Saint Hedwig Parish

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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

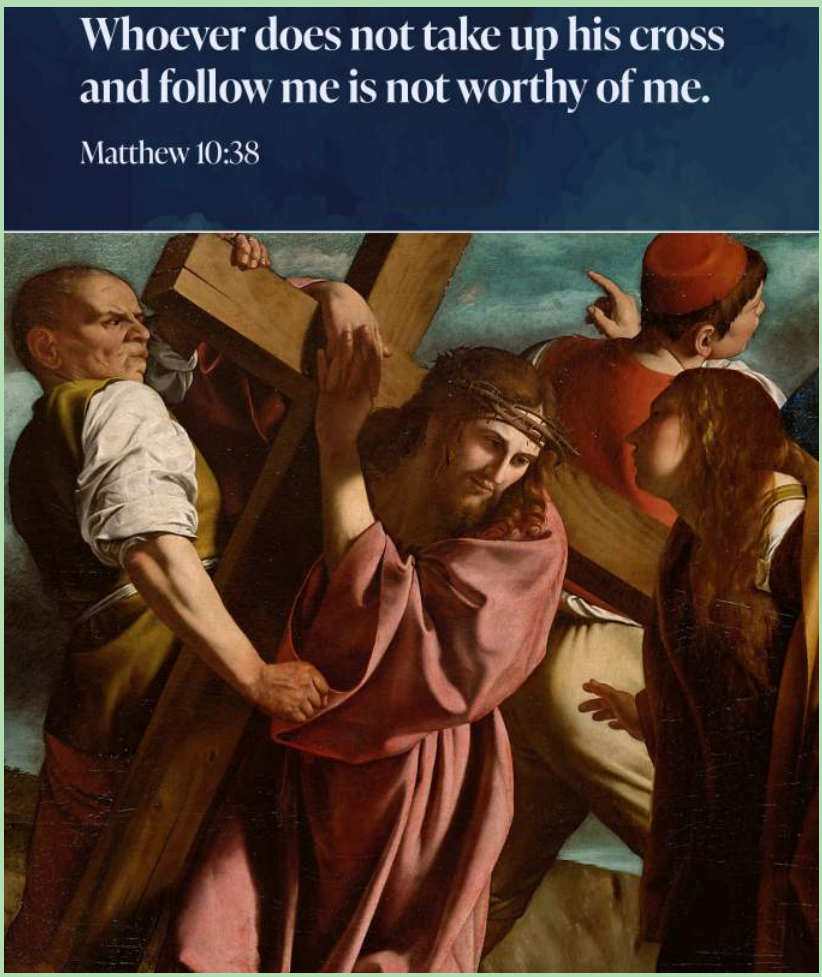
Holyday Masses:
As Announced

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 28, 2026 Thirteenth 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 28, 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 13 - 19 , 2026

Weekly Giving:	**$ 1,345.00**	
On-line Giving	**$ 55.00**	**Total: $ 1,400.00**

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

By definition, human interest stories that come our way through books or other sources are a welcome reprieve from the negative types that dominate the news these days. Otherwise, we would conclude that nothing good ever happens on our home planet. Smiles would be rare and laughter never heard.

In today's Gospel section, Our Lord makes clear where He should rank in our list of loves, we agree. But note that truly loving Him involves embracing His cross. He expounds on the simple but decisive ways we can attain the reward of heaven through service to others; such service is always of human interest.

So, who are the "little ones" in our world that deserve "even a cup of cold water?" In the context of this gospel, the "little ones" Our Lord refers to starts with the Apostles. Ordinary men called to be extraordinary.

So, they must rely on the hospitality of others. Jesus insists that when we serve others we are actually serving Him.

Another deserving group is that of children. Jesus often uses them as examples in His teaching on faith. They are literally "little ones." Children are innocent and trusting. So, they are apt pupils for learning the ways of right living in Christ. How awful when we adults let them down by our bad example. What delight there is in knowing of all the parents, teachers and other adults in the world who dedicate themselves to giving children good example.

As is so, often the case, the gospel acts as a mirror held up to our consciences for inspection. Could a human interest story or two be written about us? Does Sunday Mass have a lasting effect on our behavior? Good question to ask and answer on a Spring Sunday or anytime.

Of course, it is good not to look for praise to come when you are doing your good deeds. Once when George Bush the elder was president, he was doing his public relations thing by visiting a nursing home He came upon a wizened old man hobbling down the corridor. President Bush took the man by the hand and asked, "Sir, do you know who I am?" The man replied, "No, but if you ask one of the nurses, she'll tell you."

God love you and give you His peace.

Summary of This Weekend's Readings

Reading I: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a

The woman provides Elisha with many meals and even a guest room to use. The prophet tells her that as a reward God will grant her a make heir.

Reading II: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

Paul alludes to Baptism, which joins us to Christ crucified and risen. We must in response live as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

The cross had always been a symbol of shame and rejection. But after Christ's death on one, it came to symbolize the glory of Christian martyrdom. Response in service to the needy is a Source of reward for us.

Readings for the Week

Monday Vigil Acts 3:1-10 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Gal 1:11-20 Jn 21:15-19

Monday Day Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 9:1-8

Friday Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc-2 Jn 20:24-29

Saturday Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 9:14-17

Sunday Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 29 Sts. Peter & Paul
5:30 pm. **Jeanne Sussman** by the Williams Family

Tuesday, June 30 First Martyrs of the Holy Church
9:00 am. **Souls of Priests in Purgatory**
by Dennis & Janet Caza

Wednesday, July 1 St. Junipero Serra
5:30 pm. **Helen Farmer, Anniversary** by The Family

Thursday, July 2
9:00 am. **God's blessings on Cathy Kelly** by Vicky

Friday, July 3 St. Thomas, Apostle
5:30 pm. **Martin Jude Sullivan** by Ann Anger

Saturday, July 4 Independence Day
4:00 pm. **Helen Farmer** by Family

Sunday, July 5
10:00 am. **Michalina Turczyk, Anniversary**
by Daniela & Ken Cooper

Sanctuary Candle

Helen Farmer

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: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;"
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.
R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted.
R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

You are the splendor of their strength,
and by your favor our horn is exalted.
For to the LORD belongs our shield,
and the Holy One of Israel, our king.
R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II : Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel : Matthew 10:37-42

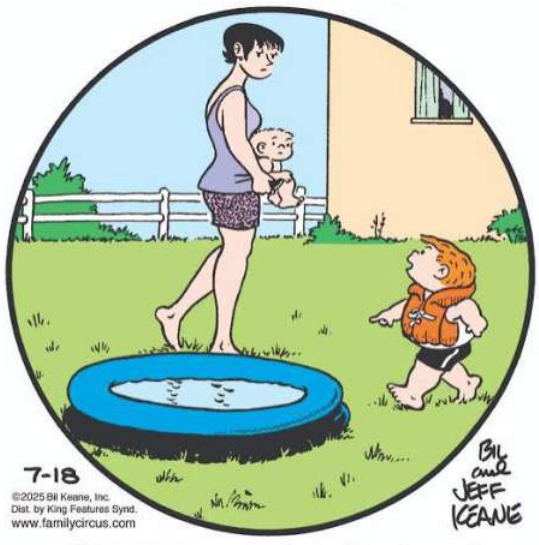
Jesus said to his apostles:
"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me,
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after me is not worthy of me.
Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.""Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.
Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward,
and whoever receives a righteous man
because he is a righteous man
will receive a righteous man's reward.
And whoever gives only a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones to drink
because the little one is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

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 $5,780.00 towards our goal.

Humor



"I'm gonna wade a few laps."

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (also known as the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul) is a major Christian liturgical feast celebrated annually on June 29. It honors the shared martyrdom in Rome of the two foundational apostles, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Why June 29? ***Shared Martyrdom:*** It commemorates the anniversary of their deaths or the translation of their relics in Rome. ***Historical Origins:*** The celebration dates back to the early Church, potentially replacing an ancient Roman festival honoring Romulus and Remus to celebrate the "founders" of Christian Rome instead. Who are the Saints? ***Saint Peter:*** One of the original twelve Apostles, he is regarded as the rock upon which Jesus built His Church and the first Bishop of Rome (the first Pope). ***Saint Paul:*** Known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, he was not one of the original twelve but became one of the most prolific missionaries and writers of the New Testament. ***How it is Celebrated Solemnity Status:*** In the Catholic Church, it is a holy day of great importance, often marked with special masses and vigils. ***Traditions:*** In Rome, the day features major papal ceremonies, including the blessing of the pallium for new metropolitan archbishops. Orthodox Traditions: The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates a similar feast called the "Feast of the Holy, Glorious, and All-Praiseworthy Chiefs of the Apostles, Peter and Paul" which is often preceded by a period of fasting known as the Apostles' Fast.

Catholic Charities NH Online Bereavement Support Group

Have you experienced the loss of a spouse, family member, friend, or loved one? Are you looking for ways to better cope with the struggles you may be facing? Catholic Charities NH is hosting another online support group: "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost, and Finding Your Way Again." This five-week series will be held on Zoom beginning Tuesday, August 4. To register or learn more, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement or contact Shannon at 603-448-5151. There is no cost to attend.

2026 Peter's Pence Collection

- **To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See who assist him every day.

- **To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

Please use the "My Offering Envelopes" available next to the collection boxes. Write "Peter's Pence Collection" on the envelope when you bring your contribution next week. Thank you for your support in the Holy Father's charitables works.

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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