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## *Liturgy*

### **Weekend Masses**

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

### **Weekday Masses**

Mon. Wed., Fri. 5:30 pm  
Tues., Thurs. 9:00 am

### **Holiday Masses:**

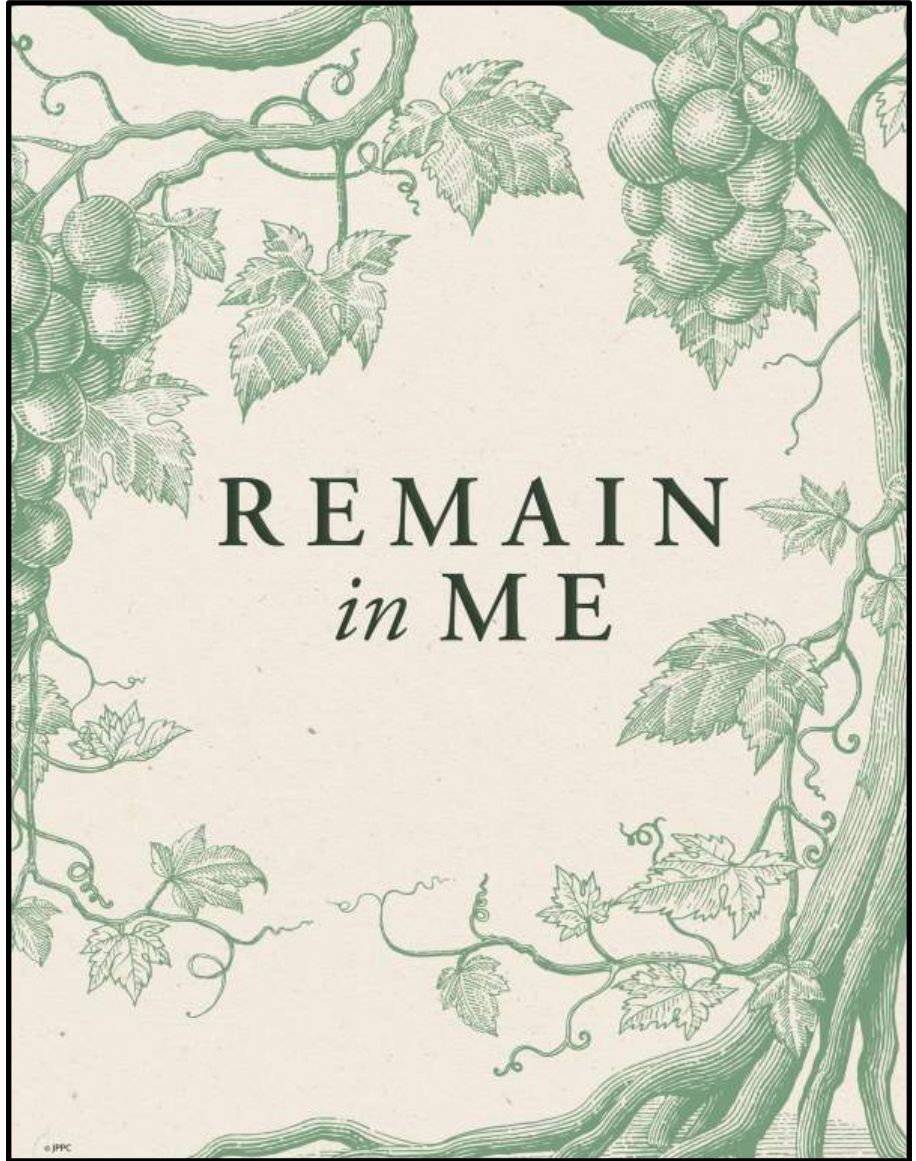
As Announced

*Sacrament of Penance*  
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

*Eucharistic Devotion*  
After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.

# SAINT HEDWIG PARISH

April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter  
*Forty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost*



## Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery



71 Old Bedford Rd.  
Bedford, New Hampshire

*Please contact the parish office for all  
inquiries pertaining to the cemetery.*

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## Parish Staff

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

Christopher Maynard              Dan Felch  
*Director of Music*                      *Parish Maintenance*

Ellie Felch                              Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski  
*Parish Secretary*                      *Mount Carmel Nursing Home*  
*Volunteer*

## 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.

## Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF  
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF

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## WEEKLY GIVING

April 13 - 19, 2024

Weekly Giving	\$ 997.00
Online Giving	\$160.00
Total	\$ 1,157.00

Votive Candles	\$323.00
Spaghetti Supper	\$719.00

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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**

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Way back in the mid 1960's, a Canadian communication theorist named Marshall McLuhan coined the phrase "The medium is the message." He proposed that a communication medium itself, not the messages it carries, should be the primary focus of study. He showed that artifacts such as media affect any society by their characteristics, or content.

All we have to do to get the "message" Our Lord Jesus preached is to observe Him striding across the pages of the New Testament to validate McLuhan's theory. Of course, we believers treasure His every word, and we can build our lives around them. But we can watch Him in our imaginations and see the very Word of God live His earthbound existence and conclude that He is truth itself. If only a nervous Pilate had waited for Jesus' answer to his question "What is truth?" on that fateful Friday long ago! But then we know that the procurator had proven unworthy of a response.

Today's beautiful yet profound self-identification of Jesus as the vine and we as the branches has reverberated down the centuries as a message to be treasured. Bold it was indeed, because Jesus was replacing a well-known description of Israel as a vine with Himself. We need not be wine merchants to grasp the meaning. The fact that Jesus was and is the perfect medium to express who God is and what He is about in His plan for salvation brings comfort to our Faith and enlivens our Hope.

What the resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate seal of approval from God the Father of all that Jesus said and did. In a time when "transparency" has become so necessary in the popular culture worn out by so much political scheming and even by questionable behavior of some senior Church prelates, we can rejoice in the straightforwardness of Jesus. He spoke the truth and lived it even when it was unpopular. Even when it invited hatred and inevitably crucifixion.

How do we maintain our connection with Jesus as branches in our time? How do we avoid the trap set by our contemporary culture to believe whatever the media touts as true? The answer is right before us in today's Gospel passage. "My Father is glorified when you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Bearing fruit becomes our job. Preserving true loyalty to Christ is the only way to "live and move and have our being." That in turn leads to our own resurrection. But do we get the message?

The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proof of a portrait, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the studio and arrived with these angry words: "This picture does not do me justice!" The photographer replied. "Sir, with a face like yours, you don't need justice, you need mercy!"



Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

**Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak,  
Julia Korona, Dr. Henry Plodzik, John Golabiewski, Jr.**

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.*

**Pray for the seminarians of our diocese to encourage them in their call to the priestly vocation:**

Christian Collopy, Caleb S. Goff, Nick Wencis,  
Spencer M. Gregory, Peter Phong Quang Le,  
Horngam Patrick Razhamah, Andre Nadeau,  
Deacon Eric Ouellette, Casey Burgess, Jacob Condi,  
Guillaume Temkkit, Christian Hurlburt



"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

4:00 pm. - +S.p. Zofia Bak, Anniversary  
*from Daughters Eva & Maria*

### SUNDAY APRIL 28 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am. - +S.p. Andrew Felch, 4th Anniversary  
*from Cathy Felch*

### MONDAY, APRIL 29 St. Catherine of Sienna

5:30 PM. - +S.p. Alan Guertin *from Pedone Family*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30 Easter Weekday

9:00 am. - For forgotten souls in Purgatory  
*from Barbara Andersen*

### WEDNESDAY, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

5:30 pm.. - Peace in the Ukraine & Israel

### THURSDAY, May 2 St. Athanasius

9:00 am. - +S.p. Kazanowski, Birthday Remembrance  
*from the Family*

### FRIDAY, May 3 Sts. Phillip & James

5:30 pm. - +S.p. Hedwig Lula, Anniversary  
*from Wojdyla Family*

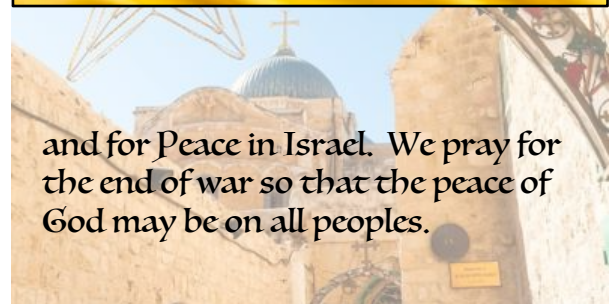
### SATURDAY, May 4

4:00 pm. - +S.p. Helen M. Warren, Anniversary  
*from Nancy Dudziak*

### SUNDAY May 5 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am. - +S.p. Alexander & Mary Plodzic, and Borowski Family  
*from Plodzic Family*

**SANCTUARY CANDLE Zofia Bak**



*O God, You who taught St. Hedwig to renounce the pomps of this world, that, with her whole heart, she might follow the humble way of Your Cross, grant that, through her merits and example, we may learn to trample underfoot the perishable delights of this world, and by embracing Your Cross overcome whatever opposes us. Amen.*

## Parish Devotional Life

### Sunday Readings

#### **Reading I: Acts 9: 26-31**

Paul is at first much feared by the disciples because of his past persecution of them. But his conversion led to the peace described here.

#### **Reading II: 1 John 3: 18-24**

The test of one's acceptance by God is the willingness to do "what pleases Him," namely loving one another as He commands.

#### **The Gospel: John 15: 1-8**

Jesus describes Himself as the true vine, replacing the older image of Israel as the vine. The disciples, representing Jesus in the world, give glory to the Father.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday** Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday** Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday** Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

**Friday** 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14

**Saturday** Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



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.

**Join us every Sunday for the recitation of  
the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
before Mass at 9:05 am.**



"Love the Madonna and pray the  
Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon  
against the evils of the world today.  
All graces given by God pass through  
the Blessed Mother."

*St Padre Pio*



## Saint Hedwig Cemetery

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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  
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glad to assist you.**

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On the weekend of May 4/5 begins the 2024 annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, One Bread, One Body (NHCA), an initiative designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year, our parish, along with the 87 parishes helped to raise more than \$3.8 million. Thanks to all who donated to the appeal last year. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through Parable magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more. A speaker will join us on the weekend of May 4/5 to speak to us and promote our participation in the Appeal. Brochures and envelopes will be provided. Please pray for the Church in New Hampshire, that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, go to [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca). Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

**There will be no daily Masses on Monday May 6, and Tuesday May 7 as Fr. Eric will be away on the annual Spring Priests Convocation in Whitefield, NH. Fr. Eric will be back for the Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 pm. Mass**

# Thank You!

*A big thanks to all who helped in making our Spaghetti Supper a great success! To Judy Larendeau, Nancy Dudziak, Eileen Kelley, Helen Swierz, Jane Sargent, and Mark Farmer, who helped to mix, roll, and bake the meatballs, and prepare the tomatoes for the sauce, for serving and being supportive and enthusiastic in this venture. For all who attended and enjoyed the dinner, thank you for your support of the parish. Please know how much you are appreciated!*

## Zdrowaś Maryjo



Zdrowaś Maryjo, łaski pełna, Pan z Tobą, błogosławionaś Ty między niewiastami, i błogosławiony owoc żywota Twojego, Jezus. Święta Maryjo, Matko Boża, módl się za nami grzesznymi teraz i w godzinę

śmierci naszej. Amen.



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# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Forty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

April 21, 2024



## ***How many times did Jesus appear after the Resurrection?***

Although we don't know the exact number of times he appeared, we do have an idea. Scripture documents 10 appearances to Jesus' disciples. However, according to tradition, he appeared 12 times.

John 20:30 says:

*“Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book.”*

These appearances affirmed His physical resurrection, Father Pagano says. “The whole idea of what we're bringing to the altar, Jesus' resurrected body is right there for us to receive each and every single day.”

## ***Who did Jesus appear to first?***

Tradition tells us that his very first appearance was to his mother, Mary. Although not explicitly recorded in the Gospels, Scheel says “the Church Doctors and Church Fathers all maintain this like it was a known fact.”

Why did people not recognize Jesus after the resurrection? The mysterious nature of His resurrected body often rendered Him unrecognizable to even His closest followers initially. Mary Magdalene “thought He was the gardener” and only recognized Him after He called her by name, Dellacrosse says.

## ***What are the deeper meanings of each appearance?***

In each appearance, Jesus taught specific lessons and spiritual truths. On the road to Emmaus, He revealed Himself as the fulfiller of the Scriptures and demonstrated that He could be recognized in the breaking of bread. When He appeared to the Apostles behind locked doors, it affirmed His resurrection promises and established the Church's mission. His reinstatement of Peter showed His forgiveness and the Church's duty to shepherd His flock.

***Source: churchpop.com***

## **2.THE MESSAGE**

The Lord's Mercy is **greater** than our sins and He desires for us to turn to Him with trust and repentance before our judgment.

**The message of Divine Mercy is not new to Church teaching.** Pope Benedict XVI described it as **the center of the Gospel.**

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## ***Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays***



*Come spend some quiet time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.*

**Thursdays after the 9:00 am Mass  
(9:30 am)**

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.” *Pope Benedict XVI*

*Adoration is also available at St. Joseph Cathedral,  
Wednesdays 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.in the chapel (Lowell St.)*





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