March 7, Marzec 2021

**Weekend Mass Times:** Saturday 4:00 pm. / Sunday 10:00 am. Holy Days as announced

**Weekday Masses:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30 pm. Tues., Thurs. 9:00 am.

**Confessions**  Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm or by appointment

**Eucharistic Adoration**  Thursdays 9:30 am.  **Divine Mercy Devotion**  Fridays 3:00 pm.

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Third Sunday of Lent

*Trzecia Niedziela wielkiego Postu*
Hello Everyone,

Here is the final tally on the sale of the Chandler House: The Currier Museum of Art made an offer of $150,000 of which I accepted. At the closing of the sale, when you subtract legal fees and other services, $138,690.50 was deposited into the parish Central Fund account, in addition to $10,000 that was held in escrow. In total, the parish received $148,690.50 for the house.

From the sale of the school and the Chandler House, the parish now has a very healthy bank account. In the next few weeks, in consultation with the Finance Committee, we will invest some of the savings into a pooled investment through the diocese with an interest rate that will pay back well, money that can be used for paying the bills. We are doing very well financially, and there is really nothing to worry about. As always, I appreciate your continued support through your weekly or monthly giving.

In the gospel this weekend we see one of those rare moments when Jesus expresses anger, a righteous anger to be exact. He has entered the temple to find that it is not being used for its proper use as a place of prayer, instead, it is a center of commerce and trade, and money changing. In response, he turns over the tables and throws everybody out. He wants to restore the temple as a place where God dwells and where one can find peace and silence in God's presence. We need to find peace and silence for ourselves every once in awhile. The world is a noisy place and our days are filled with activity, and like Jesus, we need to turn the tables of chaos and throw out the anxieties that plague us. We want to restore the temples of our bodies as a place where we can allow God to dwell in the silence of our hearts, a place where we can find refuge when things get crazy, a place where we can talk to God and await His respond. God wants for us peace and a life filled happiness. Let God bring you the healing that you need to restore our temple bodies.

Fr. Eric
Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle
Pastor

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastoral Assistant

Scott Bergendahl
Music Director

Dan Felch
Parish Maintenance

Ellie Felch
Parish Secretary

Parish Information

St. Hedwig Cemetery
Old Bedford, Bedford, NH 03103
Phone: 603-623-4835

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.

Convent
Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF
147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104
603-232-3115

Weekly Giving

Donations received, Feb. 20-26, 2021
Weekly giving $2,207.00
Online giving $107.50
Total: $2,314.50

Thank You!

Bóg Zapłac

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

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Shirley Stemska, Rita Haskins,
Emily Menczywor, Walter Gorski

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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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
ever permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
Saturday, March 6, 2021
4:00 pm.  S+p. Mr. & Mrs. Roger Morin  from Claire Bilodeau & Evelyn Ferris
          S+p. Janice Koch  from Chuck & Janice Gagne

Sunday, March 7, 2021  Third Sunday of Lent
10:00 am.  S+p. David Kazanowski  from Sr. Thomas
          S+p. Edna & Alfred Landry  from Jacquelin, Paul & Family
          S+p. Jan, Wiktoria & Władyslaw Ziarko  from Drozd Family

Monday, March 8, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm.  Parishioner's Intentions

Tuesday, March 9, 2021  Lenten Weekday
9:00 am.  For a greater reverence for the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 10, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm.  S+p. Andrew Felch, Birthday Remem.  from Cathy Felch

Thursday, March 11, 2021  Lenten Weekday
9:00 am.  For Peace in the world

Friday, March 12, 2021  Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Pauline Beaudette  from Sr. Thomas

Saturday, March 13, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p. Helen M. Warren, Birthday Remembrance  from Nancy Dudziak
          +S.p. Karen Dill  from Chuck & Janice Gagne

Sunday, March 14, 2021  Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:00 am.  +S.p. Paul Harvey, 12th Anniversary  from Pam Harvey
          S+p. David Kazanowski  from St. Hedwig ladies Guild

Sanctuary Candle  Janice Koch

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Mass Intentions Requests:
Mass Intentions: Weekend and weekday Mass intentions are available for the rest of this year and the 2021 Calendar at $10. Call the Parish Office, or send us a message via the parish email. Book soon, dates to go quickly.

Sanctuary Candle: For a $10 donation, the sanctuary candle will burn for one week for your intentions Sunday through Saturday.

Online Giving:
Online giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges to your parish via your computer or smart device. Just go to sainthedwigparishnh.org, click on online giving to set up an account. It’s very easy.
Parish Devotional Life

Wyświadczył mi niedźwiedzą pryzługę.
"He did me a bear’S service."

What is a ‘bear’S service’? Well, it’S a disservice. The phrase refers to a favor which, when granted, ends up being more trouble than it was worth. The traditional explanation is that when a bear’S deadly pat hits you on the head, it kills both you and the fly it’S trying to swat.

Readings of the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-2

Sunday Readings

The Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 20: 1-17, or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Yahweh delivers the Ten Commandments by which the Covenant was to be observed and maintained. Unique to Israel is the sanctity of the sabbath.

Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 22-25
The “foolishness” of God is a crucified Christ, whom the Jews rejected because of their mistaken idea of a messiah. The Greeks rejected Him because of their rationalism.

The Gospel: John 2: 13-25
John places this powerful scene of the Temple cleansing by Jesus at the start of His ministry rather than at the end as the other three gospels do. John sees it as related to Jesus’ resurrection.
Guidelines to follow as we return to the public celebration of Mass.

For your safety:

Please Use Hand Sanitizer when entering the church.

Masks are strongly required. They are to be removed when receiving Holy Communion and replaced afterwards. If you don’t have one, spare masks are available at the entrance of the church. Please discard after use.

Maintain 6 Feet Social Distancing In Line and in the pews.

Congregational singing is discouraged at this time. There is no Exchange of Peace. When exiting the church after Mass, please leave your kneeler down so we know where to clean and disinfect the pews. We can only hope and pray that this will be for only a little while longer and return to some sense of normalcy.

“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 for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

Please join us in forming a

**Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle**

Tuesday Mornings immediately after the 9:00 am Mass

at St. Hedwig Parish

on the corner of Beech and Orange Sts.,
Manchester, NH 03104

Masks Mandatory

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**Wednesdays at Pennacook Street**

Planned Parenthood had abortion appointments scheduled every hour on a recent Monday. A participant from 40 Days For Life had a long conversation with a young woman who had an appointment for a medical abortion. The woman said she was about 7 weeks pregnant and has a young baby. She did finally go into PP but said she wouldn’t be taking the abortion pill and would think it over. Two hours later she left a changed person. She brushed off the woman she was so engaged with earlier and rushed to her car. Early in the afternoon the snow started to fall and sidewalk counselors could see the beautiful snowflakes all shapes and sizes disappear as they landed on the pavement—a sad reminder of all the babies of different shapes and sizes whose lives disappear at the hands of the abortionist.

It was 1:45 pm when the electric car arrived with the couple inside having a very animated discussion. They never got out of the car and drove away around 3 pm. Volunteers tried to get them to stop and talk, but the woman hid her face and the driver refused to look at them. After sitting in PP’s parking lot for over an hour they likely decided not to abort their baby.

For more information about the life-affirming Pennacook Pregnancy Center, visit www.pennacookpregnancy.org and facebook.com/nhpregnancyhelp
Let us practice Almsgiving as a part of our Lenten program to reach out to those in most need through these wonderful organizations:

Lenten Almsgiving

St. Gianna’s Place, Inc.
A Safe Haven for Mother and Child

St. Gianna’s Place in Hudson, NH provides shelter for homeless pregnant women and their babies. Facing a crisis pregnancy without housing, financial resources, or emotional support is frightening but St. Gianna’s Place can help. It offers a safe home, job and life skills training, and emotional support to pregnant women in need. The visions to promote healthy families by providing expectant mothers with resources to give birth to their babies and move their lives forward in a positive direction.

During this Lenten Season, at Saint Hedwig Parish encourage our parishioners to give alms to support life by helping the mothers at St. Gianna’s Place. Any of the following donations are most welcome:

- Paper Towels
- Diapers and baby wipes - Newborn to Size 4
- Personal Care Products - Shampoo, Toothpaste, Body Wash (for the Moms)
- Gift Cards - To Market Basket, Hannaford, Amazon, Walmart or Uber for transportation to medical apps.

Donations may be dropped off at Saint Hedwig Church when you come to weekend or week day Mass.

Our parish will continue with the tradition of a non-perishable food collection during the weeks of Lent. Those who wish may drop off their donation at Mass time on any day of the week. Collection bins will be placed near the entrance to the Church. The food will be brought to St. Joseph Cathedral FOOD PANTRY which distributes weekly to the needy.

Lenten Reflection from the Diocese of Manchester

Week 3

This week the Sunday Readings are focused on the presentation of the Ten Commandments to Moses and the Israelites, the challenge of Jesus’ suffering, and his zeal to preserve the temple as the image of God’s presence in the midst of the people. The Ten Commandments are given to the people sealing the Sinai Covenant: God will be their God and they, by following the Commandments, will be God’s people. St. Paul describes Jesus crucified as a stumbling block for those unable to see beyond what appears to be foolish and weak. In the gospel reading, Jesus declares that his body will replace the Temple, proclaiming a new understanding of the Temple, and of God’s presence in the midst of the people.

Stations of the Cross

Not reserved to the people of Poland, the Stations of the Cross were a very popular practice among the laity in that country. In particular, a shrine was built at Kalwaria Zebrzydowska that commemorated Jesus’ Passion. Erected on a landscape of hills the shrine was fashioned to resemble the way of the cross in Jerusalem. There are numerous chapels at the shrine whereby a pilgrim can trace Jesus’ Passion, death and resurrection.