14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Czternasta Niedziela Zwykła

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.

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwighnh.org
Hello Everyone!

Happy Fourth of July! Let's celebrate America and our freedom. I hope this day will give you an opportunity to get together with family and friends for a BBQ and a dip in a pool. It's been pretty warm. Later on, perhaps some fireworks. On this day we reflect on the history of our nation, founded by revolutionaries who wanted to separate from the English and become a free and independent nation. Our forefathers put into place a document that guarantees our freedoms as Americans. Freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom to protect and defend ourselves as a nation and as individuals. We have fought many wars to protect these freedoms and many have given their lives for it. Let us never forget these heros of the past, whether they were well known as a historical figure, or a family member of ours.

What we need to do is to continually pray for our nation, that God will protect her and that we grow to a greater appreciation of our freedoms. We have seen over the last year or so, a crumbling of all that we believe to be good, true, and American. We were witnesses to riots, looting, and some our cities burning down, protests for equality and recognition, some of it even violent, and terribly un-American.

We are finding ourselves to be a nation bitterly divided by politics, race, culture, and creed. If anything, this should unite us as a diversified nation. We all come from immigrant parents, grandparents, great grandparents. Our families have come from Poland, Italy, France, Canada, to establish a new way of life for the future generations. America is that melting pot in which many people from many nations came to seek greater opportunities, for jobs that paid well, for homes that can be built, for schools that can educate, for churches where we can worship. Back in the day, there may have been some division within cities that had a Polish section, a French section, or an Italian or Greek neighborhood. Even our parishes catered to certain ethnic groups. Yes, we stuck to together, but we learned to live as Americans. We see so many dynamics change over the years as people move away from the cities and into the suburbs, and new groups move into to partake in the freedom of becoming Americans. Growing pains will happen, but over time, we come to grow in acceptance, and maybe even an appreciation for people of different cultures, races, and creeds. Is there prejudice? Yes. Will there be hatred or suspicion of different peoples? Yes. We can't let these hold us back from being Americans, a nation that welcomes many. What is more important is living our Christian faith, established for us by Christ. All through the gospels we see Jesus welcoming sinners and outcasts because He wanted to bring them to the heart of God. Let us as a nation be welcoming, let us not be suspicious or prejudiced, but learn new things about different cultures and be respectful of them. Let us as a nation turn to God and give Him thanks and praise, as we pray for a restoration of good and American values and to unite us as one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all. May God bless the United States of America.

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**

**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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**Weekly Giving**

Donations received, June 19 - 25, 2021
Weekly Offerings $1,468.00  
Online giving $107.50  
Total: $1,575.50

Thank You!  
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**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.
Saturday, July 3, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p. Alissa Boucher  from Chuck & Janice Gagne

Sunday, July 4, 2021  14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  +S.p. David Kazanowski  from the Family

Monday, July 5, 2021  St. Elizabeth of Portugal
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Mary Mijal  from Paula Goetschius

Tuesday, July 6, 2021  St. Maria Goretti
9:00 am.  For the sanctification of St. Hedwig Parishioners

Wednesday, July 7, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Robert Y. Williams  from the Family

Thursday, July 8, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am.  For an increase of vocations

Friday, July 9, 2021  St. Augustine Zao Rong
5:30 pm.  For your personal intentions

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

Sanctuary Candle  Alissa Boucher

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Often times in art, St. Joseph is depicted holding a rod with a lily blossom on it. What is the meaning of this? There is a legend, not found in scripture, but in other sources that explains this. After Joachim and Anna, Mary’s parents, presented Mary in the Temple when she was 3 years of age, they allowed her to remain there as a temple virgin dedicated to God’s service. When Mary was on the verge of womanhood, the high priest announced that it was time for all of the temple virgins of that age to return home so that marriages could be arranged for them. Mary, however, said that she could not do this since her parents had dedicated her to the service of the Lord and that she herself had made a vow of virginity to God. When the high priest sought guidance from God, a loud voice called forth all of the men of the House of David who had not taken a wife, instructing them to come to the Temple and to bring a branch to lay on the altar. The voice said that one of the branches would bloom forth with flowers and that the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, would land upon the branch. Joseph was one of the men who came and when he placed his branch on the altar, it immediately bloomed into flowers and a dove descended from heaven and landed on it, thus revealing that Joseph was to take the virgin Mary as his spouse.

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Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

**Sunday Readings**

*Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**Reading I:** Ezekiel 2: 2-5
God charges Ezekiel with a mission to speak the Word to a people so hardened in disobedience that they will not listen. Worse, they will oppose him. Still Ezekiel must proclaim the sacred Word.

**Reading II:** 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10
St. Paul speaks of a “thorn” in his flesh, given him to keep him grounded despite the many revelations given him. He humbly boasts of his weaknesses because they show Christ’s power at work in him.

**The Gospel:** Mark 6: 1-6a
Here we have Jesus rejected even by His own people. That had to sting. Scholars tell us that when the people called Him “the Son of Mary” that could have been an insult, because in those days Jews were usually known by their father’s name, in “Son of Joseph.”
Our parish goal for this year's appeal is $3,000. So far we have contributed $1,035. 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.

Sw. Stanislaw

According to tradition, Stanislaw was born at Szczepanow, a village in Lesser Poland, the only son of the noble and pious Wielislaw and Bogna. He was educated at a cathedral school in Gniezno (then the capital of Poland) and later, according to different sources, in Paris or Liege. On his return to Poland, Stanislaw was ordained a priest by Lambert II Sula, Bishop of Krakow. He was subsequently made pastor of Czembocz near Cracow, canon and preacher at the cathedral, and later, vicar-general.

After the Bishop’s death (1072), Stanislaw was elected his successor but accepted the office only at the explicit command of Pope Alexander II. Stanislaw was one of the earliest native Polish bishops. He also became a ducal advisor and had some influence on Polish politics.

Stanislaw’s major accomplishments included bringing papal legates to Poland, and reestablishment of a metropolitan see in Gniezno. The latter was a precondition for Duke Boleslaw’s coronation as king, which took place in 1076. Stanislaw then encouraged King Boleslaw to establish Benedictine monasteries to aid in the Christianization of Poland. Things did not work well between St. Stanislaw and King Boleslaw over a land dispute. St. Stanislaw excommunicated the King. The excommunication aided the King's political opponents, he accused Stanislaw of treason.

King Boleslaw sent his men to execute Bishop Stanislaw without trial but when they didn't dare to touch the Bishop, the King decided to kill the bishop himself. He is said to have slain Stanislaw while he was celebrating Mass in the Skalka outside the walls of Kraków. According to Paweł Jasienica: Polska Piastów, it was actually in the Wawel castle. The guards then cut the Bishop's body into pieces and scattered them to be devoured by wild beasts. According to the legend, his members miraculously reintegrated while the pool was guarded by four eagles. The exact date of Stanisław’s death is uncertain. According to different sources, it was either April 11 or May 8, 1079.

For more than two thousand years, Christians have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. After Jesus was taken down from the cross, His body was prepared and placed in a grave called a sepulcher. As Catholics, we profess each Sunday that we look forward to the resurrection of the dead. But have you ever thought about that place where you will rise? Since the very early 1900s St. Hedwig Cemetery has provided a sacred burial place for those who have died and await the resurrection from the dead. Visit our cemetery on Old Bedford Rd., and contact us if you have any questions or would like more information. 603-623-4835.

“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.”
Just a short note say a big THANKS to all who have contributed so far, and so generously to George Farmer’s Eagle Scout project. There is still time to help him reach his project goals, and if you wish to contribute by check, please write it out to Troop 118. This will help to get his project up and running.

As we celebrate our Independence Day, we also celebrate our freedom of worship. We can take a brief look at the history of the establishment of the Catholic Church in America. The Catholic faith in the United States first spread through the work of missionaries, such as Jesuits Isaac Jogues, Jacques Marquette and Eusebio Kino in the 1600s. In the 1770s, Spanish Franciscan Junipero Serra led the establishment of the California mission system.

By the latter 1600s, English colonists had set up their own public schools, often with a heavily Protestant, if not blatantly anti-Catholic cast. Even in Catholic-founded Maryland, Catholics were a minority, and in 1677, in Newtown, the Jesuits established a preparatory school. In New Orleans, the Franciscans opened a school for boys in 1718. Ursuline sisters arrived there from France in 1727 to open an orphanage, school for street girls and health facility. This was the first formal Catholic charity in the present United States. Catholics in Philadelphia in 1782 opened St. Mary’s School, considered the first parochial school in the United States.

Meanwhile the Catholic population continued to expand. By about 1776, it reached approximately 25,000 in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York State alone. Not long after the American Revolution, John Carroll, cousin of Declaration of Independence signer Charles Carroll, saw his dream of a Catholic college take root with the 1789 establishment of Georgetown. The Bill of Rights, with the First Amendment guarantee of religious freedom, helped Catholics further cement their place in post-Revolutionary America. John Carroll was appointed prefect of the United States of America in 1784 and bishop of Baltimore in 1789. Baltimore, the premier see, or first diocese in the country, was elevated to an archdiocese in 1808. Archbishop Carroll died in 1815. (There are now 195 Catholic dioceses and eparchies in the United States, with some 450 active and retired bishops.)

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
Andre Nadeau
Dc. Cuong Van Nguyen
Eric Ouelette
Paul Hoang Ngoc Pham
Guillaume Temkit
Dc. Rory Traynor

Humor

How do you think we keep the cars here so shiny?

Poish?

Sorry sir. Jak myślisz, jak trzymamy samochody tutej tak blyskaćę?

NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE KIDDIES!

The Kids’ Bulletin. These are now available to the little members of our parish and a great teaching tool for parents to help their children grow and learn our faith. Take one home and let the kids have fun with the puzzles and other activities.