

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

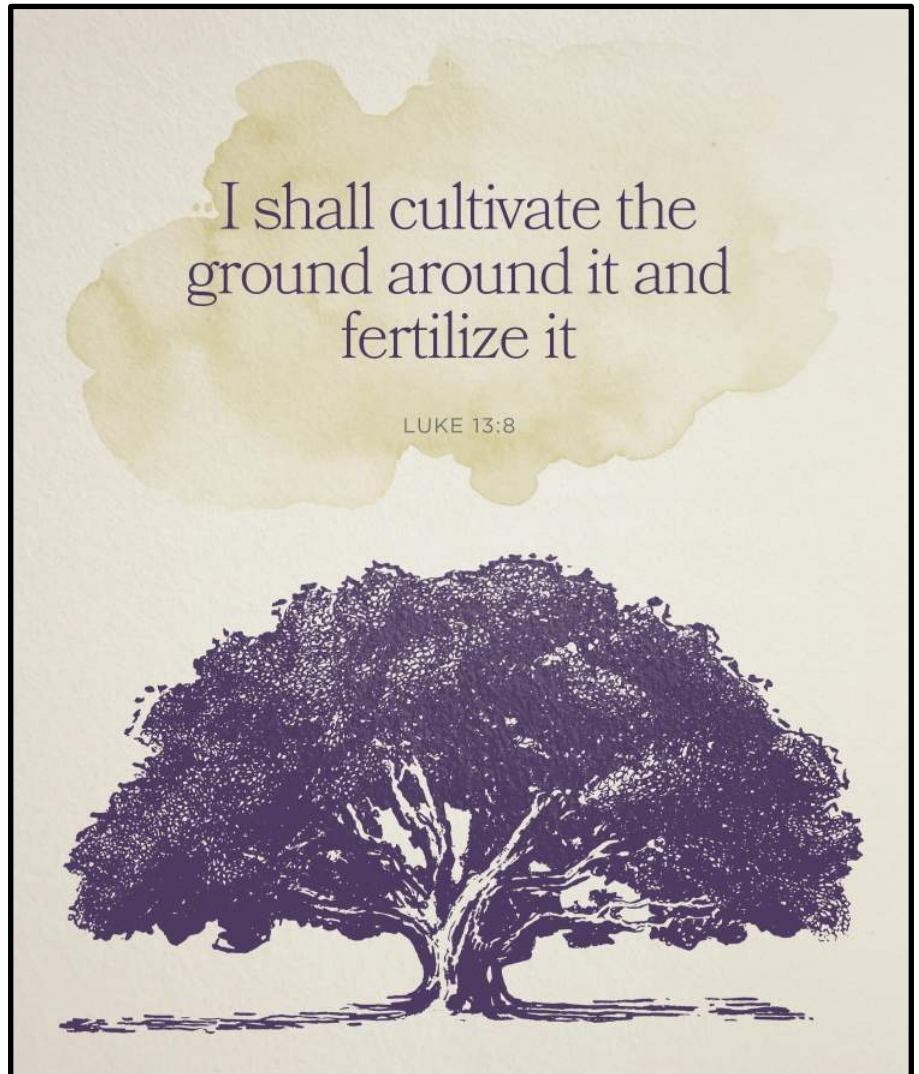
Sacrament of Penance

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

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on
Thursdays.



March 23, 2025 - Third 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

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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.

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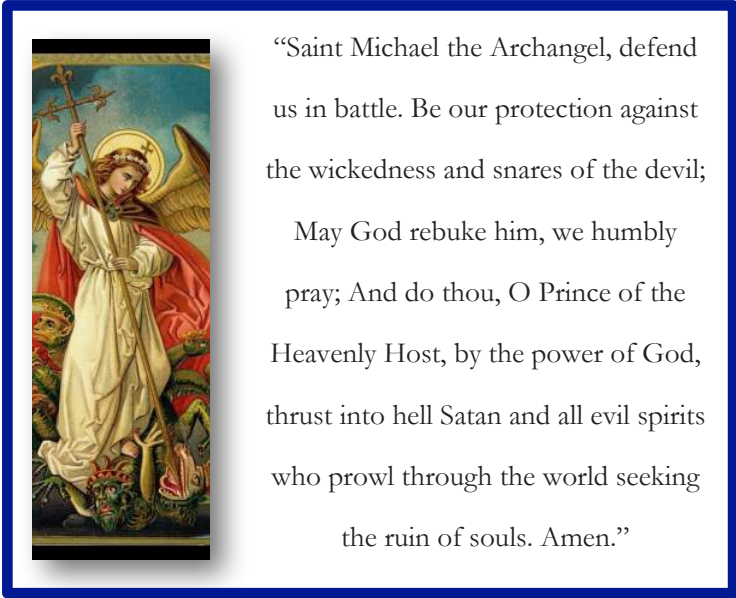


Offertory: We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the weekly collection by the collection box or on-line. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running.

March 8 - 14 2025

Weekly Giving:	\$ 1,071.00	
On-line Giving	\$ 260.00	Total: \$ 1,331.00

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

If you like to gamble in an ocean side locale, Atlantic City, New Jersey is your place to be. I live not far from there now in retirement. In recent years, gleaming new hotels have risen on the beaches, reflecting the sun by day and glaring with lights at night. But the main attraction in each is the casino. Of course, you can also gamble online. The lottery machine greets you inside your favorite supermarket. What all this says about our society I leave for other minds to tackle.

But in a certain way, the holy bible warns us that gambling has no place in a person's spiritual life. Which is to say that gambling with God, or more particularly your relationship with Him, is a fool's choice.

We know that Almighty God, figuratively speaking, took a chance when He created humanity. He gave us free will. His creatures could then either make a return of His limitless love or not. God, as it were, gambled on us, our bible history tells us we have often made bad choices. Adam and Eve were weak and unworthy. But even then, God gave them a way back, as He also does with us.

What we call "The Old Testament" is really the story of Israel. God chose them as His favorites, but they let Him down. Even His hand-picked leader, Moses, turned out to be a disappointment. But still He loved them and even made strong covenants with His vacillating people.

Finally, from their midst, He called forth a humble but spotless young girl to be the mother of His only begotten Son. That Son, whose humility, obedience, and unwavering love, offered salvation from sin to those who believed in Him by His sacrificial death. That fidelity would be rewarded when Jesus was raised from the dead on "the Third Day."

Not everyone believed Him. They gambled, as it were, that they knew better. They turned around and walked away. That compelled Jesus to ask His chosen Twelve, with a sadness in His voice; "Will you also walk away?"

So here we are, on a weekend in March, of the year 2025, when we hear once again from Jesus of our need for repentance. Are we going to argue with Him about that? Are we going to continue gambling that our choices are better?

Here is a quote I found from Blaise Pascal, a 17th century philosopher and writer who died in 1662, about gambling on the matter of God's existence: "Let us weigh the gain and loss in wagering that God exists. Let us estimate these two chances: If you gain, you gain all; if you lose you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation that He is." God love you and beware of gambling your future.



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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 24 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Kenny Cleary Evans *from Williams Family*

Tuesday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 am. +S.p. Roger Dubreuil *from Dennis & Janet Caza*

Wednesday, March 26 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. David - to know God's plan for his life

Thursday, March 27 Lenten Weekday

9:00 am. Peace in the Ukraine and Israel

Friday, March 28 Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 29

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm. +S.p. John Betley *from Lyndi Cote*

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am. +S.p. Roman Burzynski
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.

Sanctuary Candle

Parishioners' Intentions

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.

"This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills,
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.

He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

***Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.***

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them, do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

Lent is a time of making reconciliation with God, confessing our sins and restoring our friendship with the Lord. If it has been awhile, now is the time to make all things new and be freed from the burdens of sin and become a new person.



How to go to Confession

1. Begin by spending quiet time in prayer examining your conscience
2. After the priest greets you in the name of Christ, make the sign of the cross
3. Say, "Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It has been (state how long) since my last confession. These are my sins.
4. Tell your sins simply and honestly to the priest. You might even want to discuss the circumstances and the causes of your sins. Ask the priest for advice and direction.
5. Listen to the advice the priest gives you and accept the penance from him. Then make an Act of Contrition for your sins.
6. The priest will then dismiss you with the words of praise: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." You respond: "For his mercy endures forever." Priest: "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." You: "Thanks be to God."
7. Spend some time thanking and praising God for the gift of his mercy. Try to perform your penance as soon as possible.



2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

As we bring the 2024 Catholic Appeal to a close, the 2025 Appeal is about to begin. We finished with **\$9,095.00**, from our goal of **\$11,855**. Not too bad, and a big thanks to all who contributed generously to the New Hampshire. We hope you will continue with your commitment to the Catholic Appeal for 2025 to support the good works of the Catholic Church in New Hampshire, The 2025 goal will be published very soon.



Fridays during Lent

3:00 pm. and

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



Humor



...actually, I've decided to give up abstinence for Lent...

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 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 for further information. Thank you.



Readings for the Week

Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 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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