March 21, Marzec 2021

**Weekend Mass Times:** Saturday 4:00 pm. / Sunday 10:00 am.  Holy Days as announced

**Weekday Masses:** Mon., Wed., Fri.  5:30 pm.  Tues., Thurs.  9:00 am.

**Confessions**  Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm or by appointment

**Eucharistic Adoration**  Thursdays 9:30 am.  **Divine Mercy Devotion**  Fridays 3:00 pm.

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
*Piąta Niedziela wielkiego Postu*
Hello Everyone,

Last week I had the pleasure of surprising everyone with the purchase of a beautiful new Rodgers Imagine Series 351 organ. The old organ was getting old and tired and it was time for something new. With the technology these days, a digital church organ can sound like a great pipe organ in a large cathedral. I got a good deal on it too. For one price we got the console, eight speakers, delivery, installation and removal of the old organ. My thanks to David Ogletree of Ogletree and Marshall of Needham, MA who are dealers of Rodgers organs. I am very happy with this purchase as is Scott our Music Director who is on cloud nine. Now he can really express his musical prowess on the organ and show off his amazing talent. I know this organ will serve us well in the years to come as music is essential to our worship. It is way of giving praise to God as we sing. Saint Augustine tells us that when we sing, we pray twice. Let us continue to raise our voices in praise with the angels and accompanied by our new organ.

As we continue with our catechesis on the devotions of the Church, let’s look at the power of the Rosary.

The rosary may be the most beloved devotion of the Catholic faith. It is quintessentially Catholic and the beads upon which the prayers are tracked are themselves a symbol of the Church. A Bible, a rosary, the medal of a saint, these are the material hallmarks of a Catholic. Combined with faith, prayer and action, the rosary lies at the heart of who we are.

The rosary is more than a devotion to our lady. The beads and chain of the rosary itself are often a reflection of our character and our hope. Catholics are buried with rosaries, wound carefully about folded hands. There is no greater symbol than this of the primacy the rosary has in the canon of Catholic devotion.

As Catholics, we know -we do not merely believe, we know, that the rosary is the most powerful recitation we can make when we desire a miracle or some other grace from God. By reflecting on Our Most Holy Mother's experiences and the life of Jesus, we become more like the woman who bore all things for the sake of obedience to God’s will.

Holy Mary, Mother of God knew the loss of her only child at the hands of unjust executioners. She witnessed the sick and the dying, and she asked Jesus to perform miracles, which He obliged His mother. We know that Mary retains this respect, so by asking for her intercession with Jesus, we too can change in accord with God's will.

Sister Lucia of Fatima told us that "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls." Let us know and believe this is true.

What harm has the rosary ever done? None at all. Yet how many graces have we witnessed as a result of its recitation? Can we complete the list?
Parish Staff

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

Scott Bergendahl  Dan Felch
Music Director  Parish Maintenance

Ellie Felch  Parish Secretary

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

Parish Information

St. Hedwig Cemetery
Old Bedford, Bedford, NH 03103
Phone: 603-623-4835

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.

Convent
Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF
147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH. 03104
603-232-3115

Weekly Giving

Donations received, Mar. 6-12, 2021
Weekly giving  $ 1,436.00
Online giving  $ 107.50  Total: $ 1,543.50

Thank You!

Pray FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Shirley Stemska, Rita Haskins,
Emily Menczywor, Walter Gorski

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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
Saturday, March 20, 2021
4:00 pm  **S+p. Victor Macek**  from Cindy & Steve Walsh & Family
**S+p. Janice Koch**  from Chuck & Janice Gagne

Sunday, March 21, 2021  Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:00 am  **+S.p. Charlotte Turczyn, Anniv.**  from David & Eva Petersen
**+S.p. Emilian Turczyk**  from Daniela & Ken Cooper

Monday, March 22, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm  For parishioners' intensions

Tuesday, March 23, 2021  Lenten Weekday
9:00 am  For a greater reverence for the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 24, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm  For an end to the Coronavirus pandemic

Thursday, March 25, 2021  The Annunciation of the Lord
9:00 am  **+S.p. David Kazanowski**  from Sr. Mary Bernice

Friday, March 26, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm  For a greater respect for the lives of the unborn

Saturday, March 27, 2021
4:00 pm  **S+p. William McDonald, 17th Anniv.**  from wife Mary McDonald

Sunday, March 28, 2021  Palm Sunday
10:00 am  **+S.p. Claire Dabrowski**  from Phyllis Bodnar
**+S+p. Jan Skroban**  from Eva & David Petersen

**St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**
March 19
After the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph is our most powerful intercessor before God. Saint Joseph faithfully cared for his little family, Jesus and Mary. No sacrifice was too great for him. Now Jesus shows him His gratitude by granting our requests through St. Joseph's intercession. Pope Pius IX proclaimed him Patron of the universal Church in 1870. Let us go to St. Joseph in all our needs, and especially ask him for the grace of a holy death.

Joseph is called a man of deep silence. He came and went, did his work, and gave orders in his home in a kindly way, with a purpose which had matured in him after he had learned the divine will, after he had tried to study what the Lord wanted. His way of giving orders was to make a slight sign sign, to give a slight hint of what seemed to him to be the will of God. This man of deep silence occupies the first place among the saints, and what an amount of wisdom him mind contained.

In an inexpressible manner, St. Joseph was and is a faithful cooperator in the redemption of the world. He is the foster father of Jesus and His provider, the defender of the Virgin Mother of God, the rescuer of the threatened life of the Savior, the protector of the Universal Church, the confidant and hope of innumerable souls who have recourse to him. Let us feel ourselves as living and active members in the Mystical Body of the Church, which Jesus Christ conquered with His blood. As the Father sent His beloved Son into the world as an apostle, so we were appointed to the apostolate. Everyone should feel the responsibility of saving souls.
Readings of 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:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
**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:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 9-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

**Sunday Readings**

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**Reading I:** Jeremiah 31: 31-34
These four verses have been described by scholars as “one of the profoundest and most moving in the entire Bible.” It marks the only time in the Old Testament when the words “new covenant” are used.

**Reading II:** Hebrews 5: 7-9
Jesus’ call from God makes Him uniquely qualified as one who can sympathize with sinners. His obedience elevated the value of His death.

**The Gospel:** John 12: 20-33
The Gentile Greeks come seeking Jesus, thus opening a new dimension of evangelization past the Jews and Samaritans. The well-known parable about a grain of wheat Jesus uses to comment on His pending death.
Humor

The symbolic drowning of Marzanna takes place on the first calendar day of spring, March 21. Most often, school children and youths or local folk ensembles participate in the rituals.

How is the drowning of Marzanna today?

In Silesia, apart from the typical drowning of Marzanna, the custom of “walking with a gaik” is also cultivated. Gaik is a pine branch decorated with ribbons and other ornaments. It symbolized the coming of spring and the blossoming of nature. After throwing the dream into the water, the villagers returned to the village with the gaik to bring prosperity to the farms. Sometimes the celebration of the first day of spring ended with a feast.

Drowning of Marzanna is more fun than a ritual today. It is one of the ways to celebrate the arrival of spring. In most places in Poland, a self-prepared puppet is carried in a group to the nearest water reservoir, possibly set fire to it and thrown into the water depths with traditional songs.

Guidelines to follow as we return to the public celebration of Mass.

For your safety:

Please Use Hand Sanitizer when entering the church.

Masks are strongly required. They are to be removed when receiving Holy Communion and replaced afterwards. If you don’t have one, spare masks are available at the entrance of the church. Please discard after use.

Maintain 6 Feet Social Distancing In Line and in the pews.

Congregational singing is discouraged at this time. There is no Exchange of Peace. When exiting the church after Mass, please leave your kneeler down so we know where to clean and disinfect the pews. We can only hope and pray that this will be for only a little while longer and return to some sense of normalcy.

“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 for the ruin of souls. Amen.”
Holy Week 2021 at St. Hedwig

Saturday, March 27, 2021
Anticipated Mass of Palm Sunday  4:00 pm.

Sunday, March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday Mass  10:00 am.

Monday, March 29, 2021
Mass  5:30 pm.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021
Mass  9:00 am.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021
Mass  5:30 pm.

All services are live streamed at sainthedwignh.org

Thursday, April 1, 2021  Holy Thursday
Mass  7:00 pm.  (no 9:00 am. Mass or Adoration)

Friday, April 2, 2021  Good Friday
Service of the Lord's Passion  3:00 pm.
Stations of the Cross  6:00 pm.
(no Divine Mercy or 5:30 pm. Mass)

Saturday, April 3, 2021  Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil Mass  7:30 pm.

Sunday, April 4, 2021  Easter Sunday
Masses  8:00 am & 10:00 am.  to accomodate safe
distancing for anticipated larger attendance.