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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For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.
Hello Everyone!

This weekend see the establishment of the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. This day was established by Pope Francis as a means of remembering those who have gone on before us, our grandparents, who have blessed us with memories, and the stories we can tell about them to our future generations. When I was growing up, I was fortunate to know all my grandparents. They were very much a part of my life as they were nearby to visit. I would always love to hear the stories of their childhood growing up in difficult time, the Great Depression and how they coped and survived those early days of the 20th century. They were the bridge that connected me to the past generations of my family from France, Italy, England, and Canada. We must never forget where we come from, and who we are as shaped by our past generations. My grandparents are now deceased, but I am comforted by the memories I have of them, Antoinette and Patrick Cerza (maternal grandparents) and William and Ethel Delisle Mitchell (paternal grandparents). Pope Francis says, "The memory of our elderly people sustains us as we journey on."

We all have memories of them that we cherish, because they were present in our lives. We are keenly aware of the reality of those elderly who go forgotten, abandoned. Perhaps, sadly, for some families they are seen as a burden, or someone who is out of the way. This is no way to treat the elderly. They deserve all our respect, love, and honor. The elderly can provide us such wisdom and experiences that can teach us valuable lessons.

We may have a parent at home or in a nursing home. We do all we can with patience, compassion, love, and mercy, (it's not easy sometimes) to provide for their needs, comfort, and safety. We owe it to them. They raised us, now it's our turn to care for them. Let them know we are here for them, with a visit or a phone call. Having this connection gives them every reason to live and to know that they are never forgotten.

You may have heard of a ruckus that was caused by Pope Francis last week concerning the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass (Extra-Ordinary Form). I'll try to explain this in a nut-shell. Thirteen years ago, Pope Benedict XVI issued a document allowing priests around the world the freedom to celebrate the Latin Mass as you once remembered growing up as children. After the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) the Mass drastically changed to what we know it is today, the Novus Ordo (New Order) celebrated in our native languages, and in a much simpler form.

Those who, in the traditional camp, could not reconcile with the changes of the Mass, sought parishes, or groups that celebrated the Latin Mass. This was a source of division within the Church for many years, and this is the reason why Pope Francis placed restriction on the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, much to the chagrin of the traditionally minded. If a priest wants to celebrate the Latin Mass, he now has to seek the permission of the Bishop. The Pope is also limiting the availability of Latin Masses in dioceses around the world. Communities such as St. Stanislaus in Nashua that celebrate the Traditional Mass, will continue to do so. I myself have celebrated the Latin Mass in the past. I have been trained. It has been awhile since I have done that.

Whether we prefer the Traditional Latin Mass or the Novus Ordo Mass, we must be mindful that we are all Roman Catholics who gather to give the worship that is due to God. Our celebration of the Masses is done with reverence, love, and awe for the goodness and honor of God. We pray and sing together with joy in our hearts. The Mass is to be celebrated as it should, with reverence, without balloons, clowns, or other silly innovations that do not belong in the Mass. Yes, some priests can get carried away with some craziness. It is the beauty of the Mass as it is that should attract us to worship God and to respect each others opinions and remain united as One Church on earth.
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.

Weekly Giving

Donations received, July 10 - 16, 2021
Weekly Offerings $1,120.00
Online giving $100.00 Total: $1,220.00

Thank You! Bóg Zapłąc
Saturday, July 24, 2021
4:00 pm. +S.p. Julia Dudek, 9th Anniv.
from the Dudek Family
+S.p. Ann & Paul Harvey from Pam Harvey

Sunday, July 25, 2021  17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am. +S.p. Irene Stroczynska, 1st. Anniv.
from Janet Corriveau
+S.p. Rose Houle from Gail & Pat

Monday, July 26, 2021  Sts. Anne & Joachim
5:30 pm. For the sanctification of St. Hedwig Parishioners

Tuesday, July 27, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am. +S.p. John Betley from Lyndi Cote

Wednesday, July 28, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm. +S.p. Lee Family from the Family

Thursday, July 29, 2021  St. Martha
9:00 am. For an increase of vocations to religious life

Friday, July 30, 2021  St. Peter Chrysologus
5:30 pm. For your personal intentions

Saturday, July 31, 2021
4:00 pm. +S.p. Maryanna Betley from Lyndi Cote

Sunday, August 1, 2021  18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am. +S.p. David Kazanowski from the Family
+S.p. MaryAnne Pawlowski, Anniv. from Family

Prayer for Priests

O Illustrious patriarch St. Joseph, who carried the Infant Jesus in thy blessed arms and who, during the space of thirty years, lived in the most intimate familiarity with Him, take under thy powerful protection those whom He has clothed with His authority and honored with the dignity of His priesthood, whom He has charged to continue His mission, to preach His Gospel, and to dispense everywhere His graces and blessings. Sustain them in their fatigues and labors; console them in their pains; fortify them in their combats; but above all, keep far from them all the evils of sin.

Obtain for them the humility of St. John the Baptist, the faith of St. Peter, the zeal and charity of St. Paul, the purity of St. John and the spirit of prayer and recollection of which thou, my dear Saint, art the model, so that, after having been on earth, the faithful dispensers of the Mysteries of thy foster Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, they may in Heaven receive the recompense promised to pastors according to the Heart of God. + Amen.
**Readings of the Week**

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35  
**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27  
**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12  
**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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**Sunday Readings**

*Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**Reading I:** 2 Kings 4: 42-44  
This text is the inspiration for the multiplication miracle. The gift of the man from Baal-shalishah indicates the esteem Elisha enjoyed among the people.

**Reading II:** Ephesians 4: 1-6  
Paul points out that the new humanity created in Christ is exemplified by the Church’s unity. This unity is fostered by humility, gentleness and patience.

**The Gospel:** John 6: 1-15  
As in other of John’s miracle stories, Jesus takes the initiative. He tests Philip, but the apostle misses the point that Jesus was appealing to his faith. Then Jesus distributes the bread and fishes, later avoiding any move on the people’s part to make Him king.
Sw. Jacek

The story and history of Saint Hyacinth. Hyacinth, the glorious apostle of Poland and Russia, was born of noble parents in Poland, about the year 1185. In 1218, being already Canon of Cracow, he accompanied his uncle, the bishop of that place, to Rome. There he met St. Dominic, and received the habit of the Friar Preachers from the patriarch himself, of whom he became a living copy. So wonderful was his progress in virtue that within a year Dominic sent him to preach and plant the Order in Poland, where he founded two houses. His apostolic journeys extended over numerous regions. Austria, Bohemia, Livonia, the shores of the Black Sea, Tartary, and Northern China on the east, and Sweden and Norway to the west, were evangelized by him, and he is said to have visited Scotland. Everywhere multitudes were converted, churches and convents were built; one hundred and twenty thousand pagans and infidels were baptized by his hands. He worked numerous miracles, and at Cracow raised a dead youth to life. He had inherited from St. Dominic a most filial confidence in the Mother of God; to her he ascribed his success, and to her aid he looked for his salvation. When St. Hyacinth was at Kiev the Tartars sacked the town, but it was only as he finished Mass that the Saint heard of the danger. Without waiting to unvest, he took the ciborium in his hands, and was leaving the church. As he passed by an image of Mary a voice said: "Hyacinth, my son, why dost thou leave me behind? Take me with thee, and leave me not to mine enemies." The statue was of heavy alabaster, but when Hyacinth took it in his arms it was light as a reed. With the Blessed Sacrament and the image he came to the river Dnieper, and walked dry-shod over the surface of the waters. On the eve of the Assumption he was warned of his coming death. In spite of a wasting fever, he celebrated Mass on the feast, and communicated as a dying man. He was anointed at the foot of the altar, and died the same day, 1257.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.
How did pierogi find their way into Poland? A legend says that Saint Hyacinth Odrowąż brought them back from Kiev. He was captivated by their taste, which he learned to appreciate during his missionary travels to 13th-century Rus, or modern-day Ukraine. Hence the name, pierogi ruskie. Potatoes being still unknown in Europe at the time, the pierogi which made such an impression on Hyacinth must have been filled with cheese and groats. Another version of the legend says that, during a famine caused by Tatar raids, the saint fed the poor with pierogi he had made himself, giving him the moniker, “Saint Hyacinth of Pierogi”.

— M. M.: Święty Jacek z Pierogami, in: Smaki Życia, own translation

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

Christian Collropy
Caleb Goff
Dc. Daniel Mikolajewski
Spencer Gregory
Andre Nadeau
Dc. Cuong Van Nguyen
Eric Ouellette
Paul Hoang Ngoc Pham
Guillaume Temkkit
Dc. Rory Traynor

Invitation to Young Men Ages 14-18
Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend our Quo Vadis Days Game Day to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord’s call in your life while having lots of fun. Quo vadis Days are led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and includes a variety of games, prayer, and other activities and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and each other. Game Day will be held on Friday, August 6, 2021 at St. Patrick Parish in Pelham, NH. For more information, please contact Fr. Von DeRosia, Assistant Director of Vocations at 603-635-3525 or email vderosia@rcbm.org. If you know of a young man considering the priesthood, let him know about this event.

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 or call Mrs. Vinson at 603-663-0153.