

Saint Hedwig Parish

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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:

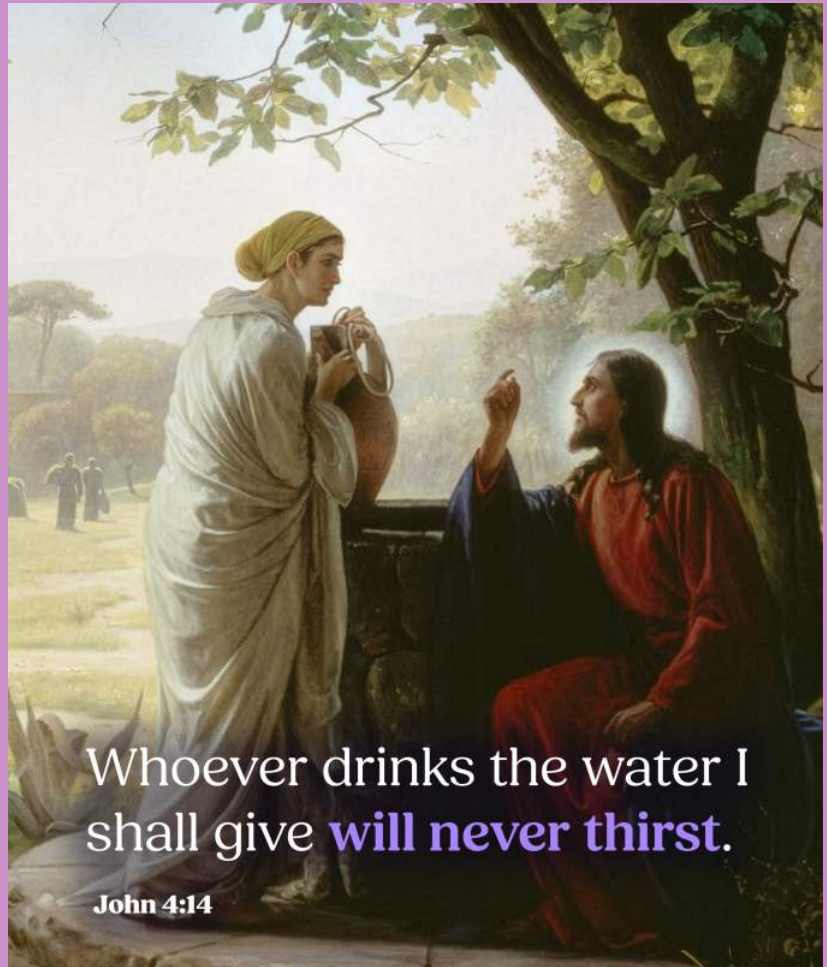
As Announced

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 8, 2026 Third Sunday of Lent

Thirty-ninth 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.*

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 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
Volunteer*

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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.*

Feb. 14 - 20, 2026

Weekly Giving:	\$ 761.00	
On-line Giving	\$ 75.00	Total: \$ 836.00

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.

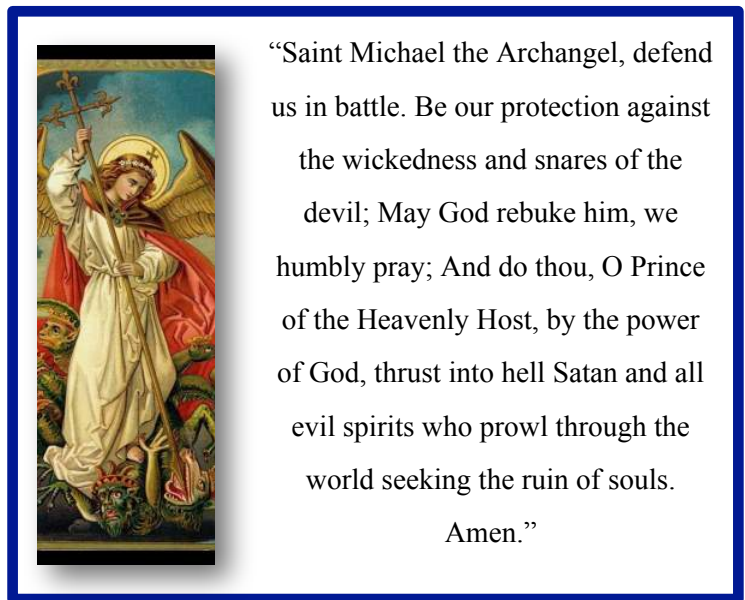
Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF

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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

The phrase “Mirror, Mirror on the Wall” is arguably one of the most recognizable lines in the English language, instantly conjuring images of the classic fairy tale, Snow White, but beyond its fairy tale origins, the phrase has permeated our culture, becoming a symbolic representation of vanity, self-perception, and the elusive search for objective truth.

We remember how the evil Queen asks the mirror who is the fairest in the kingdom. She reveals both her vanity and insecurity. The mirror’s response dictates her emotional state, highlighting the dangerous dependence on external validation that many people experience. There is something of the queen in the main character Jesus met that day at Jacob’s well when He stopped there for a rest. The unnamed Samaritan woman. She meets more than a mirror, but the very embodiment of all Truth in Jesus.

The dialogue between them makes for good drama. She plays little games with Jesus in her responses, but He will not allow it to go on before He confronts her with the whole truth of her present existence. But He does so with loving purpose. He wants to offer her a whole new way of being free from shame and half-truth about herself. She ultimately responds with the comfort and joy of knowing

that Jesus is indeed a special Person, and one who loves her into being more of a person herself.

Allow me to choose just one conclusion from this story, namely that our Loving Lord always sees the possibilities in us, and never “writes us off” unless we choose to walk away. In that way, He is like water in the desert to slake our thirst for truth and a sense of purpose in our lives.

We do ourselves no favor if we insist on griping about the trials of our lives, or blame God for their occurrence instead of either on sin in the world or our own failure to call on the grace of God readily available through prayer and the sacraments, especially in the Holy Mass. God never holds up a magic mirror calculating how best to salve our occasional insecurity. Rather does He let us see the scars left behind on His loving Face from thorns that once dug into His skin. Or those left by nails and sword on His hands, feet, and side. Then we can note our part in His pain at the same time we experience His loving forgiveness.

Meanwhile, so live that when the priest has ended his remarks over your grave, those present will not think they have attended the wrong funeral.

God love you and give you an honest self-perception.

Summary of This Weekend's Readings**Reading I: Exodus 17: 3-7**

For the third time, the Israelites gripe and whine about their discomforts since leaving Egypt and blame Moses. The rock of Horeb that miraculously pours out water is, according to St. Paul, a sign of Christ giving us the living water of Baptism.

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Justified people are endowed with virtues, and so they are able to become more like Christ through suffering. The dying of Christ shows us the depths of God’s unconditional love.

The Gospel: John 4: 5-42, or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42.

Centuries of hate between Jews and Samaritans is the background of this famous episode. Jesus breaks tradition in order to speak to the unnamed woman about His identity and the Good News of salvation. We receive a short course in what evangelization is all about.

Readings for 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 and 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 and 17 Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

Sunday 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 7

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm. +S.p. Marilyn & Roger Morin *from Evelyn Ferris*

Sunday March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 am. +S.p. Kimberly McMillian
*from Katharine
McNaughton*

Monday March 9 Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday March 10 Lenten Weekday

9:00 am. +S.p. Sr. Mary Leonard

Wednesday March 11 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Helen Warren, Birthday Remembrance
from Nancy Dudziak

Thursday March 12 Lenten Weekday

9:00 am. Peace for Ukraine & Israel

Friday March 13 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Carol Lewis *from Barbara Andersen*

Saturday March 14

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm. +S.p. Phoebe Walsh *from Williams
Family*

Sunday March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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, Joseph Heleniak, 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 8, 2026



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



Confessions available Fridays 4:00 pm. - 5:00 pm., Saturdays 3:00 pm. and by request.



Saint Hedwig 
Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet:
Wednesday, March 18, 2025, 10:00 am
in the parish hall.

As a part of our practice of almsgiving during the season of Lent, we will be taking up a collection of canned goods and non perishable food items for the St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Outreach food pantry. White collection baskets are located by the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

Humor



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"... gonna find out who's naughty and nice – the Easter Bunny's comin' to town ..."

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The parish hall kitchen refurbishing is going very well and will be completed very soon. A brand floor has been laid down and the walls given a fresh new paint job. The cupboards are also being redone, sanded and stained for a nice clean look. A new stainless steel kitchen island is on order and will arrive soon. Be on the look out for a “New Kitchen Warming” gathering!

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays



Come spend some quiet time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

Thursdays after the 9:00 am Mass
(9:30 am)

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”
Pope Benedict XVI

Adoration is also available at St. Joseph Cathedral,
Wednesdays 7:30 am - 6:00 pm. in the chapel (Lowell St.)

Eucharistic Adoration is a great way to spend in prayer, especially during the Lenten season which calls us to grow closer to Jesus.



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*Lenten Devotionals available
for 2026*



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Local contact:

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147 Walnut Street, Manchester NH - Odwiedź nas na Facebooku

March Polish Mass
March 15, 2026
4:00 pm.
 (Third Sunday of Every Month)
St. Hedwig Parish
 Ks. Daniel Mikolajewski
celebrant

2025 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

UPDATE as of February 8

Our New Hampshire Catholic Appeal for 2025/26 is \$12,183. So far we have raised \$9,130.

If you have not yet made a contribution, please take home a brochure and NHCA envelope.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation to the Catholic Appeal knowing the good works that are provided by the Appeal.




Be sure to move your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed this evening (Saturday, March 7th.)


MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Bishop Peter Libasci invites all men of the Diocese of Manchester to join him in celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | 2026
ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL | MANCHESTER, NH
7:30 - 10:30 AM

To register for the event go to www.catholicnh.org/mosj
 Or use the QR Code
 Seating for breakfast is limited to the first 240 registrants.
 Cost is only \$14.



 For Information
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bdonroe@comcast.net

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