October 17, 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dwudziesta-dziewiąta Niedziela Zwykła

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
Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, NH.
For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.
Hello Everyone,

Aside from my annual retreat, it’s been a pretty quiet week. And a quiet week it was for me when I spent my retreat at the Marie Joseph Center in Biddeford Pool, Maine. It’s a lovely spot, right on the ocean. Unfortunately, I did not get an ocean view room, in fact, I got the same exact room as last year! I really shouldn't complain, it was comfortable and I had a roof over my head. The retreat was led by Dr. Susan Muto who operates the Epiphany Academy in Pittsburg, PA. It is a center where one can learn many aspects of Catholic spirituality and learn how to be a spiritual director. The topic of the retreat was based on St. John of the Cross’ time of darkness while imprisoned (mind you, this was over 500 years ago). It was titled, "The Dark Night of the Senses." We all go through a darkness or a dryness in our spiritual lives when we do not know what to pray for or our conversations with God seem to dry up. We come to a dead end. Saint John of the Cross was a contemporary of St. Teresa of Avila (Spain). He was imprisoned by his own religious order for his views on how they should live their spiritual lives. He spent nine months in a dark prison cell and this is where, despite the darkness, he intensified his prayer life. He saw in the darkness, hope, not despair. He knew that at some point he would be released and see daylight again, in fact, John of the Cross escaped his prison cell in the dark of night.

We should not give up hope when we are struggling with our prayer life. It can be any number of factors or events in our life that can impede our spiritual life. When we feel overwhelmed, it can seem as if God is not there to help us, even St. john of the Cross wrote in his poetry, "Where have you hidden? I went out calling, and you were gone." We are in a constant search for the Beloved, God, but God is always here for us. Once we part the veil of darkness, then will we be able to see God in the midst of our sufferings and trials. Do not give up hope, things can get better.

I would like to take his opportunity to thank Linda Kownak who restored the Calvary statues that can be found along the side wall inside the church. They were showing their age and were in need of a new paint job. She took many hours to lovingly and prayerfully restore them to their former beauty. The colors are brighter and they show more detail than before. It is a blessing when we are able to preserve the artifacts of the past as a reminder of our families who have helped to build the parish to what it is today. They are the living memories that connect us to the past and guide us to the future.

Blessings for a good week for you all!

Fr. Eric
Parish Staff

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

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Music Director  Parish Maintenance

Ellie Felch
Parish Secretary

Parish Information

St. Hedwig Cemetery
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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

Parish Information

Weekly Giving

Donations received, October 2-8, 2021
Weekly Offerings  $1,726.00
Online giving  $220.00  Total: $1,948.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief (so far)  $385.00

Thank You!  Bóg Zapłąc

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Shirley Stemska, 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.
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

Monday, October 18, 2021  St. Luke
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Helen E. & Albert Laurendeau
            from Judy Laurendeau

Tuesday, October 19, 2021  St. Jean de Brebeuf & Martyr Companions
9:00 am.  +S.p. Joseph Therrien, Birthday Remembrance
            from Daniel Radlinski

Wednesday, October 20, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm.  No Mass

Thursday, October 21, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am.  +S.p. Charlotte Williams from the Williams Family

Friday, October 22, 2021  St. John Paul II
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Mary Szafarz, Birthday Remembrance
            from the Family

Saturday, October 23, 2021
4:00 pm.  Mass commemorating St. John Paul II election to
          the papacy in 1978 from the Polish American Congress

Sunday, October 24, 2021  30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  +S.p. Sr. Mary Bernadetta, Sister of Mercy
            from the Houle Family

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The Sanctification of St. Joseph

Venerable Maria de Agreda: Joseph was to be a miracle of holiness, as he really was. This marvelous holiness commenced with the formation of his body in the womb of his mother. In this the providence of God himself interfered, regulating the composition of the four radical humors of his body with extreme nicety of proportion and securing for him that evenly tempered disposition which made his body a blessed earth fit for the abode of an exquisite soul and well-balanced mind (Wisdom 8:19.)

He was sanctified in the womb of his mother seven months after his conception, and the leaven of sin was destroyed in him for the whole course of life, never having felt any impure or disorderly movement.

Although he did not receive the use of his reason together with this first sanctification, which consisted principally in justification from original sin, yet his mother at the time felt a wonderful joy of the Holy Ghost. Without understanding entirely the mystery she elicited great acts of virtue and believed that her son, would be wonderful in the sight of God and men.
Readings of the Week

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Sunday Readings

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Reading I: Isaiah 53: 10-11
Although the Servant in this prophet’s writings never enjoyed victory in his lifetime, nevertheless the prophet declares it here. The word “pleased” is key, expressing that God’s designs will be fulfilled in the future. (We know they will occur through Jesus.)

Reading II: Hebrews 4: 14-16
Jesus is superior to the Jewish high priest. One reason is that He never succumbed to His temptations. As a result, we can approach the throne of grace (God’s) with confidence because of Jesus’ redemptive work.

The Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45, or 10: 42-45
This incident shows us the obtuseness of the disciples regarding Jesus’ preaching about God’s kingdom. They will learn that Jesus’ suffering will have consequences for their discipleship.
Religious Education classes will meet every Sunday at 10 am in the Parish Hall.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Join us as we pray the Rosary every Sunday at 9:15 am. (before the 10 am Mass). Let us pray that our Blessed Mother protect us in these challenging times for she will lead us to the peace and mercy of Jesus.

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Time: 6:30 pm.
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting - link will be emailed out shortly before the presentation begins.
RSVP: Please contact the office at sarajaneshoag@primerica.com or 603-361-5661 if you plan to participate.

Hosted by:
Sara Janes Hoag
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Please note:
There will be no daily Masses on the following dates:
Wednesday, October 20
Monday, October 25
Tuesday, October 26
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 Garrott, 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 evenings 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.

Five ways to observe Respect Life Month

1. Draw upon www.respectlife.org/celebrate
   the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has recommended a number of ways for us to observe Respect Life Month. Below, we’ve put a local spin on some of their ideas, but don’t miss their page and other resources.

2. Learn About & Pray for Project Rachael Ministries
   Project Rachael is the U.S. Catholic Church’s ministry to those who have been involved in abortion. To learn more about Project Rachael in New Hampshire, visit CatholicNH.org/ProjectRachael.

3. Support a Local Pregnancy Center
   Pregnancy centers offer much needed assistance to women and their children, such as the Pennacook Pregnancy Center.

4. Pray the Rosary
   In addition to Respect Life Month, October is also known as the month of the Rosary. For the cause of life, pray the Rosary for the protection of the unborn.

5. Advocate for the Cause of Life
   The Office of Public Policy has provided a great list as a way to make your voice heard. Visit Catholicnh.org/action for ideas. Consider signing up for our diocesan pilgrimage to the National March for Life: Catholicnh.org/M4L.