

# Saint Hedwig Parish

Corner of Beech & Orange Sts.  
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

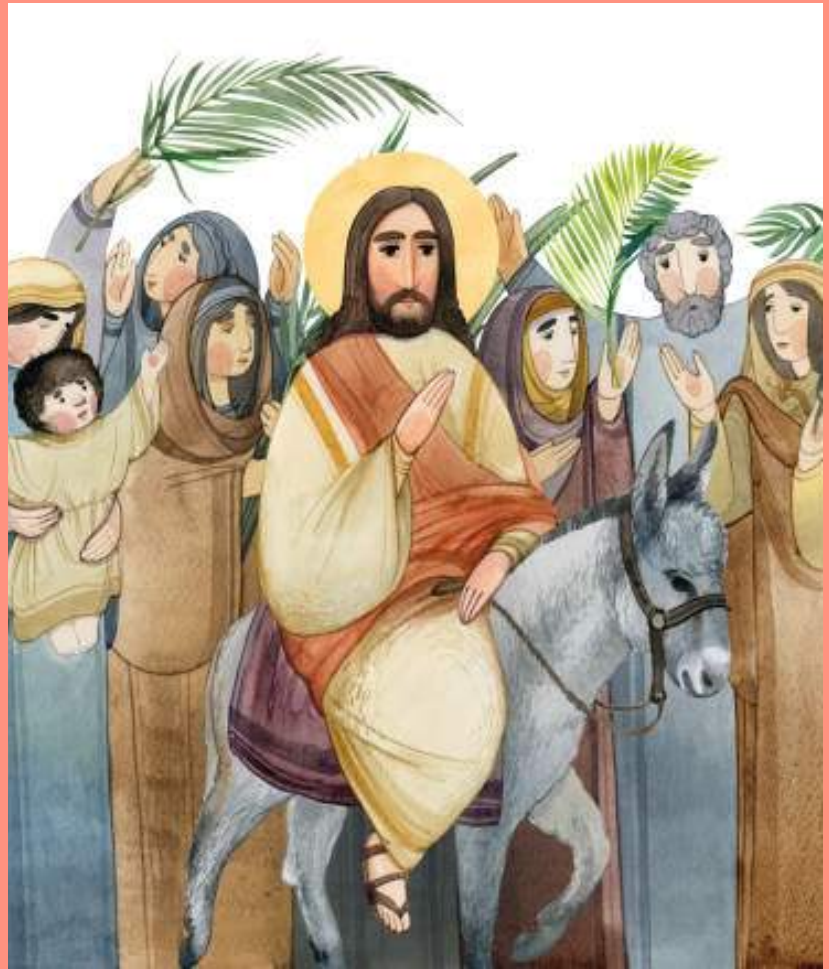
## Sacrament of Penance

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

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.



**March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Forty-second 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.*

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 29, 2026

## 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  
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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.*

Mar. 7 - 13, 2026

<b>Weekly Giving:</b>	<b>\$ 1,839.00</b>	
<b>On-line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 275.00</b>	<b>Total: \$ 2,114.00</b>

## 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.

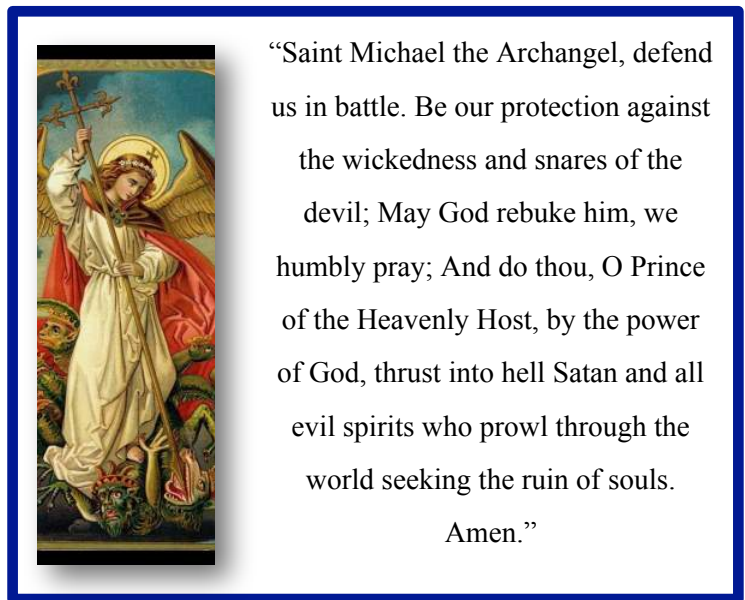
## Convent

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**

An assessment of the Passion of the Lord has been made over and over through the ensuing centuries by learned and holy people, many of whom are recognized saints of our Church. Therefore, I exclude myself as a worth analyst. But I can at least offer my take on the matter as “a unique, powerful, and life-changing account of a love like no other. This is authenticated by another Gospel writer, namely John, who wrote that God is love.

That same writer, working later than Matthew, gives us another approach than the linear of the Three Days. He offers a circular approach, meaning that the

Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus is one Magnificent Event, one that saves the whole world and is clearly a mystery of faith.

In his narrative, always proclaimed on Good Friday, Jesus is clearly in charge of events, a royal figure that allows what happens as part of His triumph over evil. Today’s account is powerful enough in depicting Jesus as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, but it makes the other figures dominate what occurs and Jesus as the victim. The Responsorial Psalm today, however, makes the most important point for us hold dear: Jesus throughout the ordeal is “robed in the Father’s love.”

God love you and have profitable Holy Week.



**Summary of This Weekend's Readings**

**Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7**

The prophet extols the Suffering Servant, who endured “buffets and spitting.” The Church identifies him as Christ, and so these verses are always part of this day’s Readings.

**Reading II: Philippians 2; 6-11**

This is possibly part of an early Christian hymn. The content is rich in theological and moral content. We are inspired to be servants of each other.

**The Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27:66, or 27:11-54**

Just after Jesus’ anointing comes the opening of Matthew’s Passion account with Judas’ betrayal. Jesus offers His life on the cross for us.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday** Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday** Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday** Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday** Chrism Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

**Thursday Night** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18. 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

**Friday** Is 52:13 — 53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday** Gen 1:1—2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22 Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday** Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday March 28**

**Vigil of Palm Sunday**

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

**Sunday March 29**

**Palm Sunday**

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

**Monday March 30 Monday of Holy Week**

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

**Tuesday March 31 Tuesday of Holy Week**

9:00 am. +S.p. Linda Tabourina *from Williams Family*

**Wednesday April 1 Wednesday of Holy Week**

5:30 pm. Intentions of Nicole Andersen  
*from Barbara Andersen*

**Thursday April 2 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

**NO MORNING MASS OR ADORATION**

6:00 pm. Peace in the Ukraine & Middle East

**Friday April 3 Good Friday**

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

**Saturday April 4**

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

7:30 pm. +S.p. John Betley *from Lyndi Cote*

**Sunday April 5**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

10:00 am. +S.p. Roman, Rose & Richard Szpak  
*from Szpak Family*



### 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**

**Parishioners' Intentions**

March 29, 2026

# Holy Week 2026



## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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 or Adoration*

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 Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4 7:30 pm.

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5 10:00 am.

## The Treasured Polish Custom of "ŚWIĘCONKA"



### Easter Basket Blessing

**Saturday, April 4, 2026**

**10 am, 11 am, and 12 noon.**

**St. Hedwig Parish Hall  
180 Orange St., Manchester, NH  
603-623-4835**



### Divine Mercy Sunday

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

*St. Hedwig Parish*

Confessions: 12 noon - 2:15 pm.

Adoration: 2:30 pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 pm.

Benediction and Closing: 3:30 pm.

***Join us for this hour of grace  
and blessings!***

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### CATHOLIC TEACHER OPENINGS 2026–2027 School Year

St. Francis School is seeking faith-filled, dedicated teachers to join our faculty for the 2026–2027 School Year.

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To learn more or express interest, please contact:

Principal Mark Schwerdt  
603-424-3312  
schwerdtm@StFrancisSchoolNH.org

## Humor



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**"The Easter Bunny really knows how to count. He gave us each the same number of jelly beans."**

## Saint Hedwig *Ladies Guild*

### THANK YOU!!!

A huge thanks to the St. Hedwig's Ladies Guild for their most generous donation of:

***\$12,000.00***

towards the parish hall kitchen renovation. Their many years of dedication to the parish through social activities and our beloved peirogi show through in their enthusiasm for the life of the parish. May we enjoy more years of fun in our newly refurbished kitchen!

Remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

***Joseph Heleniak***

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord., and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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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,  
Horngam 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!*



March 5 - April 13  
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**Local contact:**

Norman Thibault  
(603) 289-0574

40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com

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