October 10, 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dwudziesta-osma Niedziela Zwykła

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwighn.org

Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 4:00 pm.
Sunday 10:00 am.

Weekday Mass Times:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm.
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am.

Holy Day Masses
Vigil Mass 6:00 pm.
Mass of the Day 8:00 am.

Confessions:
Saturday 3:00 pm. - 3:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration:
After the Thursday Morning Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday 5:10 pm.

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St. Hedwig Cemetery
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Bedford, NH.
For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.
Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In his provocative 1916 poem “The Road Less Traveled,” Robert Frost ends his thoughts with this line: “I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” As always, one can take from the poet’s words a truth applicable to oneself. May I suggest that the thought here presents food for thought for any Christian? Call this menu item a type of “consciousness exam” as opposed to an examination of conscience. Certainly the road that began with our baptism is one that invites detours. No reason to be surprised that the world provides attractive options for travel. Our Lord Jesus Christ left His footprints on the One Best Way, because He walked it first all by Himself. No, it isn’t an easy path. You will see His blood prominent on the path.

Today’s First and Third Readings spell out some details just in case we need concepts made explicit. The Book of Wisdom contains the prayer of that Old Testament paragon of wisdom, King Solomon, who prays to make the right decision for his life in the face of multiple alluring options. Those make for a contemporary list as well, namely: power, riches, health, comeliness and light. Who of us has not felt the tug of war they create in our hearts as we try to stay on the path?

The Letter to the Hebrews comes across as a commentary on what Our Lord declares. The Word challenges us to be attached to Him alone, which includes, of course, His values. When that unnamed wealthy man knelt down before Truth itself, he got God’s opinion about riches. Our man got a shock to his lifelong belief system: “Go sell what you have, and give to the poor.” While we’re not shocked so many centuries later, we are challenged.

The added element here is the courage it takes to be different from “the herd.” To “take the road less traveled by.” So our disappointed questioner stands up, perhaps looking sad and a bit perplexed. Then he walks back, figuratively speaking, to the familiar “road” that nearly everybody in his time and place traveled by.

Meanwhile, the disciples were amazed. All of their devout Jewish lives heretofore they were taught that riches are a blessing from God and not an obstacle to His favor. They get Jesus’ funny image of the camel and the eye of the needle. We get it too, but how many of us laugh shakily, knowing that what Jesus said is aimed at any materialism in us. Though we don’t dare voice it, we may think of saying something to Jesus like “Lord, with all due respect, let’s be practical here.” He just smiles at us saying nothing. He knows that we can always change paths.

“One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer,
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what’s true,
One life can make the difference

You see, it’s up to you.”

(Anonymous)
Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle  Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
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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
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Weekly Giving

Donations received, September 25 - 30, 2021
Weekly Offerings  $1,118.00
Online giving  $220.00  Total: $1,338.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief (so far)  $355.00

Thank You!  Bóg Zapłac

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

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Shirley Stemksa, Rita Haskins, Emily Menczywor, Walter & Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak

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.

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.
Saturday, October 9, 2021
4:00 pm. +S.p. Emlen Cote from Lyndi Cote

Sunday, October 10, 2021 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am. +S.p. Stefan Drozd from the Family
+S.p. For the repose of the souls of the Felician Sisters who died this past year, especially Sr. Mary Bernice Pikul

Monday, October 11, 2021 Pope St. John XXIII
5:30 pm. +S.p. Bishop John McCormack from Fr. Eric

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Weekday
9:00 am. +S.p. Bishop Odore Gendron from Fr. Eric

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Weekday
5:30 pm. Repose of the souls of Carol & Cheryl Lesniak from Sr. Thomas
+S.p. Stefan Drozd from the Family

Thursday, October 14, 2021 St. Callistus, Pope & Martyr
9:00 am. +S.p. Antoinette & Patrick Cerza from Fr. Eric

Friday, October 15, 2021 St. Teresa of Jesus
5:30 pm. +S.p. Ethel & William Mitchell from Fr. Eric

Saturday, October 16, 2021
4:00 pm. +S.p. Mary & Frank Myslivy from Walt & Dian Kalisz
+S.p. Fr. Donald Lafond from Deena & David LaChance

Sunday, October 17, 2021 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am. +S.p. John & Florence Golabiewski from son John Golabiewski

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Saint Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God’s humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God’s most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

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Przyszłość zaczyna się dzisiaj, nie jutro.
“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”

Readings of the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Sunday Readings

The Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 7: 7-11
Solomon’s prayer exhibits his preference for holy Wisdom over power, riches, health, comeliness and light. A real challenge is here presented to the modern reader.

Reading II: Hebrews 4: 12-13
Addressed to pagan converts, the author asserts that God is both living and active, and shows Himself in Christ. We must someday render an account for our thoughts of the heart.

Three sections of Christ’s teachings on wealth and the kingdom are presented here. (1) the story of the rich man; (2) Jesus’ interaction with the disciples; (3) the rewards for giving up riches.
It seems like a good idea to hold the religious education classes before the 10 am. Mass on Sundays. The classes will be at 9:00 am. and the sessions will last no longer than 45 minutes. so, let's start with this time. If this does not work, we can be flexible.

WorkcampNE is a non-profit organization that has been repairing homes in the Northeast for over 30 years. they organize groups of students to perform home repairs at no cost to the homeowner. Parents and young adults are invited to attend one of the following Information Nights to learn more about the 2022 Summer Camps:

- Thurs. 10/7 6:30-8:00 pm. IHM, Concord, NH
- Tues. 10/12 6:30-8:00 pm. OLM, Merrimack
- Tues. 10/19 7:30-8:45pm. Sacred Heart Parish, Lebanon

For more information, please contact Kelly Goudreau at kgoudreau@rcbm.org or go to www.workcampne.com.

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy Church. Teach them that to serve you is to reign: to possess you is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of our people the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom upon earth. Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

We welcome new members to our parish from the deaf community. The Mass in American Sign Language will be provided for them at the Saturday 4:00 pm.
Parish Mission at St. Joseph Cathedral

October 18 - 20, 2021
6:30 pm.

“Christ-Lock: Identity Theft no More!”
A parish mission conducted by Fr. Bill Garrot, OP

Monday evening: “Living Life on the Widescreen.”
Tuesday evening: “Are you right to be Angry?”
Wednesday evening: “Equipped for Rescue.”

Fr. Garrott will lead a Rosary 20 minutes prior to each evening’s mission.
Fr. Garrott will hear confessions after each mission.

Fr. Bill Garrott was born and raised in Hagerstown, Maryland. He is the youngest of eight children. He received a bachelor of science in chemistry from Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, MD. Fr. Bill entered the Order of Preachers in 1988 and was ordained for the Dominicans in 1994. He is a member of the Province of St. Joseph based in New York City. He has a masters degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as parochial vicar, campus minister and director of vocations, and has preached nearly 200 parish missions throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities. His home base is St. Dominic’s Priory in Washington, DC.

Wisdom of the Saints

“Men are like wine - some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age.”
Pope Saint John XXIII
October 11.

Humor

‘Never, ever, think outside the box.”