

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.



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH
WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED;
listen to him.

March 1, 2026 *Second Sunday of Lent*
Thirty-eighth 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
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. 7 - 13, 2026

Weekly Giving:	\$ 1,031.00	
On-line Giving	\$ 375.00	Total: \$ 1,406.00

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

One of the most widely read and highly acclaimed religious books for over twenty years, *God of Surprises*, takes readers on a spiritual journey of discovery and change. Jesuit Gerard Hughes encourages you and me to realize the truth of Jesus' words—"The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field"—and suggests ways to find that treasure within ourselves.

We cannot know their inner lives, but we can know for sure that three holy leaders of the early Church, namely the apostles Peter, James and John got a personal invitation from their Master to know Him as "the God of surprises." As Matthew calmly declares, in a matter-of-fact tone: "He was transfigured before them." Forced to avert their eyes, the three men were shocked and in awe. They saw, for a brief time, what we all desire to see for eternity: the Divine Face of Christ.

It is a good thing for us to know, this showing of Christ's divinity. That is so because in this life we are marked men and women, marked, that is, with Christ's

favor, that often looks like disfavor when it comes into our lives disguised as pain.

Let us face facts. Our God is a demanding Person. Never asking us to endure hurt and pain that is beyond our strength to do so but suffering any way you care to define it. He has that right. He has made wonderful promises to us if we obey and accept the troubles that are sent our way to test us. He wants us to succeed. And we will. If we remember the transfiguration.

The man Abraham, featured in our First Reading today, certainly learned that God is a God of Surprises. Here he was, at age 75, long past the time to put his feet up and enjoy his grandchildren, when God asks him to pull up stakes, march to a new and strange land, and only set up his tent when he reaches the new landscape.

Abraham, Peter, James, and John all belong to a long line of persons lovingly created to give God glory that includes you and me, are asked to love deeply and "walk humbly with our God." When it is time for us also to see Him "as He is" He has promised us we will be happily surprised.

Summary of This Weekend's Readings

Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4a

The great grandfather of Israel is Abraham. This holy man, "our father in faith" as the First Eucharistic prayer calls him, showed heroic trust in God. He is also the divinely chosen mediator of worldwide blessings.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul is alone and chained like a criminal as part of his holy calling. He tells his readers that the grace we receive from God is free and unmerited. Only if we cooperate with it can we hope to reach our life's goal.

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus' transfiguration confirms His divine Sonship. It also strengthened the faith of three early Church leaders, just after Jesus had made His first Passion prediction.

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 Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

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 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 28

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 am. +S.p. Eva Peterson *from Robert Peterson*

Monday March 2 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Carol Andersen *from Barbara Andersen*

Tuesday March 3 St. Katharine Drexel

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

Wednesday March 4 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Kathy Lauring *from Williams Family*

Thursday March 5 Lenten Weekday

9:00 am. Jan, Wikortria & Wladyslaw Ziarko *from Family*

Friday March 6 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. David Zank *from Family & Friends*

Saturday March 7

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 am. +S.p. Kimberly McMillian
from Katarine McNaughton



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, Joseph Heleniak, Stella Russell,
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.

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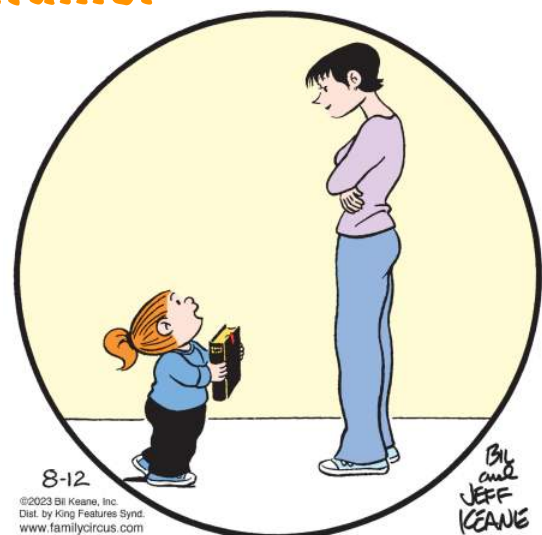


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First Communion and Confirmation

Any children of the parish in need of preparation for the reception of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, classes will begin February 22 and run through the Lenten season (approximately 6 sessions). Classes will be at 9:00 am. on Sunday before the 10 am. Mass and run for about 45 mins. Children must be 9 years of age and/or in the 3rd grade. Please call the office with the child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism. If your child is enrolled in a Catholic school, there is no need to sign up for classes at St. Hedwig. The celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation is in May.

Humor



**“Did God write the Bible Himself?
Or did He have some Holy
Ghost writers?”**

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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.



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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*

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.*



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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.



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.



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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