September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dwudziesta-szosta 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
Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, NH.
For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.
Hello Everyone!

Sometimes I get a gentle ribbing from friends about being a priest. They jokingly say, “so you only work on Saturday and Sundays? You have Monday through Friday off, what great deal.” Well, not so. Of course this is all in good humor, but the parish priest is always on duty, seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day.

Monday is the day that I prepare the weekend bulletin to send out for printing. This past Monday, September 20th was a particularly busy day. I usually have a set schedule, but God had other ideas. I started the day at 4:30 am to hit the gym in town so I can stay healthy for my parishioners. Then put myself together, and spend time for daily prayer, and then get this bulletin started. In the midst of preparing this, I had a graveside service at Pine Grove Cemetery at 11 am. Just as I was entering the cemetery, the Elliot Hospital called, two patients needed the Anointing of the Sick. Of course I had to tell them I was occupied and would go to the hospital after the graveside service.

Ok, now the grave side is done, and off to the Elliot. I take care of the two patients in need of anointing, and spend a few minutes chatting with them. Now I make my way back to the rectory to finish putting this bulletin together. As I was on Lake St., on my way home, the Villa Crest Nursing Home calls and there is a resident in need of the Sacrament of the Sick. Well, I’ll never get this bulletin done. Turn off on to another street, and up onto Hanover, to Villa Crest. They are under another shut down due to Covid, so I had to be fully suited up with gown, double masks, gloves and face shield. Safety first.

After this anointing, I’m finally able to make my way home, had a quick lunch, and then on to Maple Leaf Nursing Home for a 2:00 pm. Mass. Because of the Covid restrictions, it has been a year and a half since I celebrated Masses for the residents of Villa Crest and Maple Leaf. This is slowly getting off the ground as things go week by week depending on Covid outbreaks.

Now, I can get back to the bulletin and finish this thing off! I have to get this done before 4:30 pm because that is when I come over here to St. Hedwig’s to check the mail, emails and any messages, and prepare for the 5:30 pm. daily Mass.

Whew! What a day. We all have plans that we like to make and keep, but sometimes it doesn’t work the way we expected. God likes to throw curve balls at us when we least expect them. That is the life of the priest, we never know what to expect or what pastoral situation will come our way, hospital calls, or someone comes to the rectory office to seek counseling and reconciliation. It is often said, “Man proposes, God disposes,” or “Do you want to make God laugh, tell him you plans.”

So yes, I do work Monday through Friday, just like everyone else, I do get two days off a week, Tuesday and Wednesday. Even on my days off I may get a curve ball thrown at me by God, I respond to it, if I’m in town.

Whatever God throws our way, we take it with courage and grace, whether it is something nice, or an unexpected inconvenience. God doesn’t give us a trial we cannot endure without His help. Now this bulletin is done!

Fr. Eric
Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle  
*Pastor*

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak  
*Pastoral Assistant*

Scott Bergendahl  
*Music Director*

Dan Felch  
*Parish Maintenance*

Ellie Felch  
*Parish Secretary*

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

Pray for the Sick

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.

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  
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF  
147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH. 03104  
603-232-3115

Weekly Giving

Donations received, September 11 - 17, 2021

Weekly Offerings  $1,271.00

Online giving  $100.00  
Total: $1,371.00

Thank You!  
Bóg Zapłać

Weekly Giving

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.
The Saintly Friends of St. Joseph

St. Theresa de Avila: I took for my advocate and comforter the glorious Saint Joseph, and commended myself fervently to him; ... His aid has brought me more good than I ever desired to receive from him. ... I am quite amazed at the great favors Our Lord has given me, and the many dangers, both of soul and body, from which He has delivered me through the intercession of this blessed saint!

St. André of Mount Royal: When you invoke Saint Joseph, you don't have to speak much. You know your Father in heaven knows what you need; well, so does His friend Saint Joseph. Tell him, “If you were in my place, Saint Joseph, what would you do? Well, pray for this in my behalf.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori: There is no doubt about it: just as Jesus Christ wanted to be subject to Joseph on earth, so he does everything the saint asks of him in heaven. When Egypt was laid waste by the great famine, Pharaoh told his people, Ite ad Joseph! - Go to Joseph! So if we are in trouble, let us listen to the word of the Lord and take Pharaoh's advice; let us go to Joseph if we wish to be consoled...Above all, I most strongly urge you to ask him for three special graces: forgiveness of sins, love of Jesus Christ, and a happy death.
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

Our Religious Education classes for those children who have signed up to prepare for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin Sunday, October 10, 2021. For those families who have signed up, please consult with Fr. Eric to see if it would be best to have the classes before or after the 10 am Mass on Sundays. It will be a small group, but we are off to a new start with a religious education program for the first time in years. Please pray for our students as they grow in the knowledge of the faith, and for Fr. Eric who will be instructing them.

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!

Please note:

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.

Haiti Earthquake Relief Collection this weekend
If you picked up an envelope for the Haiti Earthquake Relief collection, it can be placed in the regular collection box to the right of the center doors on your way out of church.

A note from George & Nick Farmer: We would like to thank everyone who helped support our Golabki dinner fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed the dinner. Work has been happening on both projects. We look for to finishing them in October and present them at the November Eagle Board of review. Thank you again for your support, Nicholas and George Farmer.
Available in the back of the church are brochures for the Annual Collection for Retired Priests. Please take one if you haven’t yet and consider making a contribution to help our retired priests who have dedicated many years of their lives to care for the souls of their parishioners and who have been there for us in our times of need. Even in retirement, they are always happy to help out in parishes where needed. Let us show our appreciation by our support. If contributing by check, write it out to St. Hedwig with retired priests in the memo or it can be mailed directly to the diocese in the envelope provided.

Humor

In these trying times in the Church, please pray for and support our good seminarians for the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester:

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

From September 22 to October 31, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayers and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right of way outside Planned Parenthood, 24 Pennacook St., Manchester, and also help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like to volunteer to help, please visit 40daysforlife.com/manchester.

Please Note:
Fr. Eric will be away on his annual retreat from October 4 - 8, 2021 at the Marie-Joseph Center in Biddeford Pool, ME. As it can be difficult to get coverage for daily Masses, there will be no daily Masses October 4-7. Masses are available at St. Joseph Cathedral 7:00 am. Mon. - Fri., and St. Catherine (Hemlock St.) 9:00 am. Mon. - Friday. There will be Mass at St. Hedwig, Friday, October 8 at the usual time (5:30 pm.) as Fr. Eric will be back from his retreat by then.
St. Hedwig Ladies Guild

...serving the Parish for over 30 years.

New Members Welcome!

MEETING EVERY 3rd WEDNESDAY DURING THE SPRING AND FALL.

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