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.

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwighn.org
Hello Everyone!

There were many great figures of history who were either deaf or very hard of hearing. We can name a few for example: Ludwig van Beethoven, whose many beautiful musical compositions were written while he was deaf. Helen Keller, deaf, as well as blind and speech impaired, helped to bring such handicaps out into the open for greater public awareness, and to improve ways for teaching one how to communicate in the world despite their handicaps. Even Thomas Edison was very hard of hearing, and he invented the phonograph machine that produced recorded sound. Edison said that he was better able to concentrate on his work due to his hearing loss, suggesting that deaf people (like himself) should ‘take to reading’ because “it beats the babble of ordinary conversation.”

As one who is hearing impaired, I share this affliction with millions of people who struggle to hear. As a priest, listening is an important part of my ministry. I have to be able to hear people speaking to me with whatever needs they have, or to listen to a confession. I get along with the help of my hearing aids. Listening is vital to daily communication, for it can save our lives, spiritually and physically.

You may have a friend or family member who is hard of hearing and it can sometimes be frustrating trying to communicate with them as they ask us to repeat what we said, or it goes unheard.

In today’s gospel, Jesus heals a man who was born deaf. We can only imagine what it must be like to live in total silence, not being able to hear, and not being able to hear can isolate one self from society because we cannot interact with one another. Thankfully we have methods by which deaf people can communicate through sign language or the reading of lips. Anyone who is deaf can function perfectly well in society today.

Jesus opens the ears of the man so that he can hear, but He does this away from the crowds that have gathered around them so that the deaf man does not become too overwhelmed by the new sounds he will hear. Hearing is a gift. There are the sounds of the voices of our loved ones, birds chirping, beautiful music, bells ringing, but the world can be a very noisy place and we seek silence.

Taking time for silence is important so as to preserve our hearing, but to take the time to pray, to open up the ear of our hearts so that we can listen for the voice of Jesus. He comes to us in the silence to comfort and console us, to show us the peace we so desire. It is important that we take the time to listen to Jesus. He speaks to us in the Word of God, telling us that we are loved, we are forgiven, and that we will be with Him in life eternal.

Hearing allows us to survive this noisy world, to alert us from dangers, and bring us to quiet places for rest and respite. Allow the Lord to daily open your ears so that we can follow His voice.

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
147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104
603-232-3115

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

Weekly Giving

Due to early publication of the bulletin, last week's collection will appear next week.

Pray for the sick 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, September 4, 2021
4:00 pm. +S.p. John Dabrowski from Ray & Jeanne Bellemore

Sunday, September 5, 2021 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am. +S.p. David Kazanowski from the Family

Monday, September 6, 2021 Weekday
5:30 pm. For the protection of the unborn

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Weekday
9:00 am. For peace in the world

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30 pm. +S.p. Rev. Peter Guerin, OSB. from Fr. Eric Delisle

Thursday, September 9, 2021 St. Peter Claver
9:00 am. Increase of vocations to religious life

Friday, September 10, 2021 Weekday
5:30 pm. For the sanctification of St. Hedwig Parish

Saturday, September 11, 2021
4:00 pm. +S.p. Walter Szafarz from the Family

Sunday, September 12, 2021 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am. +S.p. Emilian Turczyk, 10th Anniv. from Daniel & Ken Cooper

Pope Leo XIII, *Quamquam Pluries*: Fathers of families find in Joseph the best personification of paternal solicitude and vigilance; spouses a perfect example of love, of peace, and of conjugal fidelity; virgins at the same time find in him the model and protector of virginal integrity. The noble of birth will earn of Joseph how to guard their dignity even in misfortune; the rich will understand, by his lessons, what are the goods most to be desired and won at the price of their labor. As to workmen, artisans, and persons of lesser degree, their recourse to Joseph is a special right, and his example is for their particular imitation.

**Online Giving:** Help grow and sustain our parish! Online giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges to your parish via your computer or smart device. Just go to sainthedwigparishnh.org, click on online giving to set up an account. It’s very easy.
Readings of the Week

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Sunday Readings

The Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 35: 4-7a
The prophet announces that the age of salvation has arrived. The Southern desert will flower, and physical healing will abound.

Reading II: James 2: 1-5
God’s glory should cancel out all taint of partiality in our relationships, such as a person’s status or worldly rank. In God’s kingdom, both rich and poor are invited to feast heartily.

The Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37
After the miraculous healing, Jesus commands the crowd to be silent about it. He wants them to know that He is more than a healer. The crowd’s opinion of Jesus echoes words found in the First Reading today from Isaiah, wherein Christ’s activity makes the Kingdom of God present.
Our parish goal for this year's appeal is $3,000. So far we have contributed $1,860. Thank You! Let's keep up the good work. Please be sure to pick up a Catholic Charities envelope if you have not yet picked one up. Please consider making a donation to support their good works.

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!

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church
“A just society can become a reality only when it is based on the respect of the transcendent dignity of the human person. The person represents the ultimate end of society. The social order and its development must invariably work to the benefit of the human person... not the other way around.”

—Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, No. 132
Humor

I can’t believe I’m almost SIX.

Relax, dude. Six is the new five.

Goląbki Dinner (Stuffed Cabbage)

September 11, 2021

These will be to go meals and can be picked up at the St. Hedwig Parish Hall after the 4:00 pm Mass until 7:00 pm. Dinners are $10.00.

This is to help fund and support George and Nick Farmer’s Eagle Scout Projects. Let us show them our support and appreciation!

Orders with payment must be placed by September 5th, 2021 and can be put in the collection box or orders and payment can be made online at:

https://troop118wreaths.square.site/

Stuffed Cabbage with the following choices:

Drinks:
Coke ___ Diet Coke ___ Sprite ___
Water ___ None ___

Desert:
Brownie ___ Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar ___

Sauce:
Tomato Sauce ___ None ___

Name: ____________________________
Phone: _________________________

This can be clipped out and placed in collection box.