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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

Holyday Masses:

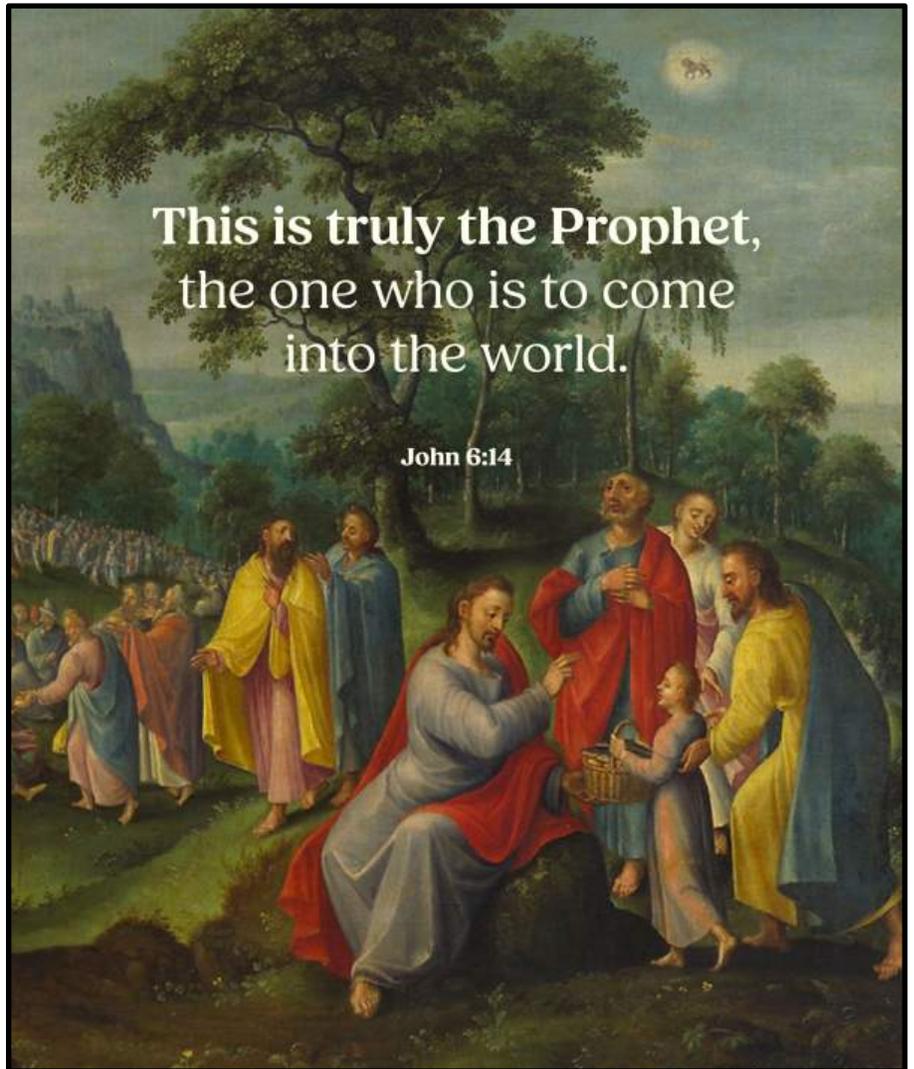
As Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on
Thursdays.



July 28, 2024 - Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Tenth 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.*

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Tests are the bane of student life. So much so that young people do not even want to talk about them on a summer vacation day in late July. But tests, we know, are a necessary component of the education process. It starts out slowly in kindergarten and stretches to graduate school. Interestingly enough, tests of various kinds even have their place in the Bible. Even the holy Apostles had to endure them. Case in point: the perplexed apostle Philip in today's well-known episode. Jesus, who is, after all, the Master teacher observes the crowd of some ten thousand people (allowing for wives and children) who have followed Him. So, he turns to Philip and asks, "Where can we buy enough food for them?" (Please note, with a touch of humor, the complete absence of something called a "supermarket.") And then our author writes the six-word comment: "He said this to test him."

Not surprisingly, we were not given Philip's answer. But very surprising for sure was the follow up action of Jesus for both him and the other Eleven. Philip and the others will soon learn that this miracle was only a preview of another one to follow on Holy Thursday night.

For us, living some two thousand years later, we have the benefit of at least three consoling facts to hold dear in resisting the pull of our Western culture that pushes the false idea that truth is relative. First consolation: numbers are never an obstacle for almighty God's strategy. He can and does feed billions of Catholics now around the world spiritual food to energize their (and our) living out the Gospel. Second consolation: the Eucharist, as the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus is the true treasure of our Church, having nothing to do with real estate or any other measurement.

Third consolation: Jesus has kept His promise to be with us "all days until the end of the age." Each holy Mass is proof. Each of us is its beneficiary. Therein lies the fact of the matter and the core of our belief. It does not change with the passage of time. Nor does it ever need updating. Only in our hearts.

There is a story of a man who came to his old friend, a music teacher, and asked him, "What's the good news today?" The old teacher was silent as he stood up and walked across the room, picked up a hammer, and struck a tuning fork. As the note sounded out through the room, he said, "That is A. It is A today; it was A five thousand years ago, and it will be A ten thousand years from now. The soprano upstairs sings off-key, the tenor across the hall flats on his high notes, and the piano downstairs is out of tune." He struck the note again and said, "That is A, my friend, and that's the good news for today."

God love you and give you His peace every day.

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Pray FOR THE SICK
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Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Rita Haskins, Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak, Julia Korona, Dr. Henry Plodzik, Stella Russell.

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.*



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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, July 27

4:00 pm. - +S.p. Julia Dudek, 12th Anniversary
from Dudek Family

SUNDAY July 28 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. - +S.p. Michalina Turczyk, Anniversary
from Daniela & Ken Cooper
Stella Russell, Blessings on Your 100th Birthday
from the Family

MONDAY, July 29 Sts. Martha & Mary

5:30 pm. - Joyce Guill for Health and God's Blessings
from Pam Harvey

TUESDAY, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus

9:00 am. - +S.p. Mayberry Family *from Szulc Family*

WEDNESDAY, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

5:30 pm.. - Peter Williams *from Jenna Pedone*

THURSDAY, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

9:00 am. - +S.p. Szulc Family *from the Family*

FRIDAY, August 2 St. Peter Julian Eymard

5:30 pm. - +S.p. Emily Menczywor, 2nd Anniversary
from Family

SATURDAY, August 3

4:00 pm. - +S.p. Lucien Gagne
from Mrs. Simone Beliveau

SUNDAY August 4 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. - +S.p. Mary Anne Pawlowski, 12th Anniversary
from James Pawlowski

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

John Jamrog

Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask Blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and to you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand

of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, “Give it to the people to eat.” But his servant objected, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” Elisha insisted, “Give it to the people to eat.” “For thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’” And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season;
you open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Eph 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and

one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Alleluia

*A great prophet has risen in our midst.
God has visited his people.*

Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.



Different Interpretations of God

God is a concept that holds various interpretations in different religions and cultures. Here are some of the different interpretations of God:

1. **Monotheism:** In monotheistic religions like Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, God is believed to be a singular, supreme being who created and governs the universe.
2. **Polytheism:** In polytheistic religions like Hinduism and ancient Greek and Roman religions, multiple gods and goddesses are worshiped, each with their own specific powers and responsibilities.
3. **Pantheism:** Pantheism, found in some forms of Hinduism and modern spiritual beliefs, sees God as synonymous with the universe itself. The belief is that everything in existence is an aspect of God.
4. **Panentheism:** Panentheism, found in some branches of Christianity and Hinduism, suggests that God exists both within and beyond the universe. God is seen as encompassing all of creation while also transcending it.
5. **Deism:** Deism, popular in the 17th and 18th centuries, holds that God created the universe but does not intervene in its affairs or interact with humans directly.
6. **Atheism:** Atheism is the absence of belief in God or gods. Atheists do not believe in the existence of any higher power.

These interpretations of God vary greatly and are influenced by cultural, historical, and philosophical factors. It's important to note that this is not an exhaustive list and that beliefs can vary within each religion and culture.



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I am grateful to all our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of



now, we have raised so far **\$4,925**. Be mindful, our goal is **\$11,855**. If you have not yet made a gift to the Appeal, I encourage you to do so by filling out a gift envelope, brochures with the envelope can

be found in the back of the Church or make a gift online. Thank you again for your support of these important diocesan ministries.



Remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of:

Evelyn Heleniak

Elaine Perusse

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Humor



Readings for the Week

Monday Jer 13:1-11 De 32:18-19, 20, 21 Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Mt
13:36-43

Wednesday Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17,
18 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB Mt
13:47-53

Friday Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 Eph
4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35



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