

# 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:

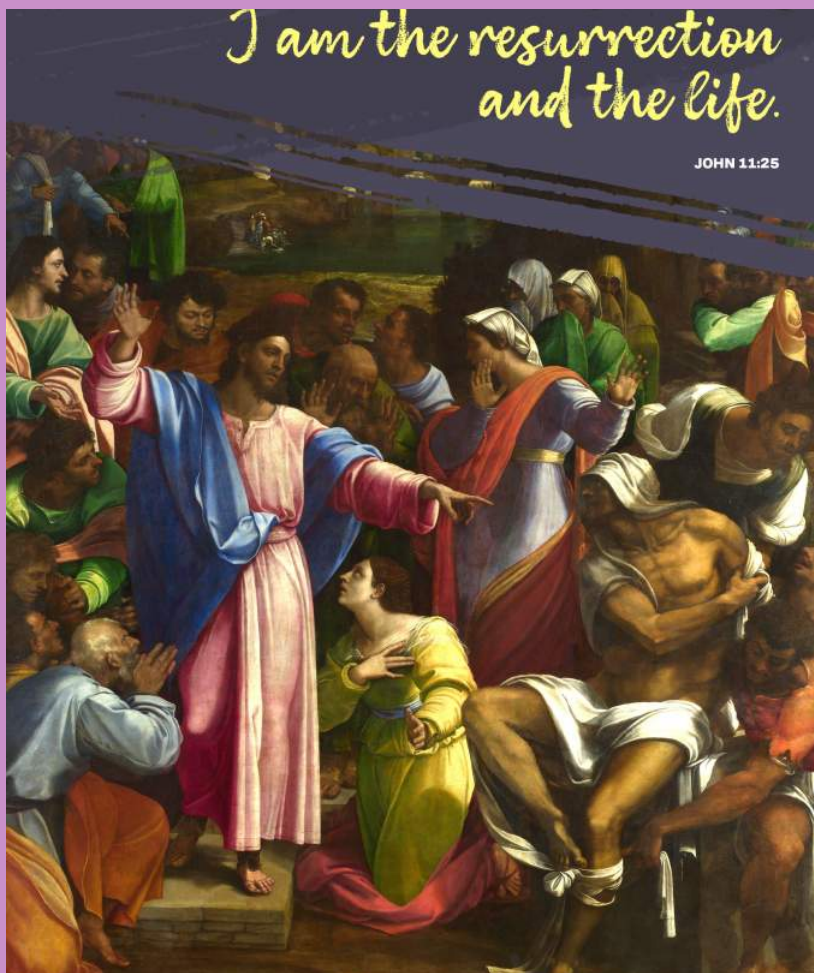
As Announced

## 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.



**March 22, 2026 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  
*Pastor*

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak  
*Pastoral Assistant*

Christopher Maynard  
*Director of Music*

Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski  
*Mount Carmel Nursing Home  
Volunteer*

Ellie Felch  
*Parish Secretary*

### 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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Feb. 28 - Mar. 6, 2026

<b>Weekly Giving:</b>	<b>\$ 1,395.00</b>	
<b>On-line Giving</b>	<b>\$363.00</b>	<b>Total: \$ 1,758.00</b>

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

It can come to us while reading a novel, or hearing a weather advisory, or even in the midst of a conversation. I am referring to a phrase or a sentence that you might say “stops us in our tracks” (if you will accept a railroad term). We automatically know that we will remember the words and what it caused us to ponder. This is especially true of words from the Bible. Specifically, words from or about Jesus our Lord.

We have such a sentence right in the middle of today’s annual reading of the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It is verse thirty-five of the forty-five tableau. Just two words: “Jesus wept.”

Without any intention on my part to detract from the main lesson here, namely Our Lord’s power over death, those two words, to my way of thinking, deserve a pause in the vocal recount of the story as read at Mass, something like the pause we all make after the words of Jesus’ death. Why? Because they give chase to any thinking that God is a distant person, aloof in His humanity from any of our emotional reactions to the pains inherent with our lives on this earth.

We know that Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary were good friends of Our Lord. Definitely Jesus felt

comfortable with them when He made His frequent visits and paused from His work. The four of them surely enjoyed a good meal, and sharing stories about their lives and happenings in the village. Obviously, a glass or two of the fruit of the vine passed their lips and sent a gentle lift to their senses to sweeten the conversation. (Parenthetically I ask: Wouldn’t you like to have been present, just to hear Our Lord’s voice and His laughter?)

More to the point, we all know those times inevitably come along when we start to cry. Especially when the event involves something bad happening to people we love or have loved. Or even something happening in your own life that you did not expect. Does that mean we are weak, as some would have us believe? Or overly emotional? Only an outlook that holds we are made of metal or wood, could think such.

“Jesus wept.” Two words that hold out so much comfort to us because they mean “God understands your pain. He is with you as no other god men have invented could ever be.” Time for thanks and rejoicing.

One day a single friend asked a father of four, “Why do you love your kids?” The father thought for a minute, but the only answer he could produce was “Because they’re mine.”

God love you and give you His powerful comfort.

## *Summary of This Weekend's Readings*

### **Reading I: Ezekiel 37: 12-14**

The prophet “sees” the future as something present to him, and he sets it before his hearers (and readers). He does this with the promise of resurrection given him by God as the abiding Holy Spirit.

### **Reading II: Romans 8: 8-11**

The Spirit dwells within us, so when God resurrects our mortal bodies, He completes the process of adoption that began with our Baptism.

### **The Gospel: John 11:1-45, or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45**

The raising of Lazarus is the sixth of the seven “signs” that Jesus performs in John’s gospel, which gives full support to Jesus’ claim to “give life.” For our purposes, note verse 35: “Jesus wept.

## **Readings for the Week**

**Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn

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** Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11

Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday** Gen 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** Mt 21:1-11 or Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,

19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**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*

**Monday March 23 Lenten Weekday**

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

**Tuesday March 24 Lenten Weekday**

9:00 am. +S.p. Stanley Dabrowski *from Phyllis Bodnar*

**Wednesday March 25 Annunciation of the Lord**

5:30 pm. +S.p. Gerald Anger, Birthday Remembrance  
*from Ann Anger*

**Thursday March 26 Lenten Weekday**

9:00 am. Peace in the Ukraine & Middle East

**Friday March 27 Lenten Weekday**

5:30 pm. +S.p. Martin Jude Sullivan, Birthday  
Remembrance *from Ann Anger*

**Saturday March 28**

**Vigil of Palm Sunday**

4:00 pm. +S.p. Stella Russell *from Peter & Eileen Kelley*

**Sunday March 22**

**Palm Sunday**

10:00 am. +S.p. John Dubay, 9th Anniv. *from Iwona*  
+S.p. Michalina Turczyk  
*from Daniela & Ken Cooper*



## 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, 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**

**Stella Russell**

March 22, 2026

# Holy Week 2026

## Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28th 4:00pm.  
 Sunday, March 29th 10:00 am.

Daily Masses: Monday 5:30 pm.  
 Tuesday 9:00 am.  
 Wednesday 5:30 pm.

## Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

*No morning Mass*

Thursday, April 2 6:00 pm.

## Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion

Friday, April 3 3:00 pm.  
 Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm.

## Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4 7:30 pm.

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5 10:00 am.



**Stations of the Cross**  
 Fridays during Lent  
 3:00 pm. and 6:00 pm  
 (after the 5:30 pm. Mass.)



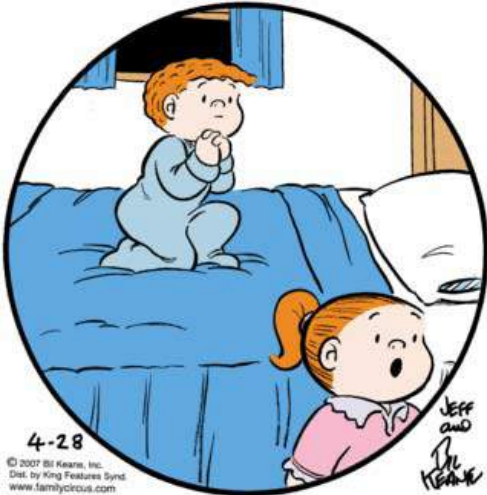
**Confessions available Fridays 4:00 pm. - 5:00 pm., Saturdays 3:00 pm. and by request.**



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### Humor



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**"Jeffy's only kneeling on one knee again and saying half the Hail Mary."**



Saint Joseph Cathedral  
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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*



March 5 - April 13  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

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24 Pennacook Street, Manchester, NH

**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!

[40daysforlife.com/manchester](http://40daysforlife.com/manchester)

### 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.*

**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



*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.*

The Harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.

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

Anthony St. Germaine, Patrick Nagle, Christian Collopy,

Caleb S. Goff, Peter Phong Quang Le,

Hornham Patrick Razhamah, Casey Burgess, Jacob

Condi, Guillaume Temkkit, Christian Hurlburt,

Joseph LaMontagne

*Pray for them as they begin a new academic year in their seminary studies!*



**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](http://www.catholicnh.org/mosj)  
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