May 16, Maj 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.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
*Siodma Niedziela Wielkanocna*

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwignh.org
Hello Everyone!

In the gospel this weekend Jesus make a passionate plea for the people of God. He urges us to be one with the Father, as He is one with the Father. By our communion with God, we can live in the safety of His mercy and love, and be protected from the evils of the world. We need so much to be in union with God these days. Look at what is going on around us. The world is falling apart. Israel and Hamas are at war, there is violence on the streets of our own city, just as recent as Monday where someone was shot in broad daylight on busy Elm St. We see much uncertainty for the future of our own nation by a leader who can barely make a clear statement. Now there is the fear of gas shortages, and we are still battling the pandemic. All that we believed to be good and true, all that God has blessed us with is in jeopardy, being redefined, such as the validity of the human person from a natural conception to a natural death, family, and marriage. It's enough to make our heads spin, maybe even to instill desperation in some. This is why we need God! Much of the world has forgotten God, He has been shown the door, tossed out the window. Many do not practice their faith.

We need to listen to what Jesus is saying to us this weekend. These are His parting words to us before He ascended to heaven to be with His Heavenly Father. He has completed His earthly mission of preaching, teaching, healing, winning the souls of God's people. There were those who listened and accepted the Word of God and lived it with joy. There were those who refused to listen, who persecuted Him, and had Him put to death on a cross. Jesus’ mission was one of mercy and love, even to the giving of His life for us. He rose from the dead to show us that there is hope, there is victory over the forces of evil in the world. Jesus now reigns in heaven with the promise of returning. We do not know when this will happen, but with the way things are going on in the world today, Jesus might as well come back now and set our world straight again with His reign of peace. It is for us now to cling tenaciously to our faith, be one with God. Pray, worship, do good works, these are the ways in which we can show the love of God in the world today. It's only a small part we can play, but it makes a difference to God. We can't go to Israel and tell them to stop fighting. Pray for the diplomats, that the Holy Spirit will enlighten them to find ways towards a peaceful coexistence. We can't stop crime. Pray for our police and first responders who put themselves in harm's way to protect us. Pray for our nation that we may once again see all that is good and holy, given to us from God, and be true Americans again.

Let us take to heart what Jesus is praying for, that we be blessed by God, and be one with Him, as Jesus says, “Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.” God is our only source of peace, happiness, and joy. Let us live in the truth that is God, the truth that God has given us. It is only in Him do we have life, and the promise of life eternal with Him.

Yours Truly.
Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle  Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastor  Pastoral Assistant

Scott Bergendahl  Dan Felch
Music Director  Parish Maintenance

Ellie Felch  Parish Secretary

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

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, April 24 - 30, 2021
Weekly Offerings $1,263.00
Online giving $207.50 Total: $1,470.50

Donations received, May 1 - 7, 2021
Weekly Offerings $1,938.00
Online giving $127.50 Total: $2,065.50

Thank You! Bóg Zapłac

Pray FOR THE SICK

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.

May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Sunday we will have the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin with the assistance of the little ones of our parish. Let us honor Mary our Mother as we crown her with the fairest.
Saturday, May 15, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p Joseph & Sophie Dudziak, Anniv.  
*from Nancy Dudziak*

Sunday, May 16, 2021  7th Sunday of Easter
10:00 am.  +S.p. Frederick Ejdowski  *from the Szulc Family*

Monday, May 17, 2021  Easter Weekday
5:30 pm.  Parishioners’ Intentions

Tuesday, May 18, 2021  Easter Weekday
9:00 am.  Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Wednesday, May 19, 2021  Easter Weekday
5:30 pm.  +Sp. Sr. Mary Romuald  *from Sr. Thomas*

Thursday, May 20, 2021  Easter Weekday
9:00 am.  For increase of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, May 21, 2021  Easter Weekday
5:30 pm.  For the protection of the unborn

Saturday, May 22, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p Klocek Family  *from The Family*

Sunday, May 23, 2021  Pentecost Sunday
10:00 am.  +S.p. Rita Lesniak Pariseau  *from the Lesniak Family*
  *from Beloved Mother & Family*

*Sanctuary Candle*  Klocek Family  *from Frances Novakowski*

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**Joseph Most Obedient and Head of Holy Family**

All authority is borrowed except for the Author himself. One can only be a just head of a family, be it natural or religious, if one is first obedient to the Word himself. Joseph’s perfect obedience rendered him the perfect Head of the Holy Family.

*Ite Ad Joseph - Go to Joseph*

**St. Hedwig Parish Religious Ed.**

Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the church. If you have a child, or know of a child, who needs to be prepared for the reception of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, and would need religious instruction, please fill out a form and return to the parish by mail or place in the collection bin.
Readings of the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Sunday Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26
The election of Matthias to succeed Judas restores the Apostolic band to its original twelve members. The qualifications for the new man included being a witness of the resurrection.

Reading II: I John 4: 11-16
The love of God can only be known through Jesus, whom the Father has sent. We know this by way of the Spirit’s indwelling.

The Gospel: John 17: 11b-19
Jesus’ departing prayer wishes for the Apostles to be one. Granted, they will experience the hostility of “the world,” as well as the temptations of “the evil one.” Still, they are to be in the world, but not of it.

Kto czeka, ten się doczeka.
English equivalent. He that can have patience can have what he will.
Patience is a remedy for every sorrow.

Every Fridays at 3:00 pm.
join us for the recitation of
the Divine Mercy Devotions
as we pray for God’s mercy
on the world.

Eucharistic Adoration
and Holy Hour

Join us every Thursday following the 9:00 am. Mass (9:30 am.) at St. Hedwig parish to spend time in prayer and silence before the Lord. It will be the best hour of your life. Adoration will also be live-streamed.

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; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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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.”

Catholic Charities

Our parish goal for this year’s appeal is **$3,000.** Please be sure to pick up a Catholic Charities envelope if you have not yet picked one up. Please consider making a donation to support their good works.

**Praying at Pennacook Street**

Some pray in front of the main entrance to Planned Parenthood, while one or two volunteers go to the corner of Elm and Pennacook to hold signs that read: “Pregnant? We will help you.” Last week, a delivery truck pulled up to the corner and beckoned to the woman holding the sign. She walked over to the truck and the driver told her his sad story. When he was young and his girlfriend was pregnant they decided to have their baby aborted. The more he talked, the more he cried. He said, “Every day I think of that baby.” He listened as he was told about God’s mercy and forgiveness. Perhaps he will find some peace after talking about his regret and sorrow over an abortion done many years ago.

Later in the day, prayer volunteers met a teenage mother pushing a stroller with her 3-week old baby. She also has a 2-year old she will be raising. After talking with her and watching the energetic toddler, the volunteers told her a double stroller would make her errands easier. They sent her to Pennacook Pregnancy Center and a new double stroller was ordered for her.

PP offers chemical abortions on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If you would like to hand out Abortion Pill Reversal information on any of those days, the help is welcome. For more information about the life-affirming Pennacook Pregnancy Center, visit [www.pennacookpregnancy.org](http://www.pennacookpregnancy.org) and [facebook.com/nhpregnancyhelp](http://facebook.com/nhpregnancyhelp).
Rosary Marathon during the Month of May

Take this month of May to pray the Rosary fervently for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic, for the conversion of sinners, and peace in the world.

Chalice Restoration Donations

So far we have received $315.00 in contributions towards the chalice. Thank you for your generosity!

There is still plenty of time to contribute if you wish. This chalice will make a fine addition to our collection.

Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 31, 2021 will be celebrated at 9:00 am. at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Bring a lawn chair if the weather is nice, if not, Mass will be celebrated in the cemetery chapel.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

Wilfred “Willie” Vallee

who passed away suddenly last Monday. Willie helped to volunteer in maintaining St. Hedwig Cemetery for many years. We will remember him for his dedication and love, seeing to it that the cemetery would be in good shape and a beautiful place for our loved ones to rest in peace.

Humor

“Do you take this man to be your waffley wetted husband?”