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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*

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

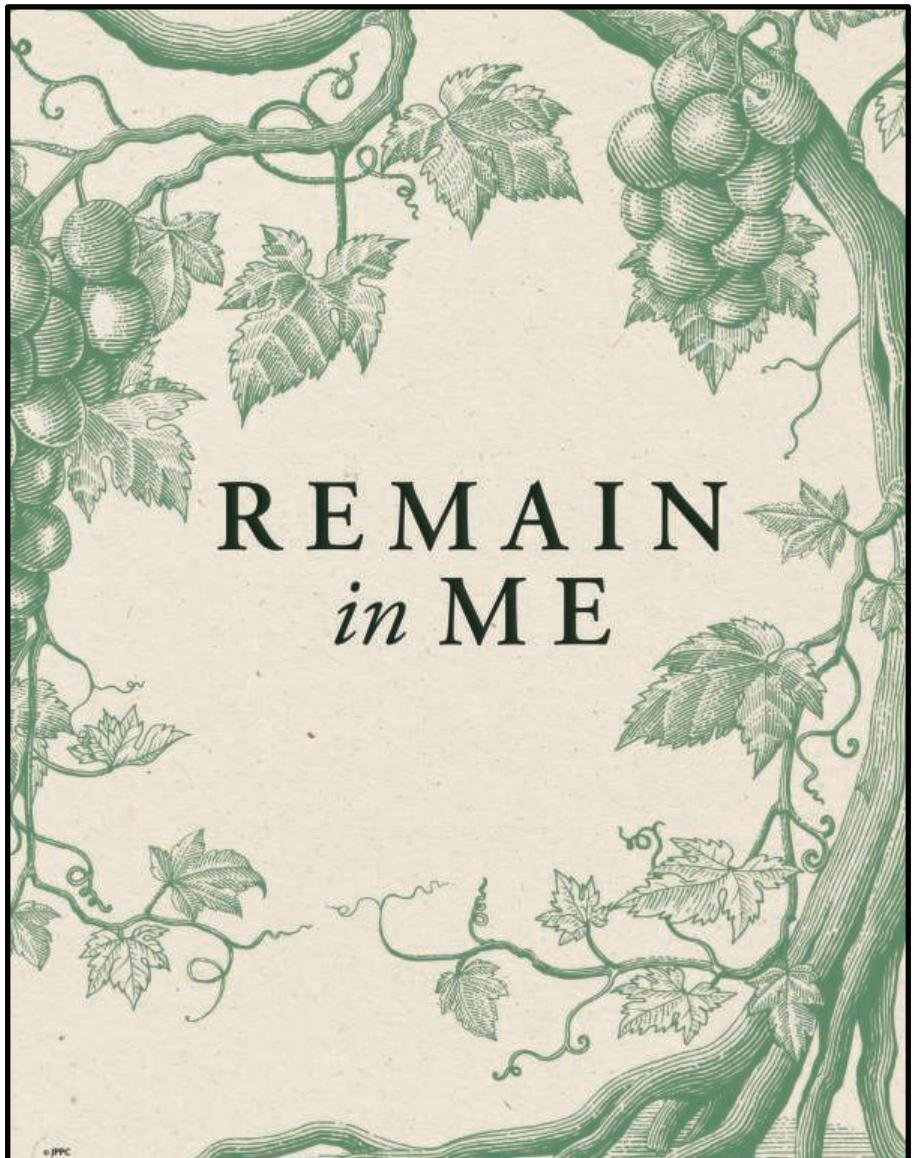
### *Eucharistic Devotion*

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.

# SAINT HEDWIG PARISH

March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Forty-first 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.*

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS	Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastor	<i>Pastoral Assistant</i>
Christopher Maynard	Dan Felch
<i>Director of Music</i>	<i>Parish Maintenance</i>
Ellie Felch	Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski
<i>Parish Secretary</i>	<i>Mount Carmel Nursing Home Volunteer</i>

## 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



## WEEKLY GIVING

March 2 - 8	\$1,377.00
Online Giving	\$ 95.00
Total	\$ 1,472.00

*Fuel Collection from January until now, so far, in total:  
\$2,145*

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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**

# Pastor's Letter

## Guest Columnist: Rev. Len Peterson

Thinking of your early school days, you likely remember the name of “that kid.” He or she was the one who, by dint of personality and intelligence you just know, had caught the eye of the teacher. Of course, unknown to us at the time, the teacher had to make the professional effort not to categorize that one student as a “pet.”

Later on in life, you saw the same dynamic in action when a certain co-worker was favored by the boss. In times past the boss might make his favoritism obvious. Not so today, where an HR office would pounce on the perpetrator quickly. Even to the point of dismissal.

On a much higher plain of observation, we could easily imagine Our Lord being the envy of His peers for what He said and did. Careful as He was to preclude praise let alone adulation of any kind, the people He ministered to knew instinctively that He had favor with Yahweh. Their wish to honor Him was a constant problem for Jesus, requiring Him to take action. At one point He even fled the crowd lest they make Him a king.

Jesus modeled the virtue of humility, but at the same time He knew God the Father in a way we never will. His respect for the Father was so obvious that the later unknown writer of the Letter to the Hebrews that we hear in today’s Mass could write that “He was heard because of His reverence when He prayed.

Reverence. There is a word. A state of being. A quality worth developing in our lives. It is a habit of being that begins with God and applies to the things of God but reaches down to our relations with our neighbor. Most often we in our present day can know reverence as the missing element in our common culture as we daily witness the opposite of it.

Something is terribly wrong about the way we freely murder our fellow man in the streets of our cities, and on the battlefields of our wars.

Add this the coldness with which our society wants to erase God from being a deciding factor in all we say and do. We’ve made other gods, often enough. Gods of power, wealth and fame.

As the waning days of Lent 2024 are upon us, may I suggest a project that will take us all the way past Easter? It’s to develop our reverence for God and our neighbor.

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Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

**Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak,  
Julia Korona, Dr. Henry Plodzik, John Golabiewski, Jr.**

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.*

**Pray for the seminarians of our diocese to encourage them in their call to the priestly vocation:**

Christian Collopy, Caleb S. Goff, Nick Wencis, Spencer M. Gregory, Peter Phong Quang Le, Horngam Patrick Razhamah, Andre Nadeau, Deacon Eric Ouellette, Casey Burgess, Jacob Condi, Guillaume Temkkit, Christian Hurlburt



“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.”

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## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:00 PM. - +S.p. Phyllis Kozlowski

from Peter & Eileen Kelley



SUNDAY MARCH 17

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 am. - +S.p. Frank Menczywor

from the Family



MONDAY, MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

5:30 PM. - +S.p. Michalina Turczyk

from Daniela & Kenneth Cooper



TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph

9:00 am. - +S.p. Rose Houle

from Katharine McNaughton

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm.. - +S.p. Carl Rasnik

from Barbara Andersen

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am. - Peace in the Ukraine & Israel

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. - +S.p. Emilian Turczyk

from Daniela & Kenneth Cooper

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:00 PM. - +S.p. Phyllis Kozlowski

from Phyllis Bodnar

SUNDAY MARCH 24

PALM SUNDAY

10:00 am. - +S.p. Danuta Zbyszynski

from David & Eva Petersen

SANCTUARY CANDLE

**Frank Menczywor**



*O God, You who taught St. Hedwig to renounce the pomps of this world, that, with her whole heart, she might follow the humble way of Your Cross, grant that, through her merits and example, we may learn to trample underfoot the perishable delights of this world, and by embracing Your Cross overcome whatever opposes us. Amen.*

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## Parish Devotional Life

### Sunday Readings

#### **Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

This short oracle has been called “one of the most profound and moving passages in the entire Bible.” Note the use of the words “new Covenant.” It is the only time they are used in the entire Old Testament.

#### **Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9**

The author considers Jesus’ ability to sympathize with sinners arises from the fact that He knew temptation. His obedience led to His priestly consecration.

#### **The Gospel: John 12: 20-33**

Some Greeks come to see Jesus. He tells Andrew and Philip that “when a grain of wheat dies it produces much fruit.” This is a direct reference to His upcoming passion and death.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday** 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

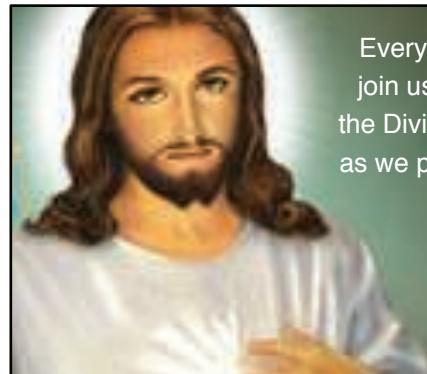
**Wednesday** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54,  
55, 56 Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday** Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59

**Friday** Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn  
10:31-42

**Saturday** Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn  
11:45-56

**Sunday** Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil  
2:6-11 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 and Mk 14:1-15:47  
or Mk 15:1-39



Every Fridays at 5:10 pm.  
join us for the recitation of  
the Divine Mercy Devotions  
as we pray for God's mercy  
on the world.

***Join us every Sunday for the recitation of  
the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
before Mass at 9:05 am.***



“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

*St Padre Pio*

***Please use the “Special Collection” envelopes for  
the Easter Flowers Collection. Please write “Easter  
Flowers” on the envelope as well as your name and  
for whom in memory the flowers are given. The  
envelopes can be found on the tables behind the last  
pews in the back of the church.***

### St. Hedwig Parish Spaghetti Supper

featuring Fr. Eric’s homemade  
sauce and meatballs will be held in  
April. Date to be announced  
very soon! Be on the lookout.

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday during Lent

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



## 5 SIMPLE WAYS TO PRACTICE SILENCE



- 1 HAVE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS. DON'T SPEAK FOR SPEAKING'S SAKE.
- 2 RESTRAIN YOUR TONGUE WHEN YOU DESIRE TO COMPLAIN.
- 3 GIVE YOUR OPINION ONLY WHEN IT IS NECESSARY.
- 4 RESIST THE URGE TO FILL EVERY SPARE MOMENT WITH NOISE.
- 5 KEEP SILENCE WHEN YOU DESIRE TO CRITICIZE OTHERS.

ADAPTED FROM THE ARTICLE "THE PRACTICE OF SILENCE FOR LAY PEOPLE" | THE CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN



As a part of our almsgiving for the Season of Lent, baskets will be available in the back of the church for the collection of canned goods and non perishable food items for the St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Outreach Food Pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



## Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024 4:00 pm.

Sunday, March 24, 2024 10:00 am.

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm.

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Service of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm.

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

Easter Vigil 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord 9:00 am.

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## Wednesdays at Pennacook Street

Ever wonder why you are alive at this time? Maybe counseling abortion bound women and men is the reason. Please consider being a sidewalk counselor. Training is available. For more information, contact Cathy Kelly at (603) 206-5306 or [ckelly@pennacookpregnancy.org](mailto:ckelly@pennacookpregnancy.org).

*The Ladies Guild*  
The Saint Hedwig Ladies Guild will be meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.



## Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, & 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be celebrated **Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 2:00 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester, NH.** To register, please contact the parish office by April 12, 2024, with your names, address, e-mail, and which anniversary it is. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this Spring!

## Msza Polska

The Polish Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, March 17, 2024.

3:00 pm. at St. Hedwig Parish\*

\*please note time change.

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day



Please join us Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 10:00 am., for the annual "Way of the Cross," which will be held on the grounds of Mount Calvary Cemetery, 474 Goffstown Rd., Manchester, NH 03102. This will begin at the third gate of the cemetery by the rotary. These will be "Living Stations" performed by the Ste. Marie Parish Youth Group. In case of rain, snow, or wet conditions on the cemetery grounds, the stations will be held in the Mausoleum Chapel. For more information call the office at 603-622-3215 or visit our website [www.mtcalvarycem.org](http://www.mtcalvarycem.org).



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