May 9, 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
*Szósta Niedziela Wielkanocna*

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Hello Everyone!

As I mentioned last weekend, we are in the very beginning stages of establishing a Religious Education program here at St. Hedwig's. There a few children who are at the age to prepare for First Communion and Confirmation, and looking ahead to the future, several children under the age of five who will be growing fast and will be getting ready for these sacraments soon. If you have a child in the third or fourth grade and is in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation, give us a call so we can sign them up. Once we see how many children have signed up, then we can get religious instructions started. We'll go about this process, patiently, step by step until we get this up and running. Sister Thomas and Sister Jacqueline will be assisting me in this venture. By the inch its a cinch, by the yard its hard.

In the gospel this weekend Jesus reminds us of the greatest commandment, to love one another as He loves us. This is a commandment that calls us out of our comfort zones, to love those around us, not only family and friends, but even our enemies, even those who may not like. It is love that can break down barriers, that can foster forgiveness, and bring about peace. This is a process that takes time, especially when there is healing that needs to be done. Jesus tells us that if we keep this covenant, we will remain in His love. It is what is required of us if we want to truly call ourselves a Christian, a true follower of the Lord. Jesus knows how hard we try to be the best person we can be, but we are only human, we have our faults and shortcomings. Our journey of faith calls us to take a good look at ourselves and to see what we need to do to make ourselves a better person, a loving person. Jesus wants to make our joy complete when we live in His love. The love Jesus has for us was accomplished on the Cross as He laid down His life for us, "No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friend." We have many martyrs of the Church who gave their lives for the gospel and prayed for those who persecuted them. We can think of the many service men and women who gave their lives in service to the country and the community, to protect our safety and freedom, whether it was military, police, fire, or a sacrifice that brings the community together. It takes great love to be able to do this, and to bring the People of God together.

May is the month of Mary, and during this month, let us try to commit ourselves to praying the Rosary as often as possible. As you will see in this bulletin, Pope Francis has dedicated this month as a Rosary Marathon to pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic. Let us send up our "Ave Marias" to heaven so Mary can hear them and bring them to the ear of God. As a worldwide effort, this can be a possibility, all our Rosaries can bring about great healing for the world and nation, for great conversion of souls, and bring people back church. What a wonderful vision. In many of the apparitions our Blessed Lady has made throughout the world, she urges great prayer, daily Rosaries, confession of sins, and trust in God. She is our heavenly mother who loves us and wants to protect us and bring us to Jesus. To Jesus through Mary. She is the blessed of all generations and the pure vessel through which the incarnation of God was accomplished, in the person of Jesus Christ. All honor that we give to Mary leads to the adoration of God. When we practice a devotion to Mary, we show our fidelity to Jesus. When we honor Mary, we are praising God for the grace bestowed upon her.

Yours Truly.
Parish Staff

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Parish Information

St. Hedwig Cemetery  
Old Bedford, Bedford, NH 03103  
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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.

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

Weekly Giving

Due to early publication of the bulletin, last week's collection will appear next week.

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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.
Model of Workers

We must not simply intend love, we must labor to fulfill love’s demands. Beneficence, laboring for the good of another, in Joseph’s case was direct labor for God. Working in Adam’s curse by the sweat of his brow was replete with purpose as it was all done to feed, to clothe, to shelter God Himself.

Ite Ad Joseph - Go to Joseph

Sanctuary Candle Rita Martin

Ascension Thursday Masses
Thursday, May 13, 2021
9:00 am & 6:00 pm.
Readings of the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20;
or Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19;
or Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

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.

Sunday Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter protests Cornelius’ overdone respect, and then he proceeds to allow some Gentiles present to be baptized, after the Holy Spirit had allowed them to speak in tongues.

Reading II: I John 4: 7-10

Christ has shown us God’s love, so we ought to do the same to others. Love must be seen as God’s initiative.

The Gospel: John 15: 9-17

The mutual love John here describes is grounded in the fact that both Jesus and the disciples keep the commandments and abide in the love of the Father. We, as Jesus’ chosen friends, must obey His one command to love one another.
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.

Since the Covid-19 Crisis began:

* 4,312 individuals and households across New Hampshire have reached out for assistance around food, housing, energy, and other essential needs

* 2,609 mental health counseling sessions have been conducted for individuals facing increased stress, anxiety, and difficult life changes.

* 121,863 pounds of food have been delivered to homebound and disabled elderly across greater Manchester and Nashua through the Caregivers.

The annual appeal; for Catholic Charities is underway. Please prayerfully consider how you can help in their good works to move lives forward with a gift this year. What you give will help provide comfort, education, mentoring, and hope for those who are facing difficult times. Catholic Charities brochures and envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Our parish goal this year is $3,000.

“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.”

Humor

“Just so you know, if your too sick to go to school, Mommy’s gonna say your too sick to watch TV.”
Seeking your assistance...

I have a beautiful old chalice that came from the chapel of the Chandler House when the Felician Sisters lived there. It is in need of refurbishing/re-plating, and I would like to incorporate this chalice for use at the celebration of Masses here at St. Hedwig, as it is a part of our parish history. The estimate I received for the refurbishing is nearly $900 (not cheap by any means!) I seek your assistance in humbly asking for any donations, if you're able, of any amount to help defray the cost. Every bit helps. See photos below. The chalice is inscribed:

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