Saint Hedwig Parish

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Manchester, NH 03104

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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

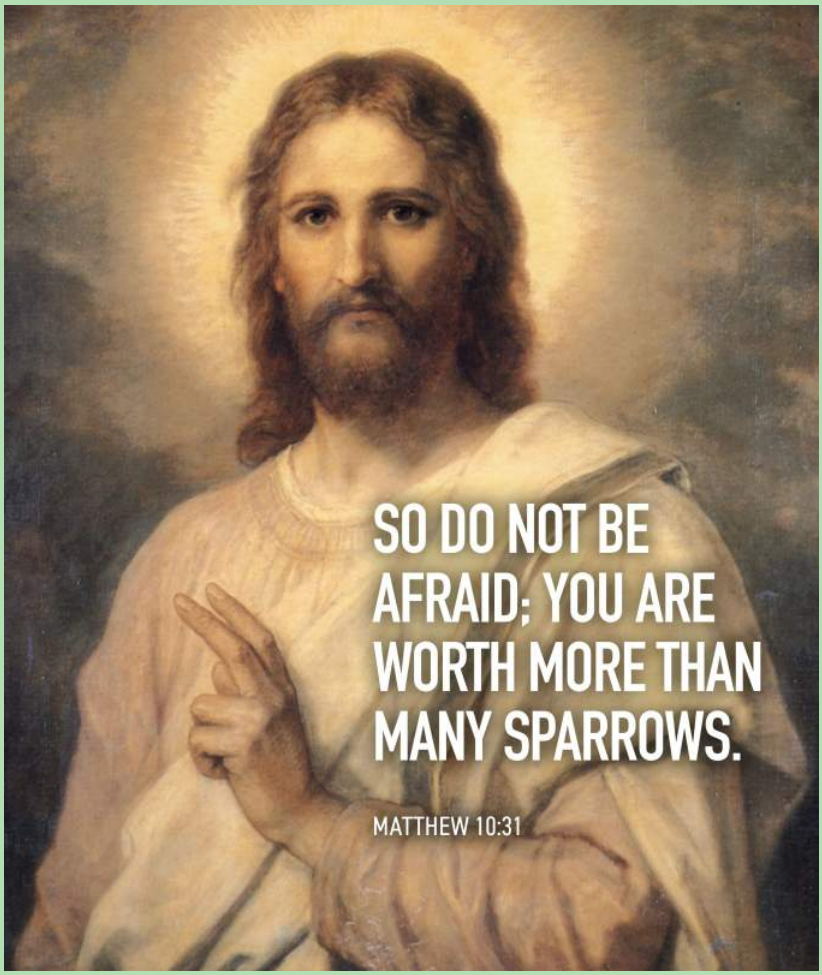
Holyday Masses:
As Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on Thursdays.



June 21, 2026 Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, New Hampshire

Please contact the parish office for all inquiries pertaining to the cemetery.

June 21, 2026

Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS
Pastor

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Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastoral Assistant

Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski
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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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Giving Back to God

Offertory: *We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the weekly collection by the collection box or on-line. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running.*

June 6 - 12 , 2026

Weekly Giving:	**$ 1,435.00**	
On-line Giving	**$ 305.00**	**Total: $ 1,740.00**

Thank You **Dziękuje!**

"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."

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 box or mail it to the parish office at:

147 Walnut Street, **Manchester, NH 03104**

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Fifty-nine years ago, exactly, I realized my fear of heights. I was at the time a newly ordained curate (old title of an assistant priest, today a "parochial vicar") assigned to train the altar boys of the parish. (No girls allowed in the Eisenhower era.) Some of the boys' parents came up with the idea of a reward trip for the group to New York City. So, I joined in and rode the noise-filled yellow bus up to Gotham.

Of course, all the youngsters wanted to visit the top floor of the Empire State Building. So up we all went. When we all dashed out the enclosure there and walked to the fence to look down, one of us, yours truly, was caught to be suddenly stiff and scared to death. I slowly made my way back to the enclosed area. At least right away. Too long ago to recall exactly the reaction of the adults, but I am sure I told them (unless I had lost facial color!)
The point is that this fear of mine is a natural occurrence among a sizable portion of the population. But today Our Lord talks about a very different kind of fear. He boldly tells us not to fear those who can do us bodily harm, but rather those who can harm our souls. We know who they are.

Satan as their leader. But oh, does he have his proxies. Consider the porn website creator, for example. They master the controls of the popular culture. We even make them celebrities. But note how they always make a mockery of Our Lord Jesus' ways even if they do so with a subtlety that often catches us unaware.

At times, they seem to have the upper hand. They zero in on Christianity, particularly our Catholic Church. So, we obviously need heroes of faith. Who are they? We can start by noting that in the long march of Church history we find people we call "saints." Once they were martyrs in the Roman arena. But we can name a teenager named Carlo with a laptop in hand to teach faith to his peers. But never undervalue the power of your good lives. Today we can hopefully honor your good father who made that choice for Christ and deserves a "Father's Day."

Allow me to honor the martyrdom of one St. Polycarp, who was burned at the stake for his faith in its early days, The aged Polycarp had been arrested by the Roman authorities and brought to the arena for execution in front of the cheering crowd. The proconsul pressed him hard and said, "Swear and I will release you. Just revile Christ." Polycarp replied, "Eighty and six years have I served Him and He never did me wrong. How can I now blaspheme my King that has saved me?" Talk about being fearless!
God love you and give you His peace.

Summary of This Weekend's Readings

Reading I: Jeremiah 20: 10-13
The Lord allows Jeremiah to suffer adversity to strengthen his faith and ensure that his motives for serving God are purified of selfishness.

Reading II: Romans 5: 12-15
Just as the old Adam brought sin and death into the world, so Christ, the new Adam, brings righteousness and life to all those who accept Him as the Redeemer of the world.

The Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33
Jesus contrasts the relative value of earthly life with the absolute good of eternal life in heaven. On the natural level, we fear those who can harm our body. But there is a healthy and holy fear of God, that is necessary for us to have to avoid sin and its consequence.

Readings for the Week

Monday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Ps 48:2-3Ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday Vigil Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17 1 Pt 1:8-12 Lk 1:5-17
Wednesday Day Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Mt 7:21-29
Friday 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Mt 8:1-4
Saturday Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 Mt 8:5-17
Sunday 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 20

4:00 pm. **Lucien & Muriel Gagne**
by Mrs. Simone Beliveau

Sunday, June 21

10:00 am. **Peter Kielar** by Nancy Dudziak

Monday, June 22 Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

5:30 pm. **Graduating Seniors of Holy Family Academy**
by Sr. Mary Thomas

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 am. **Jackie Sweezy**

Wednesday, June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

5:30 pm. **God's Blessings & Good Health on Ken Cooper**
by The Felician Sisters

Thursday, June 25

9:00 am. **Michael Joseph** by Christine Czyryca

Friday, June 26

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

Saturday, June 27

4:00 pm. **Mark Hill** by Family

Sunday, June 28

10:00 am. **Alyce Costigan, 25th Anniversary**
by brother John & Valerie Flanagan

Sanctuary Candle

Parishioners' Intentions

Saint Hedwig Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Road
Bedford, New Hampshire

The time will come when we will need to plan for the day when God calls us home to Himself. After a life well lived, we hope to gain our place in the heavenly kingdom with God. We will also need our place of rest. Saint Hedwig Cemetery is a place of peace and beauty to bring our loved ones to their place of rest, and for ourselves as well. As a part of planning for the future, consider Saint Hedwig Cemetery. Call the parish office at 603-623-4835 for information and our very affordable prices. We will be glad to assist you.

Pray FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Vera Gorski, Jacques Parent, Kathy Philbert

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.*

Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult,
and shame covers my face.
I have become an outcast to my brothers,
a stranger to my mother's children,
Because zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.
R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.
Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness;
in your great mercy turn toward me.
R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
the seas and whatever moves in them!"
R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Reading 2: Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

Alleluia

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord;
and you also will testify.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve:
"Fear no one.
Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.
What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;
rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy
both soul and body in Gehenna.
Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?
Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.
Even all the hairs of your head are counted.
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.
But whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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June Polish Mass
June 21, 2026
4:00 pm.
(Third Sunday of Every Month)
St. Hedwig Parish

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To learn more or express interest, please contact:

Principal Mark Schwerdt
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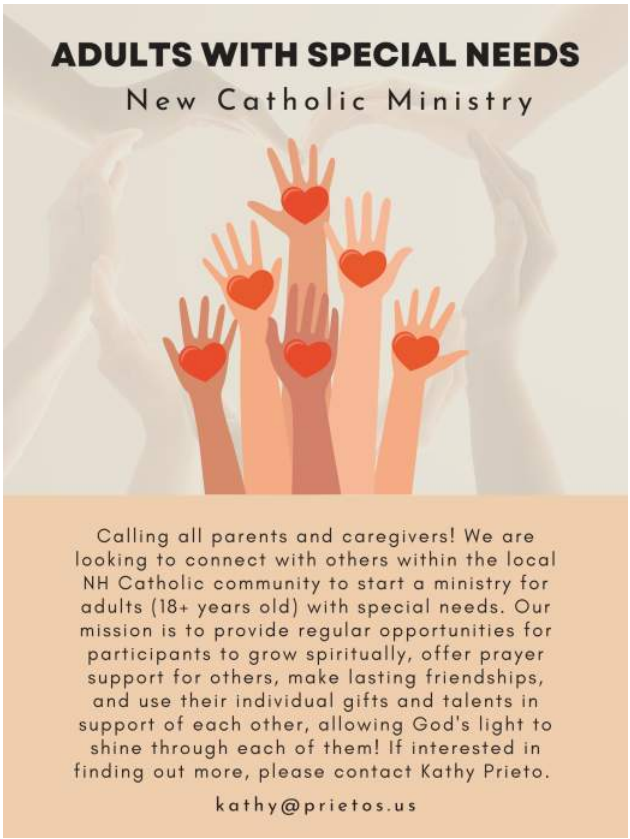

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

2026 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: We thank all who made their gift to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II** this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, our community, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift envelope that includes your donor ID and parish ID and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. ***We thank you for your generosity and for helping to reflect the love of Christ throughout our state! Our parish goal for this year is $12,188.00.***

So far we have contributed $2,580.00 towards our goal.

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.

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