

# 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

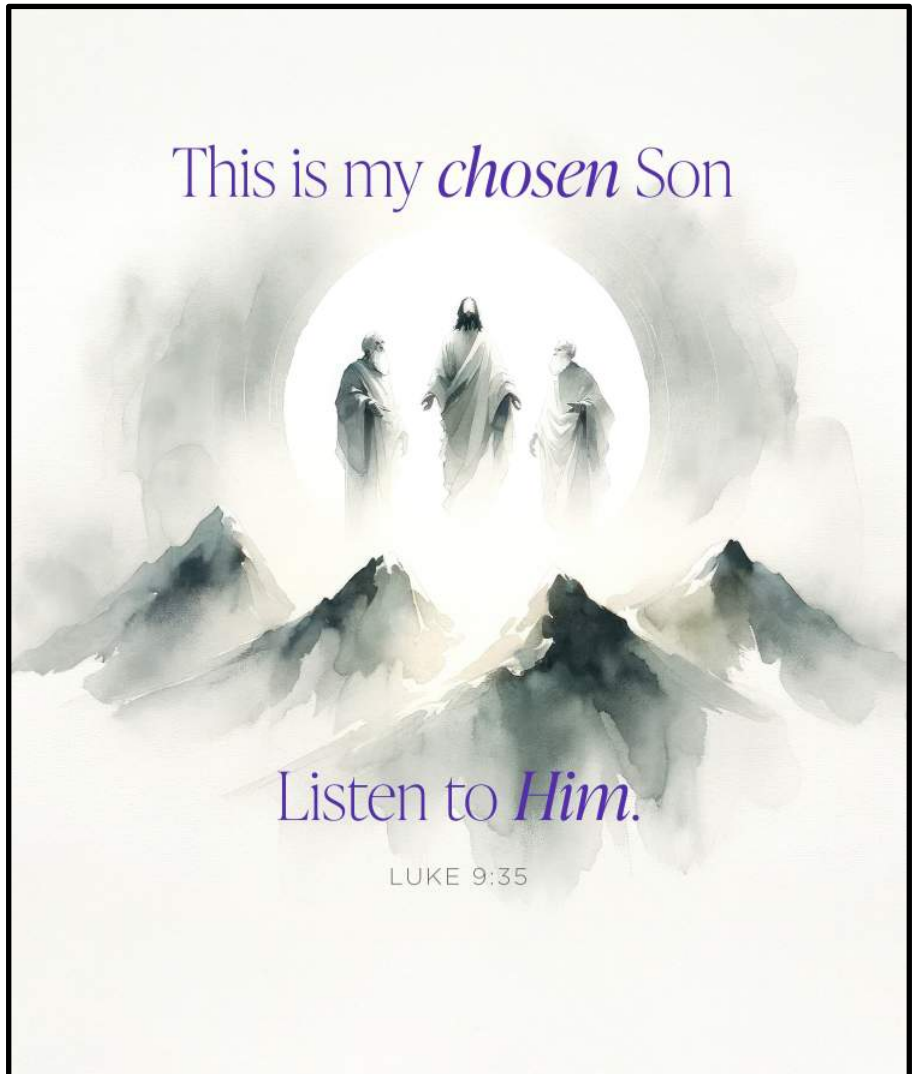
## *Sacrament of Penance*

Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## *Eucharistic Devotion*

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.



**March 16, 2025 - Second Sunday of Lent**

## Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery



71 Old Bedford Rd.  
Bedford, New Hampshire

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

## Parish Staff

**Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS**     **Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak**  
*Pastor*                                     *Pastoral Assistant*

**Christopher Maynard**             **Dan Felch**  
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*Parish Secretary*                     *Mount Carmel Nursing Home*  
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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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March 1 - 7, 2025

**Weekly Giving:**             \$ 1,555  
**On-line Giving**             \$ 825.00             **Total: \$ 2,380.00**

*Low collections due to weekend snow storms*

**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 basket or mail it to the parish office at:

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

So, Mary says to Megan as Bob says to Bill after Megan and Bill have been dieting: “Boy you sure look good! What kind of plan have you been on?” It’s a natural reaction to seeing a real transformation in their skinnier friends. But have you ever noticed that very often the non-dieting person offers a caution: “Now don’t lose any more”? I think that warning has roots in jealousy.

We must keep in mind, for the gospel’s sake, that there is a real difference between transformation and transfiguration. We heard about the latter this weekend. What St. Luke recounts for us was a truly marvelous incident. For good reason, Jesus let some of His glory shine through His glorified body. Peter, James and John get to witness it. So, we have one trio gazing in wonder at another one: Our Lord with Moses and Elijah.

We naturally must wonder what this incident means for us here and now. For one thing, we get proof that heaven exists. The presence of the Holy Trinity by way of the Father’s voice, and the cloud signifying the presence of the Holy Spirit tells us that there is a world beyond this one. St. Paul, in the Second Reading, tells us that’s where we are destined to dwell someday if we live as we ought.

A further meaning emerges for us in this scene, which is something we tend to forget: that Jesus really is God. That everything He said or did while here on earth is always valid. So, when we tend to downgrade His commands to be mere suggestions, for instance on any given Sunday, we are defying God.

Be careful not to relegate Jesus to the status of being just “a good guy.” Or just an historical figure totally irrelevant in a world of cyberspace and “AI.” He is the same yesterday, today and always.

Another plus derived from this story is the encouragement we can derive about the Lenten sacrifices we have decided to make. We do it all for God. We do it to honor Him for all He does for us.

One wise man observed the situation this way: “The distance from earth to heaven is not so much a matter of altitude as it is attitude.”  
God love you and give you His peace.



***Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:***

***Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak, Julia Korona, Dr. Henry Plodzik, Stella Russell.***

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.*



## 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.**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 15**

**Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent**

**4:00 pm.** +S.p. Marilyn & Roger Morin *from Evelyn Ferris*

**Sunday, March 16**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 am.** +S.p. Paul Harvey, Anniversary *from Pam Harvey*

**Monday, March 17**     **St. Patrick**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. Laura Morin *from Williams Family*

**Tuesday, March 18**     **Lenten Weekday**

**9:00 am.** +S.p. John Sroka *from Kelley Family*

**Wednesday, March 19**     **St. Joseph**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. Marilyn Fox *from Sr. Thomas*

**Thursday, March 20**     **Lenten Weekday**

**9:00 am.** Peace in the Ukraine and Israel

**Friday, March 21**     **Lenten Weekday**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. Judy Halbeck *from Dolly Nordle*

**Saturday, March 22**

**Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent**

**4:00 pm.** +S.p. Walter & Lucy Raczka *from Angie*

**Sunday, March 23**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 am.** +S.p. Marianna Skroben  
*from David & Eva Petersen*

## ***Penitential Rite***

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask Blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and to you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.

## ***Gloria (not recited during Lent)***

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand

of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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*First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” “O Lord GOD,” he asked, “how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He answered him, “Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.”

*Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.*

*R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life’s refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

*R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.  
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

*R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

Your presence, O LORD, I seek.  
Hide not your face from me;  
do not in anger repel your servant.  
You are my helper: cast me not off.

*R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

*R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

*Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1*

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their “shame.” Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

*Gospel Verse*

*From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him.*

*Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36*

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

**There will an opportunity for Lenten/Easter Arts and Crafts for the children of the parish and for their families held after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, March 16th in the parish hall. Come on down and assist the children in learning more about Lent and Easter.**



Fridays during Lent

3:00 pm. and after the 5:30 pm. Mass  
(6:00 pm.)

### *NH Cursillo Weekends are Coming Soon!*

If you are looking for ways to deepen your experience and knowledge of God and the Catholic Church, please consider living a Cursillo weekend at Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro, NH. Men's weekend is April 24-27, 2025 and Women's weekend is May 1-4, 2025. Although there is a retreat component to the weekend, Cursillo is a 3-Day lived experience with other Catholic men or women and members of the clergy. There are many activities including daily Mass, rosary, fellowship time, but the weekend is centered on talks about the teachings of the Catholic Church, Grace, and the 3 tenets of the Movement (Piety, Study, and Action). With Lent and Easter upon us, Cursillo would be a great way to share how we as the lay people can draw closer to God and bring His love to other people in our lives. Please visit [www.nhcursillo.org](http://www.nhcursillo.org) for further information about this world-wide Catholic Movement and to download an application. You will need to have a sponsor who has lived Cursillo to attend and there are surely some in your parish whom you know who could sponsor you. Pamphlets are at the entrance to the church for your perusal. Please contact Claudette Dachowski at [laydirector@nhcursillo.org](mailto:laydirector@nhcursillo.org) for further information. Thank you.

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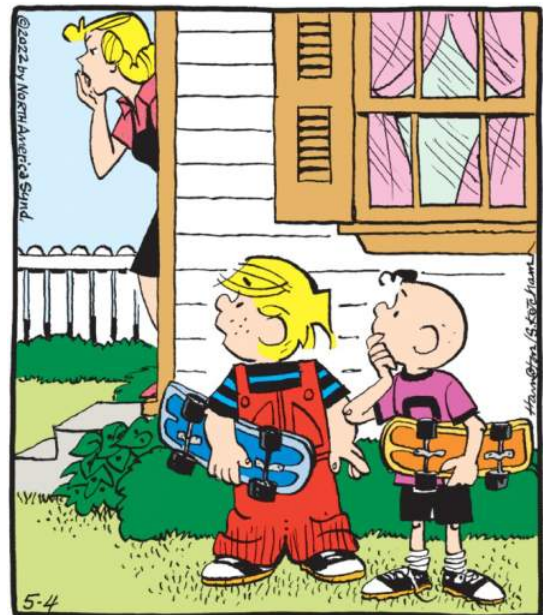


*Polish Mass, this Sunday, March 16, 2025  
4:00 pm.*

*Ks. Daniel Mikołajewski is the celebrant.*



## Humor



**"UH-OH! SHE USED ALL THREE OF MY NAMES.  
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## Readings for the Week

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23  
Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday** 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

**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

**Friday** Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,  
11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11. 1  
Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025



Bishop Peter Libasci has decreed a Jubilee Year as directed Pope Francis, in the Diocese of Manchester,

### The Jubilee Year of Hope

in effect from December 28, 2024  
to December 29, 2025.

Plenary Indulgence and Apostolic Blessing are to be granted to those who fulfill the norms established for the reception of the Indulgence:

*Sacramental confession and a renunciation of sin.*

*Reception of Holy Communion*

*Prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father*

*Participation in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and/or joining in procession in the Diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage starting Sunday, May 18, 2025 and concluding its statewide travel on Thursday, June 19, 2025.*



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