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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Bedford, NH.
For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwighn.org
Hello Everyone!

We have all lived to witness some rather extraordinary events in history that have changed the way we think, live, and even pray. Often times we hear the question, “Where were you when...?” Where were you when President Kennedy was assassinated? It was a little before my time, but many here will remember. Where were you when the Twin Towers were attacked in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and Flight 93 in a field in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001? For me, I was in my second theology year at St. John Seminary in Boston. One seminarian said that a plane had flown into the World Trade Center. Thinking it was a terrible accident, I turned on the TV in my room to watch what was happening. When the second plane hit the other tower, I knew this was no accident. We were under attack. As the day unfolded, the images of terror were blasted at us as the towers collapsed, and I could not imagine the countless lives lost, families who lost a loved one on a day like any other day, that changed our whole way of life.

We vividly remember this day and what we felt: fear, terror, sadness, anger, even vengeance towards those responsible for this. Many of us no doubt turned to prayer asking God for understanding, for the lives lost, for their families, for peace of heart. We may have found ourselves more alert to what is going on around us. We have always felt safe and secure, but not so anymore, even twenty years later. Security in our airports, and train stations are tight, and we have developed a heightened sense of vigilance with the slogan, “see something, say something.”

We commemorated the 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001, last week, a day forever burned into our memories. Even saying “9/11” has become a word in our vocabulary to remember this event. From this we were involved in a twenty year war against the forces of terrorism that saw the death of the mastermind, Osama bin-Laden and his associates. This is a war that may never end, following the disastrous decision by the “President” to pull our troops out of Afganistan, and the loss of thirteen brave Marines.

Yes, these things make us angry, but we cannot let anger rule our minds and hearts, we need to seek peace. We need to ask God to show us how to be more loving, compassionate, merciful, even forgiving. These will take time. As we have seen our lives changed drastically, we find ways in which to adjust and live, not losing our faith and our sights set on the Kingdom of Heaven. We are still in the midst of this pandemic that has turned everything upside down, what to believe and not to believe. What do we do? Keep going, keep praying, keep on having faith and be hopeful. Jesus teaches us all good things, how to live by His Golden Rule, do unto others as you would have them do to you. Let’s try to be good to others and to change the things we need to change about ourselves. Sometimes it may take a cataclysmic world event to wake us up, or a personal experience that can open our eyes to our true selves, we become changed people, for the better.

Let us never forget that day that changed us as a nation, for the lives that were lost, for the soldiers who fought for so long against terror and who continue to keep us a littler safer. Let us never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by a Father of His Son on the Cross, who saved us from the darkness in the world and who promises us peace. Christ’s victory will reign supreme!

Fr. Eric
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

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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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Weekly Giving

Donations received, September 4 - 10, 2021
Weekly Offerings $1,234.00
Online giving $100.00  Total: $1,334.00

Votive Candles $299.00

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

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The Sovereign Lord had deigned to make St. Joseph of royal blood, placing in him all the honor and glory of the House of David.

Though St. Joseph’s family no longer sat on the throne, he was still a continuation of this nobility. He carried this heritage as though it were a secret between himself and his Lord – a sacred bond between an earthly prince and the Ruler of Heaven and Earth.

St. Joseph’s royalty was not shown with an outward crown, but one which was hidden within his most Chaste Heart – a heart in which the Lord Jesus took great consolation and great delight. - Joe Rodrigues, “St. Joseph Prince of the Church”

St. Peter Julian Eymard: Therefore, since Christ was King, of the line of David, He made Saint Joseph to be born of this same royal line. He wanted him to be noble, of earthly nobility. In the veins of St. Joseph, therefore, flows the blood of David and Solomon, and of all the noble kings of Judah. If his dynasty still sat on the throne, St. Joseph would be the heir and would have sat on the throne in his turn.
Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Sunday Readings

*The Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**Reading I:** Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

The author presents the wicked (perhaps apostate Jews) as having a false understanding of human life. They desire to prosecute the just person because his/her life is a direct reproach of their own.

**Reading II:** James 3: 16-4:3

James presents a synthesis of Christian wisdom in contrast to the earthly kind. He considers false wisdom because it ultimately causes strife in the community and provides remedies for it.

**The Gospel:** Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus makes His second prediction of His passion, but its net effect is lost on the disciples. He also teaches them another lesson about His fresh outlook on life, namely, that the whole idea of “wishing to be first” is an empty pursuit in God’s kingdom. The true hallmarks of a Christian are humility and service to others.
The Saint Cecilia Choir is back!

The choir is seeking additional members. If you enjoy singing, can read music (at least at a basic level), you are encouraged to seek more information. The Saint Cecilia Choir rehearses weekly on Fridays at 6:30 pm starting September 3 and sings every week at the 10 am Mass on Sundays, as well as special liturgies throughout the year. If you are interested in using your gifts for the glory of God, please contact Scott Bergendahl (scott.bergendahl@gmail.com) to set up a time to meet in person for a vocal assessment. We hope many can join us!

Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office by September 22, 2021. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall’s Wedding Anniversary Mass!

(Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

Starting this weekend, we will have an American Sign Language interpreter at Masses here at St. Hedwig’s to serve the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing. I am happy to open our doors to new members of our parish who benefit from this service in “hearing” the Word of God through signs.

The Bishop of Manchester has asked parishes throughout the diocese for a voluntary second collection for the Haiti Earthquake Relief. It is a blessing when we are able to reach out and help our brothers and sisters in need, even if they are strangers to us. This shows that we live the love of the Lord and share it with others. We will take up this collection next weekend Sept. 25/26. This will be by envelope only. Envelopes marked "Haiti Relief" will be available in the back of the church, if you wish to contribute.

Our Lady's Seven Sorrows

1. The prophecy of St. Simeon
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple
4. The Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the way to Calvary.
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
6. Taking Jesus down from the cross
7. The Burial of Jesus
In these trying times in the Church, please pray for and support our good seminarians for the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester:

Christian Collopy  
Caleb Goff  
Dc. Daniel Mikolajewski  
Spencer Gregory  
Andre Nadeau  
Dc. Cuong Van Nguyen  
Eric Ouelette  
Paul Hoang Ngoc Pham  
Guillaume Temkkit  
Dc. Rory Traynor

"Pray, hope, and don't worry."
St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina  
September 23.