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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:

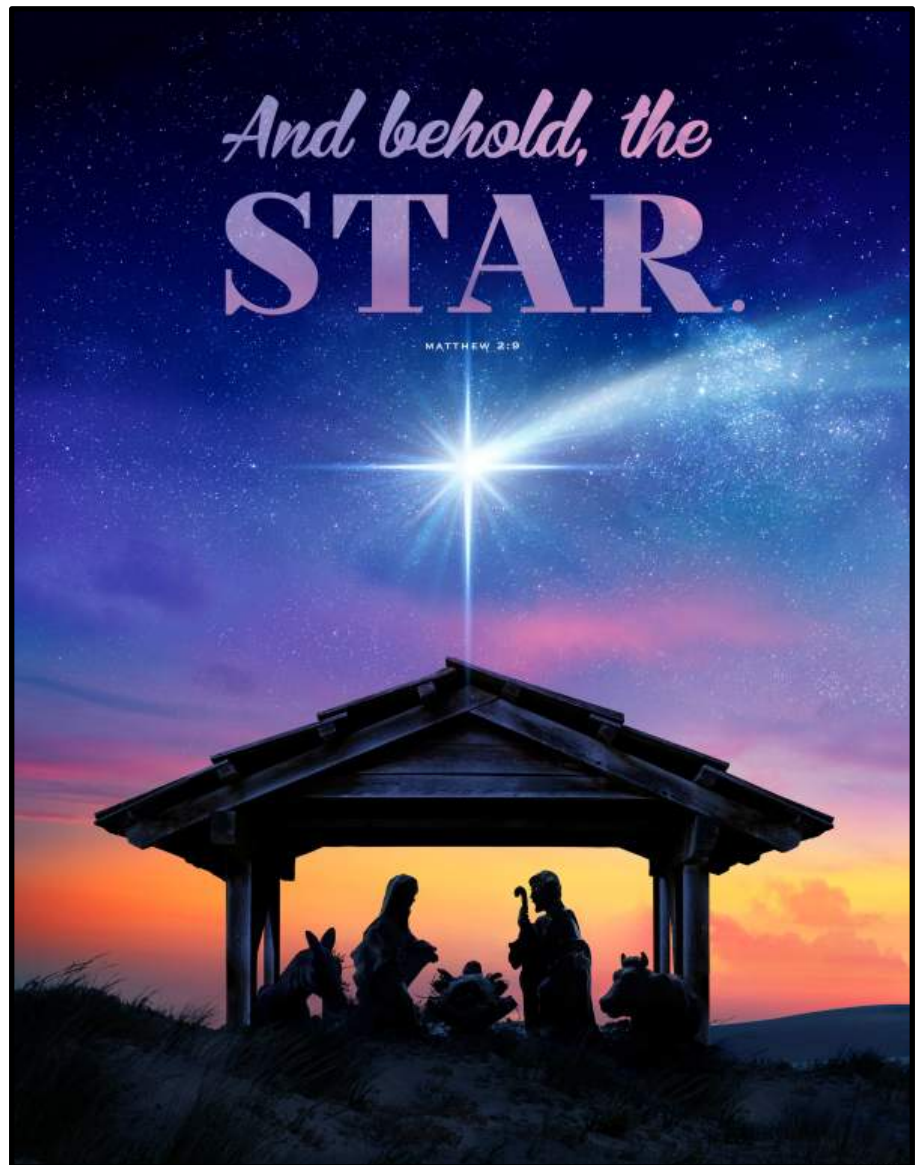
As Announced

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Devotion
After the morning Mass on
Thursdays.

SAINT HEDWIG PARISH

January 7, 2024 - Epiphany of the Lord
Thirty-first 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 Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastor *Pastoral Assistant*

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Director of Music *Parish Maintenance*

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Sacraments

Baptism

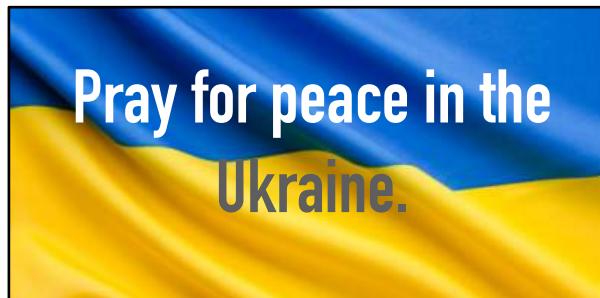
Please contact the parish if you wish to have your child baptized. Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 am Mass on Sundays, except during the Lenten season.

Marriage

Marriages are booked six months in advance. Please contact the pastor to begin marriage preparation program.

Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF
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603-232-3115



WEEKLY GIVING

Dec. 16 - 22	\$ 1,038.00
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Total	\$ 1,598.00

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There is the option of giving on line to the weekly collection. Just go to 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

Guest columnist: Rev. Leonard Petersen

This beautiful Epiphany feast always holds a unique place for me and my family, especially when the date for it was fixed on January 6, the “Twelfth Day of Christmas.” That was my beloved mom’s birthday. Added in the fact that my mother spent her early years in the Epiphany parish located in South Philadelphia. Now that the Epiphany is celebrated on a Sunday the date is flexible. But this was a good change, because the feast was often lost to churchgoers when it fell on a weekday. The event deserves our full attention because of its significance.

What it celebrates is captured in the very word “Epiphany” itself. It means a “manifestation” or “showing.” It is the showing of Christ to the wider Gentile world beyond the world of the Jews. It implies His embrace of the same.

Up until now, we note that Christ came into the Jewish world. Both His earthly parents were good Jews, as were His grandparents and His whole extended family. St. Matthew, writing for Jewish converts to the faith, wanted to let them know that Christ came to embrace the whole world, and not just one nation.

So, for today, we can meditate and learn about “the wideness of God’s mercy.” His divine plan for the salvation of the world does not involve exclusions. Still, the perennial questions arise: “Who or what is at the center of our lives? Is it really Christ Jesus or not?” Here is a selection from the texts for today’s feast found at St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral in London:

The Magi

It might have been just someone else’s story;
Some chosen people get a special king,
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don’t belong, it doesn’t mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim’s eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

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Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

**Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak,
Julia Korona, Dr. Henry Plodzik, 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

JANUARY 6, VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY

4:00 PM. +S.p. Joseph Kalisz *from Walt & Dian*

JANUARY 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:00 am. - +S.p. Florence Cimon *from Sr. Thomas*

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5:30 PM. - +S.p. Ralph Cleary *from the Williams Family*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 WEEKDAY

9:00 am. - +S.p. Roger Dubreuil, Birthday Remembrance
from Dennis & Janet Caza

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 WEEKDAY

5:30 pm. - +S.p. Samuel Rundquist
from the Williams Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 WEEKDAY

9:00 am. - +S.p. Florence Cimon
from Elaine & George Beaudette

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 WEEKDAY

5:30 pm. - Peace in the Ukraine & Israel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

4:00 PM. +S.p. Paul & Ann Harvey *from Pam Harvey*

JANUARY 14 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

10:00 am. - +S.p. Lucien Gagne
from Mrs. Simone Beliveau

SANCTUARY CANDLE **Joseph Kalisz**

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

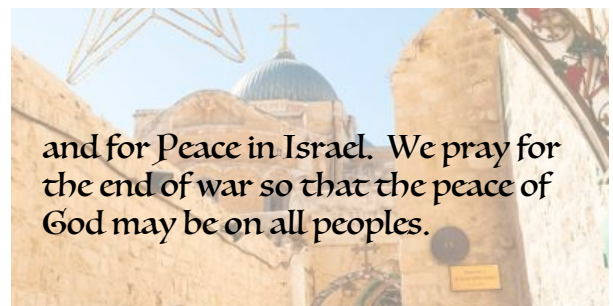


We are grateful to all our parishioners who have donated to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today our parishioners have raised **\$5,265** towards our goal of \$12,000. 100% of funds raised above our goal are returned to the parish. If you have not made your gift yet, envelopes are available 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: Isaiah 60: 1-6

The prophet announces that all parts of the world will come to Zion to rebuild Jerusalem. Then throughout land the glory of the Lord will shine forth.

Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Paul's chief insight into the mystery of Christ is that Gentiles are to be recognized as full participants in the life of the Church.

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

The special personages in this episode are the magi, or wise men, who come to visit Jesus. Over time, Christianity has made them into kings, numbering them as 3 because of the number of gifts they presented to the Child. Above all, they symbolize the Gentile world coming to the Jewish Christ.



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

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 8, 2024 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11
or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1,
4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps
40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11, 2024 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps
44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2024 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps
89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2024 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14, 2024 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4,
7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

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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The Epiphany and the Gift of the Magi


Isaiah, in prophesying about Jerusalem, refers to Christ and His Church to which those who seek the true light turn their thoughts and their steps. Let us pray for those who grope in the darkness of error and for those who seek true peace.

Saint Paul explains that the prophesy of Isaiah is realized in Christ, the true Light of the World. Saint Matthew tells us about the Magi rendering their homage to Jesus Christ. They offer gold, for they know Him to be a king; myrrh, because they venerate Him as a man; and frankincense because they adore Him as God. Let us offer to Jesus the gold of our charity, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of self mortification.

The Magi came a long distance and it is believed that they limit themselves to a brief visit. Where they are from represents many different nations, races, and creeds who are called to be the one children of God. All are invited to the friendship of God, and as one, we can be a world of peaceful co-existence. Filled with very special graces, they must have been overwhelmed by love and reverence in the presence of the divine Infant.

What shall we offer Jesus? Man can offer God nothing which does not already belong to God. Man is nothing. We can offer nothing of our own except our liberty which God gave us to administer, so to speak. We are free, in a way; this is perfection because by it we can manifest our love for God. At the same time, we always have the unfortunate possibility of doing wrong. We have our freedom; we are its administrators. We give the Lord the gift of ourselves, warts and all, and He accepts us for who we are because of His great love for us. We are a gift to the Lord who will never reject us, but cherish us. Let us offer our freedom to the Lord.





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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.

HUMOR



Christmas Flower Offerings 2024

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