. Approaching the house where he had seen the ambulance, he saw a lady "at the edge of the driveway of that house, and she started waving her hand, and she said, 'Stop. Please stop,'" Petrovich recalled.

"So I came to the edge of the driveway, and she said, 'Thank you for stopping, sir. I need to talk to you. I have to thank you because you saved my life.'" Puzzled, Petrovich asked, "How did I save your life?" "Then," he related, "she tells me, 'Let me tell you what happened to me last week.'" Alone at home, she suddenly started feeling strange and blacked out. She knew she was dying.

She told Petrovich how, before finding herself in a hospital bed and about to regain consciousness, "she got a vision of Jesus who came to her, and said, 'It's okay. Everything is going to be fine. You're going to be fine because this person prayed for you.'"

"On the palm of his hand was your face — on Jesus' hand," she told him, recounting what went through her mind. "And I thought, 'I have to thank you for saving my life.'"

"And how do you react to something like that?" Petrovich told the Register. "I was speechless. I didn't know what to say, except, 'Thank you.'"

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## Wednesdays at Pennacook Street

### Praying on Pennacook Street—Uber Driver Saves Baby

The Uber driver dropped off his passenger at Planned Parenthood and then stopped to ask questions of the two women praying on the sidewalk. He wanted to know how he could help a Christian friend who was considering an abortion. They gave him the number for the Pennacook Pregnancy Center. They learned the passenger he dropped off that morning was the "friend." She did not have the abortion that Wednesday but postponed it for two weeks.

The Uber driver called the number to get information and then his passenger called two weeks later. After finding out all the resources available she made her decision – she did not keep her next appointment at PP. She has since had an ultrasound and her baby is due in May. She said she felt uneasy and pressured by PP to get an abortion because if she waited she would be too far along (over 16 weeks) for the termination to be done at the Manchester PP.

Also, the Wednesday before Christmas women arrived for their abortion appointments. One stayed in her vehicle sobbing. She could be seen talking on the phone and crying. Then she put the phone down, wiping away the tears, and drove away. That's a mother and baby who will be able to celebrate Christmas Day together in 2024.

For more information about the life-affirming Pennacook Pregnancy Center, visit [www.pennacookpregnancy.org](http://www.pennacookpregnancy.org) and [facebook.com/nhpregnancyhelp](https://www.facebook.com/nhpregnancyhelp)

Ever wonder why you are alive at this time? Maybe counseling abortion bound women and men is the reason. Please consider being a sidewalk counselor. Training is available. For more information, contact Cathy Kelly at (603) 206-5306 or [ckelly@pennacookpregnancy.org](mailto:ckelly@pennacookpregnancy.org).



### Seeking Volunteers

The Manchester VA Medical Center Chaplain Service, 718 Smyth Rd., Manchester, NH, is in need of volunteers. Duties would include helping before and after Mass, bringing Veterans to and from the Mass, and/or serving as a Eucharistic Minister for the Veterans in the Community Living Center. Please contact Fr. Tom Steinmetz at 603-623-8944 for more information.



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