

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 2, 2025 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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.*

Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS **Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak**
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Director of Music *Parish Maintenance*

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Parish Secretary *Mount Carmel Nursing Home*
 Volunteer

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
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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.*

Feb. 8 - 14 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 717.00
On-line Giving \$ 360.00 **Total: \$ 1,077.00**

Feb. 15 - 21 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 443.00
On-line Giving \$ 110.00 **Total: \$ 553.00**

Low collections due to weekend snow storms

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

I truly believe that a turning point in one’s life comes when one adds a cardiologist to the list of one’s doctors. I have had one for nine years now. Call it a sign that, in golfing terms, I’ve come to “the back nine.” So be it.

During one recent checkup, I told my man that I consider him “the archbishop” of the other medics. As a good Catholic gentleman, he chuckled at the reference but did admit that “when the motor malfunctions, the car definitely won’t move.”

St. Luke, an able doctor himself, cites our hearts as the locus of all our moral decisions, adding that from its “fullness the mouth speaks.” He certainly knew the physical importance of the organ, albeit with nothing like an EKG machine at his disposal. It was the spiritual significance of the heart that made his case for it to be the energy and driving force behind all our moral decisions and their consequences. For example, we can see that judging other people for their faults, a perennially popular Christian sin, begins in the heart. This late Winter Sunday finds us in the very “vestibule” of the great Lenten season that arrives this Wednesday. It’s a time for serious introspection and reflection, a thorough examination of conscience. Cal it a spiritual heart exam.

“In the heart’s fullness,” St. Luke writes, we find the source of our behavior. That means, among other things, that our heart is where all our faulty decisions emanate. About this, or that, or the other thing. About him or her, our neighbor. About our practical decisions regarding a Christian lifestyle. Ultimately about our love and loyalty to Christ Jesus our Lord/

Lent is not intended to sour our late Winter mood by a decision to deprive ourselves of desserts, or to cancel chocolate and cocktails for six weeks. However, I must add that fasting is recommended by many holy saints as a good “ammo” to shoot down selfishness. What Lent is primarily about is our coming face to face with faults and sins we tend to ignore because they make us uncomfortable. They caused Our Lord’s crucifixion. It’s time for an honest appraisal of how we are doing or not doing with living a gospel-centered life. Lent asks us, in light of our Lord’s suffering and death, where some personal reform is needed...

Above all, I think Lent urges us to make our partnership with God each day of our lives something real. That could be described, in the present context, as something heartfelt. Have a good Lent, with your heart in it.



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.*



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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 1

Vigil: Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, March 2

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. +S.p. Mansfield Cleary *from Williams Family*

Monday, March 3 St. Katherine Drexel

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

Tuesday, March 4 St. Casimir

9:00 am. +S.p. Jan, Wiktoria, & Władysław Ziarko
from Drozd Family

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday

8:00 am. +S.p. Edna Larouche *from Williams Family*

6:00 pm. Parishioners' Intentions

Thursday, March 6 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 am. Peace in the Ukraine and Israel

Friday, March 7 Friday after Ash Wednesday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Richard E. St. Louis *from Sr. Thomas Lesniak*

Saturday, March 8

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm. +S.p. Helen Warren, Birthday Remembrance
from Nancy Dudziak

Sunday, March 9

First Sunday of Lent

10:00 am. +S.p. Ignacy Betley *from Lyndi Cote*

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

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

Sunday Readings

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear;
so do one's faults when one speaks.
As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.
The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;
so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind.
Praise no one before he speaks,
for it is then that people are tested.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
Declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters:

When this which is corruptible clothes itself with
incorruptibility
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,
be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the
Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Alleluia

*Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.*

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable,
“Can a blind person guide a blind person?
Will not both fall into a pit?
No disciple is superior to the teacher;
but when fully trained,
every disciple will be like his teacher.
Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye,
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?
How can you say to your brother,
'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,'
when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your
own eye?
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye
first;
then you will see clearly
to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
For every tree is known by its own fruit.
For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,
nor do they gather grapes from brambles.
A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart
produces good,
but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;
for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”



Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

Masses: 8:00 am. & 6:00 pm.



Fridays during Lent

3:00 pm. and after the 5:30 pm. Mass
(6:00 pm.)

The three traditional pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through the three pillars of Lent we journey to develop a closer relationship to God. The 40 days of Lent should be filled with reflection, service and prayer.

Prayer: Spend some additional time with the Lord with our prayers, giving to Him all our concerns, cares, and needs. He indeeds listens to us as His love and mercy endures forever.

Fasting: This is the opportunity to make certain sacrifices, such as dedicating a day for fasting from food as we share with those who go without.

Almsgiving: We can help to relieve the sufferings of those who are living in poverty by making a donation or volunteering to a local shelter, food bank, or soup kitchen.

These are the ways in which we can prepare ourselves through this penitential season as look forward to Easter.

2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

NEW UPDATE as of February 3!

We are currently at **\$9,075.00** towards our **\$11,855.00** parish goal for the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. A big thanks to all who contributed to the appeal and for their generosity. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, Catholic Appeal brochures and envelopes are available on the tables behind the last pews in the church.



Humor



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Readings for the Week

Monday Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23 Mk

10:28-31

Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and

17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13



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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145 Lowell Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03104 Tel. 603-622-6404

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