



# St. Hedwig Parish

Manchester, New Hampshire

July 11, 2021



15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*Piętnasta Niedziela Zwykła*

*All Masses live streamed at [sainthedwighn.org](http://sainthedwighn.org)*

**Weekend Mass Times:**

Saturday 4:00 pm.  
Sunday 10:00 am.

**Weekday Mass Times:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm.  
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am.

**Holy Day Masses**

Vigil Mass 6:00 pm.  
Mass of the Day 8:00 am.

**Confessions:**

Saturday 3:00 pm. - 3:30 pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

After the Thursday Morning Mass

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** Friday 5:10 pm.

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**St. Hedwig Cemetery**

Old Bedford Rd.  
Bedford, NH.

*For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.*



## Pastor's Letter

Hello Everyone!

This weekend sees Jesus sending out the disciples two by two to go out and preach the good news of God's love. The disciples go out with a new sense of enthusiasm because they want to help Jesus in this mission, to let the love of God be brought to the people of Israel.

This mission continues to this day two thousand years later. Many people still hear the call of the Lord to go out and be a missionary to far away lands or even in their home towns. There is still a great need to pray for vocations, that more young men and women will hear the voice of the Lord and respond with that same enthusiasm of the disciples. There is still a great need for the name of Jesus to be made known throughout the world, still many souls that need to be saved.

The work of spreading the good news is by all means not an easy task. Those called will have to go to far away places, to strange lands and minister to different peoples of all races, creeds, and cultures. Modern day missionaries prepare themselves by studying the land where they are going and to learn a new language so that the Word of God can be understood, and received with joy.

The disciples go out in the hopes that their message will be accepted, but that may not be the case. From the days of Christ until now, the Word of God can be met with persecution. The good news may not be accepted everywhere and the disciples can be exiled or even put to death for the gospel. These are the martyrs who gave their lives for the good news.

We can read in the lives of the saints, their

vocation story and what brought them to respond to God's call to give up everything and be a disciple. Here is a brief story about Mother Teresa Calcutta.

In the lives of holy people we can see them losing their lives for the sake of Jesus and in so doing saving their lives. There are two dramatic examples from the life of Mother Teresa. As a teenager she felt her vocational call praying before a statue of Our Lady and was attracted by the missionary work of the Sisters of Our Lady of Loreto in India so she decided to join them. Her brother Lazar, a lieutenant in the Albanian army, told her she was throwing her life away. She responded, "You think you are important because you are an officer serving a king of two million subjects...But I am serving the King of the whole world! Which of us do you think has the better place?" Later Mother Teresa felt the call from God, confirmed by her religious superiors, to found a new community of Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity. Early in 1949 a girl came to Mother Teresa dressed in a fine dress and jewels offering to give her life to the poor. Mother Teresa said, "You must first forget yourself so that you can dedicate yourself to God and neighbor." Weeks later the girl returned to Mother Teresa dressed in a simple white robe and became the first one of Mother Teresa's sisters.

We are all called in some way to be bearers of the good news and to let the name of Jesus be known and loved.

*Fr. Eric*





## Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle  
Pastor

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak  
Pastoral Assistant

Scott Bergendahl  
Music Director

Dan Felch  
Parish Maintenance

Ellie Felch  
Parish Secretary



## 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



Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

*Shirley Stemska, Rita Haskins, Emily Menczywor,  
Walter Gorski, Richard Radlinski*

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.*



## 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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603-232-3115



## Weekly Giving

Donations received, June 26 - July 2, 2021

Weekly Offerings \$ 1,663.00

Online giving \$ 107.50

Total: \$ 1,770.50

Thank You!

Bóg Zapłać





**Saturday, July 10, 2021**

4:00 pm.      **+S.p. Emlen Cote**      *from Lyndi Cote*

**Sunday, July 11, 2021**      **15th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

10:00 am.      **+S.p. Edward Swierz, 1st Anniv.**  
*from Wife & Family*

**Monday, July 12, 2021**      *Weekday*

5:30 pm.      **For the sanctification of St. Hedwig Parishioners**

**Tuesday, July 13, 2021**      *Weekday*

9:00 am.      **+S.p. Jack Downey**      *from the Family*

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021**      *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

5:30 pm.      **For the protection of the unborn**

**Thursday, July 15, 2021**      *St. Bonaventure*

9:00 am.      **+S.p. Stefan, Jozef, Helena Drozd** *from the Family*

**Friday, July 16, 2021**      *Weekday*

5:30 pm.      **For your personal intentions**

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

4:00 pm.      **+S.p. Bartley Cote**      *from Lyndi Cote*

**Sunday, July 18, 2021**      **16th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

10:00 am.      **+S.p. Rada Craioveanu, 4th Anniv.**  
*from Family*

**Sanctuary Candle:**

***The Hamel Family, living & deceased***

### ***Petitions for St. Joseph's Blessings***

Bless me, O dearly beloved Father, St. Joseph, bless my body and my soul; bless my resolutions, my words, and deeds, all my actions and omissions, my every step; bless all that I possess, all my interior and exterior goods, that all may redound to the greater honor of God. Bless me for time and eternity, and preserve me from every sin. Obtain for me the grace to make atonement for all my sins by love and contrition here on earth, so that after my last breath I may, without delay, prostrate at your feet, return thee thanks in Heaven for all the love and goodness thou, O dearest father, has shown me here below. Amen

Pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times, in thanksgiving to God for the graces and prerogatives bestowed on St. Joseph.

***St. Joseph, pray for us!***



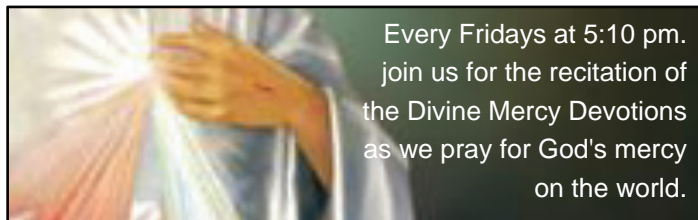
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## Parish Devotional Life

**Nie jest ważne jak wolno idziesz, dopóki się nie zatrzymasz.**

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.



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.



## Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21

**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



## Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour

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.

**Join us every Sunday for the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass at 9:15 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*



## Sunday Readings

### *Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

#### **Reading I: Amos 7: 12-15**

Amaziah banishes Amos from Israel to Judah, where he is to carry out his unexpected calling. Amos avows that he is not one of the so-called "prophets for hire," but instead has a calling to preach from Yahweh.

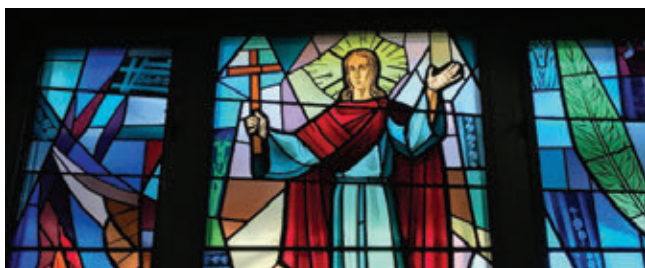
#### **Reading II: Ephesians 1: 3-14, or 1: 3-10**

St. Paul blesses God the Father for calling upon him with a spirit of adoption as added motivation. Paul asserts that it is by our baptism that we are incorporated to the death and resurrection of Christ and also been redeemed.

#### **The Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13**

St. Mark presents Jesus' commissioning of the apostles as a matter of extending His own ministry of teaching and healing. Material comfort is not a component of the work, nor is over confidence. Trust in God is paramount for the great work of their calling.

## Sw. Tekla



The Acts of Paul and Thekla is a 2nd-century text (circa AD 180) which forms part of the Acts of Paul but also circulated separately. According to the text, Thekla was a young noble virgin from Iconium who listened to Paul's "discourse on virginity", espoused the teachings and became estranged to both her fiancé, Thamyris, and her mother. She sat by her window for three days, listening to St. Paul and his teachings. When they witnessed this, they became concerned that Thekla would follow Paul's demand "one must fear only one God and live in chastity" and turned to the authorities to punish both Paul and Thekla.

Thekla was miraculously saved from burning at the stake by the onset of a storm and traveled with Paul to Antioch of Pisidia. There, a nobleman named Alexander desired Thekla and attempted to rape her. Thekla fought him off, tearing his cloak and knocking his coronet off his head in the process. She was put on trial for assault. She was sentenced to be eaten by wild beasts but was again saved by a series of miracles, when the female beasts (lionesses in particular) protected her against her male aggressors. While in the arena, she baptized herself by throwing herself into a nearby lake full of aggressive seals.

She rejoined the Holy Apostle Paul in Myra, traveled to preach the word of God and became an icon encouraging women to imitate her by living a life of chastity and following the word of the Lord. She went to live in Seleucia Cilicia. According to some versions of the Acts, she lived in a cave there for 72 years. However, she passed the rest of her life in Maalula, a village in Syria. She became a healer, performed many miracles, but remained constantly persecuted. The story goes, as her persecutors were about to get her, she called out to God and a new passage was opened in the cave, and the stones closed behind her. The passage and caves are still found in Maaloula which became a very important site for pilgrims. She was able to go to Rome and lie down beside Paul's tomb.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEW HAMPSHIRE

Our parish goal for this year's appeal is **\$3,000**.

***So far we have contributed***

***\$1,650. Thank You!***

Let's keep up the good work. Please be sure to pick up a Catholic Charities envelope if you have not yet picked one up. Please consider making a donation to support their good works.

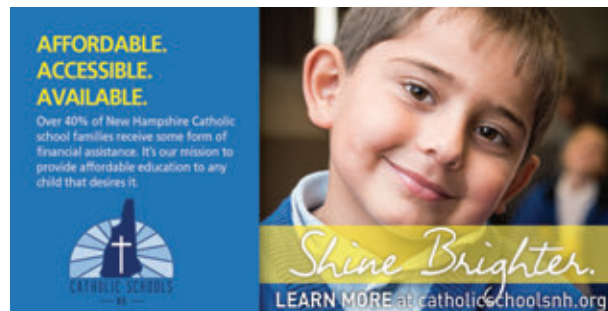
We welcome three new members of our Christian faith through the Sacrament of Baptism:

***Calliope Hamel***

***Nicholas Hamel***

***Rory Pelletier***

Pray that they grow everyday in the faith and love of Jesus Christ.



“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.”



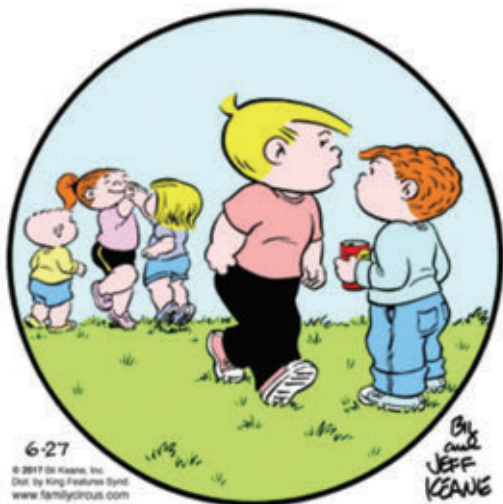
Update: The granite benches have sold out. If you wish to contribute towards George's Eagle Scout project, your name can immortalized in stone. The project will include pavers for the Reflection Garden, and if you wish, along with your contribution, your name will be on the paver. Further details to



***Fiat is Back***

For young women Ages 14-18. A day of meeting with Religious Women and exploring God's Will for your Life! You are invited to attend our Fiat Day to spend time with other young women your age looking at the Lord's call for marriage, religious life, or whatever. July 30, 2021 at Ste Marie Parish, 378 Notre Dame Ave, Manchester. 8:00am – 5:00pm To register visit <https://fiatdays2021.eventbrite.com/> or email [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) or call Mrs. Vinson at 603-663-0153.

 **Humor**



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"Don't play follow-the-leader with Dolly. She makes you do BALLET steps!"



This week sees the feast of the first Native American Saint, Kateri Tekakwitha.

***See with the eyes of faith***

Some people survive trials and adversity with a faith that cannot be explained. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-80) is one of those people. At the age of 4, Tekakwitha was physically scarred and left nearly blind by a smallpox epidemic that took the lives of her parents. Though she continued to live among her people, she followed a different path than most. Baptized Kateri (Catherine) at the age of 19, she soon found a distant village of Christian Native Americans who accepted her desire to remain single and devote her life to Jesus. The life of this first Native American saint was short, but her kind and deep faith left its own lasting mark. Visit the website: Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391).

*"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."*

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



- Christian Collopy*
- Caleb Goff*
- Dc. Daniel Mikolajewski*
- Spencer Gregory*
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