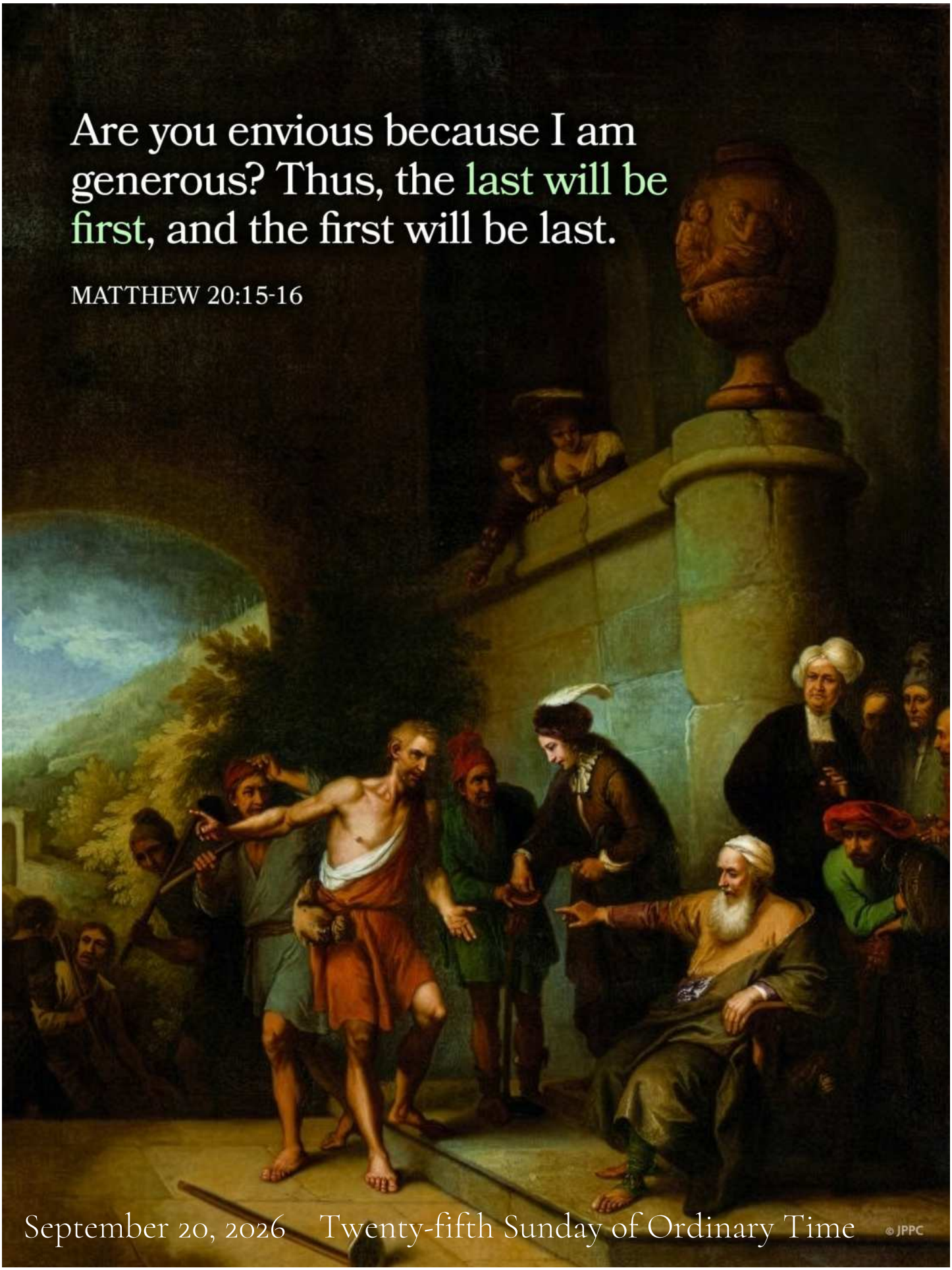
Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.
MATTHEW 20:15-16
September 20, 2026 Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
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Saint Hedwig Parish
September 20, 2026

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Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
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Tues., Thurs. 9:00 am

Holyday Masses:
As Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on Thursdays.

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. Please contact the pastor to begin marriage preparation program.

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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 box or mail it to the parish office at:

147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104

Offertory: *We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the weekly collection by the collection box or on-line. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running.*

Aug. 22 - 28 , 2026

Weekly Giving:	**$ 1,331.00**	
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Thank You Dziękuje!

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Per usual, I prayed to the Holy Spirit on the bright June day for an introductory metaphor for today's Gospel. What He gave me will sound strange, but, of all things, He gave me to imagine "The Hope Diamond." In case you don't know it, you can actually see this large and storied gem at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C., well-lit and behind thick safety glass. This last is just in case you were tempted.

Its story includes the fact that King Louis XIV of France once wore the large blue-tinted gem on a ribbon around his neck. Much later, an American heiress once had it set in a diamond necklace. You can have the fun of learning more.

For my purpose here, I want to make a comparison of this unique gem with the dazzling generosity of God. Perhaps that's why the Holy Spirit did what He did. This quality of God is beautiful beyond any description I might use for a gemstone. The jewel, after all, is just a creature. We are to focus on a beautiful aspect of our Creator.

The Scriptures tell us of the Lord's generosity in several ways, but today we can focus on how He instructed the Hebrew people to drop their prejudice and include the Gentile peoples in the embrace of the Covenant that He first made with them. His decision must have caught most Jews by surprise. We know that many of them contested it.

In today's "Parable of the Hired Workers," the workers represent such Jews when they ask, "Is it fair that the same wage we earned be given to latecomers?" You see, among other things, they had to learn that God's decisions, especially those made with generosity, surpass human ways of thinking. Just think about that in the context of Judgment Day. Wouldn't we all want God to be generous?

Meanwhile, it will be our personal generosity that is looked at on that awful Day as a major component of God's decision about our future. But even here and now, we have no reason to panic. We should, however, take a healthy Sunday pause to consider our current lifestyle from the perspective of generosity. Let the truth hurt if it does.

Over my long wait for the necessary surgery to finally happen and relieve me of chronic pain, I was the recipient of so much generosity that I will never forget it, especially the prayers. (Many of you readers and hearers did this, I know.)

So be generous, my friends, and stay that way. A generous God is watching us. Bid Him to smile in appreciation of your diamond-like generosity and the gift of hope it brings. Here's a closing thought: "He who gives only when he is asked has waited too long." — E. C. McKenzie

Saturday, September 19

4:00 pm. + Maria Plumpton
by Deena & David Lachance

Sunday, September 20

10:00 am. + Elaine Perusse by a Friend

Mondy, September 21

5:30 pm. NO MASS

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 am. NO MASS

Wednesday, September 23

5:30 pm. NO MASS

Thursday, September 24

9:00 am. NO MASS

Friday, September 25

5:30 pm. NO MASS

Saturday, September 26

4:00 pm. + John Makara by Terry Makara & son Scott

Sunday, September 27

10:00 am. + Louise Caza, Anniversary
by Dennis & Janet Caza

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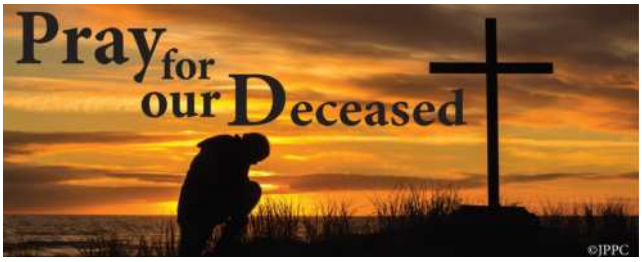
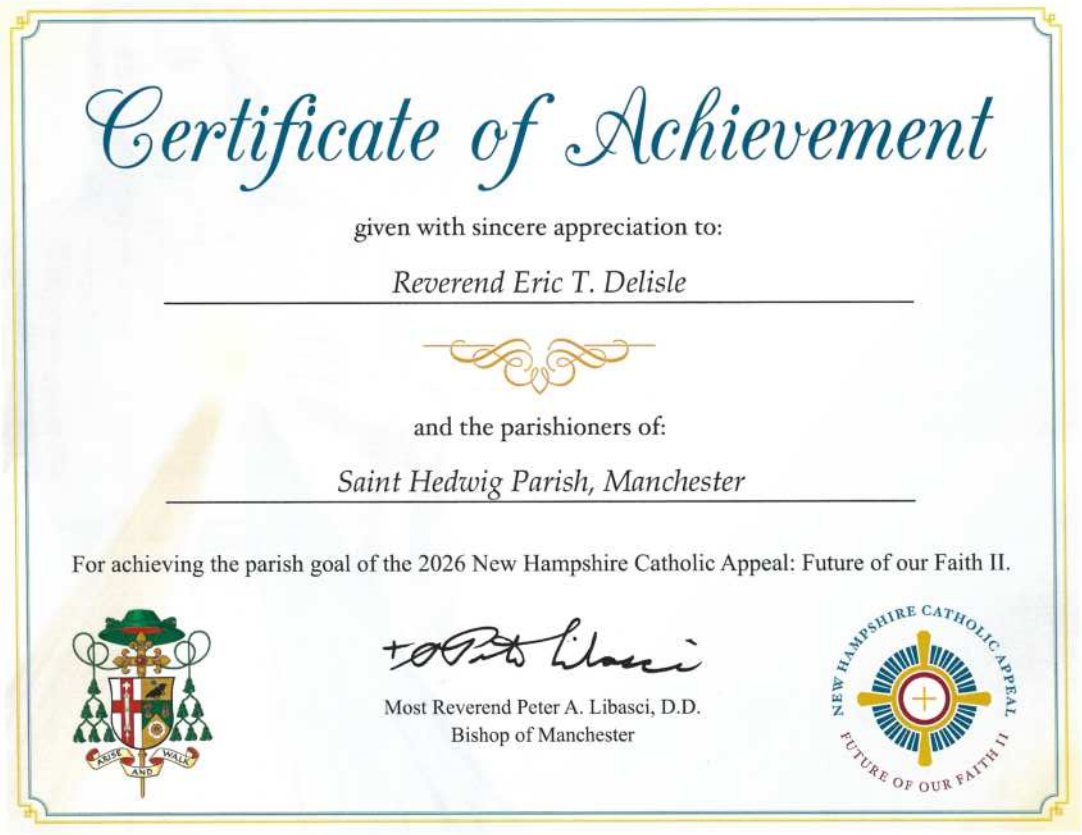
The time will come when we will need to plan for the day when God calls us home to Himself. After a life well lived, we hope to gain our place in the heavenly kingdom with God. We will also need our place of rest. Saint Hedwig Cemetery is a place of peace and beauty to bring our loved ones to their place of rest, and for ourselves as well. As a part of planning for the future, consider Saint Hedwig Cemetery. Call the parish office at 603-623-4835 for information and our very affordable prices. We will be glad to assist you.



Why Do We Pray For the Dead

Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest dyas of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins, she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable of not only helping them, but also making their intercession fro us effective. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 985)



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Dear Father Delisle:

Congratulations on exceeding your goal for the 2026 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal! I am truly grateful for your support and the generosity of your parishioners.

Thank you, and to all at Saint Hedwig Parish for extending the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters in New Hampshire. Because of you, the essential ministries of our diocese, such as caring for our retired priests, forming seminarians, and caring for the marginalized, can flourish for years to come.

May God bless you and all who will come to know God's love through the NHCA. I will continue to pray for you and your parish family at my daily Mass.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

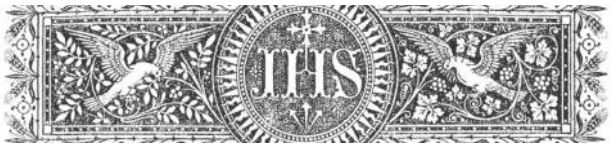
September Polish Mass
September 20, 2026
4:00 pm.
(Third Sunday of Every Month)
St. Hedwig Parish

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Vera Gorski, Jacques Parent, Kathy Philbert, Cathy Felch

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.*



Readings and Gospel Summary

Reading I: Sirach 27:30–28:7
Realize that keeping the Commandments is certainly an activity of lasting value. Only a sinner will cling to anger and vengeance. The good man practices forgiveness and thus prepares for the end of his life on earth.

Reading II: Romans 14:7-9
Our highest aim in life is to please Jesus Christ because we belong to Him. He "purchased" us at the cost of His precious blood.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
Jesus speaks of the limitless ("70 x 7") times we need to forgive. Mercy is the choice a true disciple makes toward his neighbor's faults. In the parable, the king's mercy is always "from the heart." (N.B. A "talent" is equal to 20 years' wages for a laborer.)

Readings for the Week

Monday 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 / Psalms 5:5-6, 7, 12 / Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30 / Psalms 13:6ab, 6c / Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 / Psalms 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 / Luke 6:20-26
Thursday 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Psalms 139:1B-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 / Luke 6:27-38
Friday 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 / Luke 6:39-42
Saturday 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 / Psalms 116:12-13, 17-18 / Luke 6:43-49
Sunday Sirach 27:30-28:7 / Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Romans 14:7-9 / Matthew 18:21-35

Fr. Eric will be away September 21 through October 4 for two weeks in Central Europe.

There will be no daily Masses Monday, September 21 through Friday, September, 25.

I am currently working on coverage for the weekday Masses, September 28th through October 2nd. Hopefully I'll let you know in next week's bulletin.

The weekend Masses will be covered by the following priests:

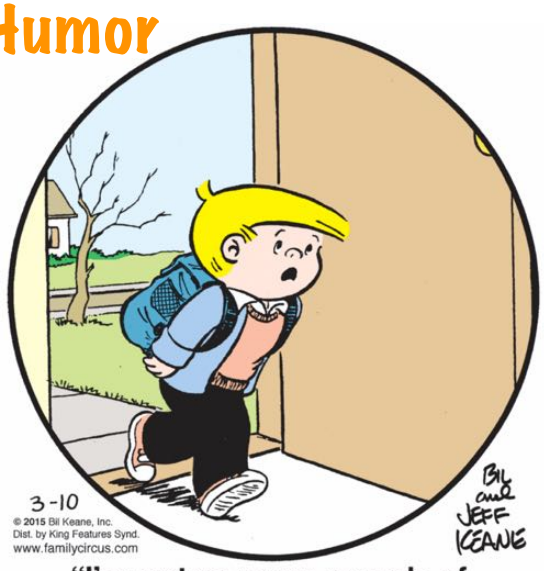
September 26th	Fr. Theo Mbaegbu
September 27th	Fr. John Flemming
October 3rd	Vacant (TBD)
October 4th	Fr. John Flemming

Please welcome these good priests and to thank them for covering these Masses while I am away.

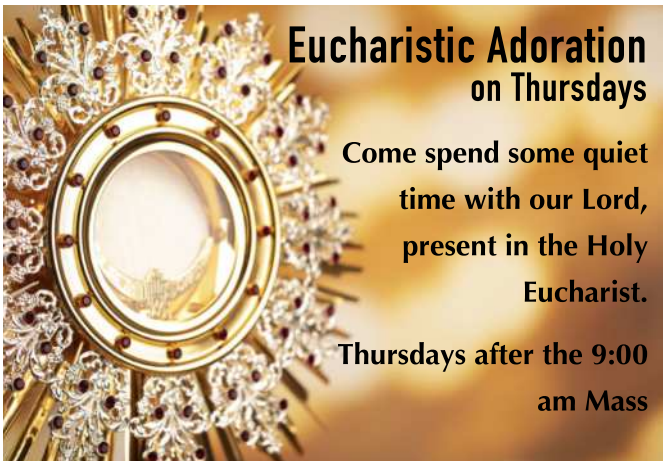
My travels will take me to Berlin and Dresden Germany. Prague, Czech Republic. Vienna, Austria. Bratislava and Donovaly, Slovakia. Budapest, Hungary, and Krakow, Poland.

I will return Sunday, October 4th, tired but happy to be home, having had a good time. Please pray for me and for a safe journey.

Humor



"I've got so many pounds of homework tonight, Mommy, I'm already exhausted."



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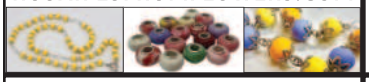

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