

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

Holiday 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.

I was blind and *now I see.*

JOHN 9:25



March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Fortieth Sunday after Pentecost

Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery



71 Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, New Hampshire

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS
Pastor

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastoral Assistant

Christopher Maynard
Director of Music

Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski
*Mount Carmel Nursing Home
Volunteer*

Ellie Felch
Parish Secretary



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.*

Feb. 21 - 27, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$ 874.00

On-line Giving \$ 75.00 **Total:** \$ 949.00

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

147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH. 03104

603-232-3115



Thank You

Dziękuję!



“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

I was a bit startled when the insightful young principal of the parish school, a fine religious sister, told me that I was a “visual learner.” At first, I did not know if that observation was meant to describe me as some kind of lesser being or not. But knowing she had no malice of intent I dismissed the notion outright. Now I admit the fact is based on evidence.

How often I have responded in conversations about driving directions to some place or other by saying “I can’t picture that.” Or a parishioner is trying to help me identify another and I will respond by saying something like “I recognize the name, but I can’t picture him or her.” Such recollection of a day long ago comes to mind in a collection of Scripture such as we have today with the theme of light and darkness, of sight and blindness. Important Lenten consideration for us all as we examine our lives and look for betterment.

It does not take a long time of Christian living to realize that God sees things very differently than we do at critical times in life as well as ordinary times. No matter how our learning derives its conclusions and opinions, they will inevitably have share of darkness woven into them. That is principally because of sin, which generates many a “blind spot” in our outlook. Where we turn for clarification

makes all the difference, presuming we recognize that clarity is necessary in the first place.

St. John takes a whole chapter of his gospel to make the point with his famous story of “The Man Born Blind.” In his recount of the cure, he makes it obvious that it is the Pharisees who are truly the blind ones.

The excerpt from the Book of Samuel shows us that it is quite possible not to see in another person their goodness and capability. St. Paul clearly teaches us, in his Letter to the Ephesians, that the divine light we all need to erase any of our personal “blindness” comes from the gift of the Holy Spirit we receive at our Baptism. We have a lot of material for Lenten reflection to start off this fourth week of the season.

Once upon a time a newly promoted Army colonel moved into his new and impressive office. As he sat behind his big new desk, a Private knocked at his door. “Just a minute,” the colonel said, “I’m on the phone.” He picked up the phone and said loudly, “Yes sir, General, I will call the President this afternoon. No sir, I will not forget.” Then he hung up the phone and told the private to come in. “What can I help you with?” the colonel asked. “Well sir,” the private replied, “I’ve come to hook up your phone.”
God love you and Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Summary of This Weekend's Readings**Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

The Lord often bypasses the world’s choice for some tasks and instead selects His own. This is because “He sees the heart.” Thus, David is chosen from all Jesse’s sons and is anointed king of Israel.

Reading II: Ephesians 5: 8-14

We are freed from spiritual darkness by the divine light that comes our way by the sacrament of Baptism.

The Gospel: John 9: 1-41, or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

The blind man’s disease was part of God’s plan. So, when Jesus gave him physical sight, it was a sign that He also gives us all the spiritual sight that enables us to see everything as He does.

Readings for the Week

Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 14

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm. +S.p. Phoebe Walsh *from Williams Family*

Sunday March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am. +S.p. Elaine Perusse *from Friend*

Monday March 16 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Paul Harvey *from Pam Harvey*

Tuesday March 17 Lenten Weekday

9:00 am. Souls of Priests in Purgatory
from Dennis & Janet Caza

Wednesday March 18 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. John Sroka, Anniversary *from Kelley Family*

Thursday March 19 St. Joseph

9:00 am. +S.p. Jessie Flanagan
from John & Valerie Flanagan

Friday March 20 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Carol & Cheryl Lesniak *from Family*

Saturday March 21

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm. +S.p. Lucien & Muriel Gagne
from Mrs. Simone Beliveau

Sunday March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am. +S.p. John & Charlotte Turczyn
from Eva & David Petersen



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.



Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak, Jacques Parent, Kathy Philbert

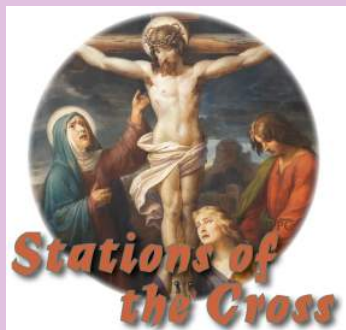
If you know of any other members of St. Hedwig's who are homebound and could be added to this list, please let Fr. Eric know or leave a message on the parish voice mail. Thank you.

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.

Sanctuary Candle

Klocek Family

March 15, 2026



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

3:00 pm. and 6:00 pm

(after the 5:30 pm. Mass.)



Confessions available Fridays 4:00 pm. - 5:00 pm., Saturdays 3:00 pm. and by request.

Prepare for the death of our Lord Jesus



Saint Hedwig

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet:

Wednesday, March 18, 2025, 10:00 am

in the parish hall.

As a part of our practice of almsgiving during the season of Lent, we will be taking up a collection of canned goods and non perishable food items for the St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Outreach food pantry. White collection baskets are located by the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (also known as confession) is one of two sacraments of healing. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so any sin committed after Baptism is forgiven. It gives us the opportunity to repent and return to good graces and friendship with God and the Church.

- 1 Trust in God**
Be honest with God and with yourself. You don't have to hide anything. Remember that God wants to bless you with his forgiveness. **Start with an Examination of Conscience.**
- 2 Find a Church**
Search our online directory at catholicnh.org
- 3 Greet the Priest**
Make the sign of the cross. Say "Bless me Father, for I have sinned. My last confession was..."
- 4 Confess Your Sins**
Tell the priest about your sins. They will walk you through the process. If you're uneasy or need help - just ask.
- 5 Say "I'm Sorry"**
Following your confession, say "I am sorry for these and all of my sins."
- 6 Accept Your Penance**
The priest will offer a penance, which will help you renew your life with God and your resolve to be a better Catholic.
- 7 Act of Contrition**
Say an Act of Contrition to express sorrow for your sins.
- 8 Be Absolved**
The priest will absolve or forgive you of your sins.
- 9 Go in Peace**
Go forth renewed and sin no more. You are forgiven and God rejoices.



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Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

Humor



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"I did, but I think He's busy workin' with somebody else."



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Store Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 9:00 am. - 2:00 pm.

Wed. 9:00 am. - 5:30 pm.

Sat. 9:00 am. - 3:00 pm.

Closed Sunday

*Lenten Devotionals available
for 2026*



March 5 - April 13
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Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact:

Norman Thibault
(603) 289-0574
40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

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Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays



Come spend some quiet time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

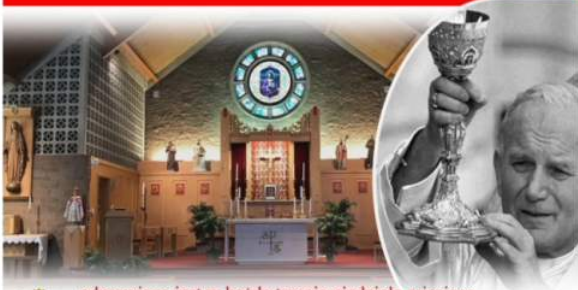
Thursdays after the 9:00 am Mass
(9:30 am)

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."
Pope Benedict XVI

Adoration is also available at St. Joseph Cathedral,
Wednesdays 7:30 am - 6:00 pm. in the chapel (Lowell St.)

*Eucharistic Adoration is a great way to
spend in prayer, especially during the
Lenten season which calls us to grow
closer to Jesus.*

MSZA ŚWIĘTA W JĘZYKU POLSKIM



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March Polish Mass
March 15, 2026
4:00 pm.

(Third Sunday of Every Month)

St. Hedwig Parish
Ks. Daniel Mikolajewski
celebrant



2025 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

UPDATE as of February 8

Our New Hampshire Catholic Appeal for 2025/26 is \$12,183. So far we have raised \$9,130.

If you have not yet made a contribution, please take home a brochure and NHCA envelope.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation to the Catholic Appeal knowing the good works that are provided by the Appeal.



ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
New Catholic Ministry



Calling all parents and caregivers! We are looking to connect with others within the local NH Catholic community to start a ministry for adults (18+ years old) with special needs. Our mission is to provide regular opportunities for participants to grow spiritually, offer prayer support for others, make lasting friendships, and use their individual gifts and talents in support of each other, allowing God's light to shine through each of them! If interested in finding out more, please contact Kathy Prieto.

kathy@prietos.us



MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Bishop Peter Libasci invites all men of the Diocese of Manchester to join him in celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | 2026
ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL | MANCHESTER, NH
7:30 - 10:30 AM

To register for the event go to www.catholicnh.org/mosj
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For Information
Contact: Bill Donroe
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