June 13, Czerwiec 2021

**Weekend Mass Times:** Saturday 4:00 pm. / Sunday 10:00 am. Holy Days as announced

**Weekday Masses:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30 pm. Tues., Thurs. 9:00 am.

**Confessions** Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm or by appointment

**Eucharistic Adoration** Thursdays 9:30 am. **Divine Mercy Devotion** Fridays 5:10 pm.

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
*Jedenasta Niedziela Zwykła*

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwigh.org
Hello Everyone!

It is Monday, June 7, 2021. As I am at my desk typing out this weekly missive, it is very hot out and thankfully the AC is cooling my room down. But what makes this day more special is that I am celebrating the 18th anniversary of my priestly ordination. These last eighteen years have flown by and God has blessed me with numerous graces and experiences, both good and, yes even sad ones. I first felt the call to the priesthood since childhood. I can remember one day when I was about seven years old, I was visiting my grandmother in Poughkeepsie, NY. We were watching on the television the funeral of Pope Paul VI. I was enamored by the pomp and pageantry of all the bishops and Cardinals and told my grandmother that I wanted to be one of them. She told me I had to be a priest first. This was not the only reason why I wanted to be a priest. My faith was fostered by my grandmother and my parents as I grew up in a perfectly normal, all American upbringing. We went to Mass every week. We were Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass goers who sat in the back row. Now that I am a priest, my parents have moved up to the fourth row. I have always felt this tug, this pull, to make the name of Jesus known to all, to celebrate the Mass and bring people to the love and mercy of Jesus. To bring comfort to the sick and dying. To reconcile people back to friendship with God. These last eighteen years have given me just these experiences as I am called to the hospital, nursing home, or someone's home, to administer Last Rites. I have even had people pass away in my presence, knowing that I helped to open the gates of heaven for them. My experiences have included counseling, being brought into the drama of others so as to find some solution to a problem and bring people back on track with their faith. Countless are the confessions I have heard of people who desire to be reconciled with God. So many children and adults baptized, confirmed, and married. So many have I accompanied to their graves with their grieving families.

Some fourteen years ago, I saw the need to take a little break, step back, and re-evaluate my life. With the help of good friends, and much prayer and discernment, I came back a much better and happier priest. I do not regret my decision to be a priest. This is who I am.

The priest is a jack of all trades. First, he cares for the souls of his parishioners, guiding them in the ways of faith, opening the gospels to them, and teaching them how to imitate the life of Christ. The priest is a businessman, running the day to day operations of the parish, being a good steward of the finances, and keeping the church building in good shape. Sometimes he can be a repairman, fixing a broken toilet or cleaning up after a leaky roof. All of this, the parish priest cannot do alone. He has the help of the people of God who give of their time and talent to share in the mission of the Church.

My parish assignments over the years have been Keene, Goffstown, Nashua, and now Manchester. I love it here at St. Hedwig’s and will stay here for as long as I can. I just keep my mouth shut and low low under the radar screen. I secretly hope this will be my last assignment and be here for 20 years. God willing. I still have a ways to go before retirement.

Yours Truly.
Parish Staff

- Rev. Eric T. Delisle, Pastor
- Scott Bergendahl, Music Director
- Ellie Felch, Parish Secretary
- Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak, Pastoral Assistant
- Dan Felch, Parish Maintenance

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
147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104
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Weekly Giving

Donations received, May 22 - 29, 2021
Weekly Offerings $1,307.00
Online giving $107.50 Total: $1,414.50

May 29 - June 4
Weekly Offerings $1,396.00
Online giving $122.50 Total: $1,518.50

Thank You!

Bóg Zapłac

As Covid 19 restrictions are now being lifted, for those receiving the weekly parish bulletin by mail, do wish wish to continue receiving the bulletin by mail?

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No ___

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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

*Pray FOR THE SICK*

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Shirley Stemska, Rita Haskins, Emily Menczywor, Walter Gorski

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, June 12, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p. Henry Martin  from Walter & Dian Kalisz
+S.p. Chester Ptak  from wife Maria, children Teresa & Joe

Sunday, June 13, 2021  11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  Parishioners’ Intensions

Monday, June 14, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm.  For all our beloved deceased

Tuesday, June 15, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am.  +S.p. Anna Mele  from Madeleine Blake

Wednesday, June 16, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Rose Houle  from the Family

Thursday, June 17, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am.  For increase of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, June 18, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm.  For your personal intensions

Saturday, June 19, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p. Sr. Amandine & Sr. Romuald  from Sr. Jacqueline

Sunday, June 20, 2021  12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  Families of St. Hedwig

Sanctuary Candle  Henry Martin

Joseph, Terror of Demons
Demons hate humility, suckled as they are on the vice of pride. Joseph’s humility is what terrifies demons. He is entrusted with power and authority not simply because of his internal strength but because of his complete reliance upon and fidelity to God.

“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.”
**Readings of the Week**

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday Readings**

_Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time_

**Reading I: Ezekiel 17: 22-24**
The prophet uses imagery of cedar trees to make his point. The “new twig” from the top of the cedar represents a future king from the House of David. The other cedars represent the kings of other nations.

**Reading II: II Corinthians 5: 6-10**
When we walk through life in faith, we are given needed courage, and our lives bear fruit. Thus do we become prepared for a favorable judgment by God.

**The Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34**
The metaphors in Our Lord’s parables allowed Him to speak about God and His kingdom in a way that got His hearers’ attention in ways other teaching techniques could not.
Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir’s father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the “enemy”; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor’s daughter.

He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father’s absence. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.

As we find ourselves coming back to some sense of normalcy with our worship at St. Hedwig Parish, over the last several months, many of our parishioners have come back to celebrate with us. It’s so good to have you back with us. There are those who are still at home for their safety and other health issues who have been watching the Mass via live stream. The viewership continues to be great. My many thanks to all who continue to tune to the parish website to view the Mass and join with us.
Please take the time to read the Bishop's Letter to the faithful of the Diocese explaining the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. To summarize, the wearing of masks is at the discretion of the parishioner for their own personal safety as well as social distancing. Seating is now opened throughout the church. The use of Holy Water is back and the fonts will be cleaned and sanitized weekly. The method for the weekly collection will remain as it is with the collection box at the back of the church or by mail.

**That's Interesting...**

Any Catholic may perform an emergency baptism, such as if a person is in grave danger of death. In such a case, the validity of the baptism only depends upon the wishes of the person being baptized, that they desire the baptism. There are specific guidelines for such practices that Catholics should follow. Anyone wishing to be prepared for such a case should refer to the catechism for a deeper understanding of this allowance. Generally, such practices ought to be left to trained clergy.

**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.

**Humor**

i wonder if this will bounce

maybe that one will

**Chalice Restoration Donations**

So far we have received $720.00 in contributions towards the chalice. Thank you for your generosity!

There is still plenty of time to contribute if you wish. This chalice will make a fine addition to our collection.
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