

# 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

### **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.

He was lost and has  
been found.

Luke 15:32



**March 30, 2025 - Fourth 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.*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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### Parish Staff

**Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS**     **Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak**  
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*Parish Secretary*                     *Mount Carmel Nursing Home*  
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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.

### 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.*

March 15 - 21 2025

**Weekly Giving:**             \$ 927.00  
**On-line Giving**             \$ 737.75.00     **Total: \$ 1,664.75**

**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**

What's in a name? That question gets asked by Juliet on Act 2, Scene 2 of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Her conclusion: "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

On this "Laetare" or "Rejoice" Sunday, the Fourth of Lent with features this year in the Scripture cycle the most famous parable of Our Lord which we commonly call "The Parable of the Prodigal Son." That's not a bad name, for sure. But it omits a significant part of the story involving the elder son. And it passes over the great heart of the father in the plot.

Without claiming any originality, may I suggest that the story be better titled "The Parable of the Loving Father." For it is the behavior of the father with both of his sons that offers a great teaching for us in that he represents God the Father.

Regarding the wastrel son who rebelled against his father in a particularly awful way, the father was a beautiful example of forgiveness and love. I have often imagined him going out from his house each evening, scanning the horizon for that particular silhouette of the prodigal coming over the hill. Then turning back sad at not seeing what he came for. When that son finally comes home, he gets vested with a robe and a ring with a banquet to follow. That son represents us when we have seriously sinned against God and come running to the confessional with sorrowful hearts.

But now turn your attention to the older son. He has stayed close to home. He has rarely, if ever, been disloyal to his father. He has dutifully fulfilled his obligations, never seriously complained. He represents the faithful Catholic who keeps all the rules and lives out his or her baptismal promises as best he or she can. But then a certain sense anger wells up in their hearts when he or she notes how the observably "bad" Catholic who is so easily reconciled by a good confession. They hear the father's kindly explanation about joy over the reprobate's return in the parable. But they are not satisfied.

This late in Lent, the Lord is asking us which son best describes us. Perhaps we take turns being one or the other son at different times. Thank God and praise Him that God the Father's forgiveness, available in the confessional, is present all the time. Apropos of that, there happens to be, on an unnamed tombstone outside of Sydney, New York, with just one word carved in it: "Forgiven." <sup>1</sup>

God love you and honor your name as a Christian...

<sup>1</sup>Cited by Dr. D. James Kennedy, founder of Evangelism Explosion



***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.**

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**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*

**Monday, March 31 Lenten Weekday**

**5:30 pm.** +S.p. Ann Armstrong *from Lyndi Cote*

**Tuesday, April 1 Lenten Weekday**

**9:00 am.** +S.p. Karol & Jadwiga Betley *from Kelley Family*

**Wednesday, April 2 Lenten Weekday**

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

**Thursday, April 3 Lenten Weekday**

**9:00 am.** Peace in the Ukraine and Israel

**Friday, April 4 Lenten Weekday**

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

**Saturday, April 5**

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**4:00 pm.** +S.p. Lucien Gagne *from Mrs. Simone Beliveau*  
+S.p. Zofia Bak *from Maria & Eva*

**Sunday, April 6**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 am.** +S.p. Bernie Kerr *from Williams Family*

### ***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***

***Zofia Bak***

*First Reading: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12*

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

*Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.*

*R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

*R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

*R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

*R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

*Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

*I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him:*

*Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.*

*Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

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A **BIG THANKS** to all who volunteered in making the pierogi last week. Many people responded generously in helping out in all aspects of making the pierogi from start to finish, and those who worked behind the scenes with the clean up and additional support. All things ran smoothly as always under the guidance and leadership of Susan Joyal and Eileen Kelley. And of course, we make the best pierogi in town!



### 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.



Every Fridays at 5:10 pm. join us for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Devotions as we pray for God's mercy on the world.

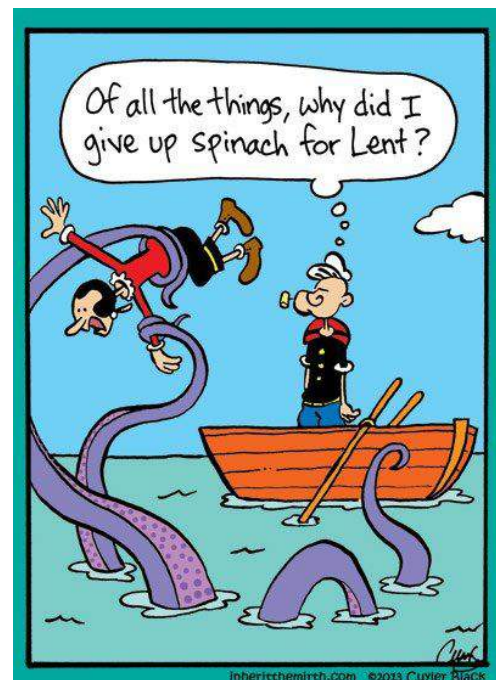


Fridays during Lent  
3:00 pm. and  
after the 5:30 pm. Mass (6:00 pm.)

### Act of Contrition

God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all, they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to confess my sins, do penance, and amend my life. Amen.

### Humor



### Praying on Pennacook Street: Baby Saved Has Been Born

Prayer volunteers first met the couple last August when they arrived at Planned Parenthood for an abortion. A sidewalk counselor waved to them and they stopped the car and talked to her. She convinced them to go up the street to the Pennacook Pregnancy Center. She joined them and listened to their story.

They have two healthy daughters and wanted a son - but they didn't want to take a chance on having another girl so they scheduled an abortion. They left the Center and did not return to PP.

In January they came back to share that they had postponed the abortion until the sex of their baby was determined. It was a boy and he was born recently. That baby would have been aborted if no one was on the sidewalk that hot August morning. It's very sad that it is legal to abort a baby for any reason up to 24 weeks of gestation. Please pray for changes of heart in our state and nation.

For more information about the life-affirming Pennacook Pregnancy Center, visit [www.pennacookpregnancy.org](http://www.pennacookpregnancy.org) and [facebook.co](https://www.facebook.com/pennacookpregnancy)

### 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



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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