



# Most Holy Redeemer Church

December 19-20, 2020

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### Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed: 9am - 3pm  
(Closed from 11:30-12:00)  
Thurs & Fri. 9am—1pm

### MHR PARISH STAFF

Fr. Piotr Pawlus, Pastor  
John Gibbons, Faith Formation  
Norma Kostek, Administrative Assistant  
Doug Almanzar, Music Director  
Pauline Danylieko, Funeral Organist  
Frank Wilda, Folk Choir

### ADVISORY

Finance Council, Kathy Zieja  
Cemetery, Paul Mokrzecki  
Pastoral Council, Joan Smola

### First Friday

Confession 12:30 pm  
Mass 1pm in Parish Hall  
Adoration 1:30-5pm



### Confession

Saturdays 3-3:30pm  
or by appointment

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA  
during Monday's morning Mass

### HADLEY AT ELAINE MANOR

MONTHLY MASS  
2nd Thurs, 10:30am  
Communion on Sundays

Holy Rosary Cemetery  
Huntington Rd. Hadley, MA

# FOURTH SUNDAY of Advent



**MOST HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH, HADLEY MA 01035**

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am  
(in Parish Hall)

Weekend Schedule (in Parish Hall)

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am

## *This Week's MASS INTENTIONS*

Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:00pm For Rita Paddock r/b daughter

Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:00am: For Victor Lesko r/b family

10:30am: For Nellie Fydenkevez r/b Audrey

Monday, December 21, 2020

8:00am For people of Most Holy Redeemer

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

8:00am: For Birthday blessing for Tony from Mom

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

NO MASS

Thursday, December 24, 2020

4:00pm: For John Hanieski (2 yr anniv) r/b wife and family

10:00pm: Deceased members of the Boucher & Kostek families r/b Norma, Frank and family

Friday, December 25, 2020

9:00am: Edward, Victoria, Theresa Banas & Edward & Frances Machno Slattery r/b son, Charles

10:30am: all deceased members of Most Holy Redeemer

Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:00pm For Philip & Catherine Woodard r/b Wayne & Irene Woodard

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:00am: For John Hanieski r/b wife and family

10:30am: Charles Malek, Jr r/b Mom, Dad & family

## *VOTIVE LIGHT PRAYER INTENTIONS*

**For Our Military:** Chris Ahlemeyer, Edmund Loughran, & Troy Meyer, Sam Salvatore

For Claire's health from family, for Rita Bishko, for Ann Kristek from Diane & Joe, for Adeline Rocasah from Diane & Joe, for Victoria, Edward & Theresa Banas from Fr. Charles, for John Kzcowski from family, for Philip, Catherine, & Nancy Woodard from Wayne & Irene Woodard, for Edward Machno & Frances (Machno) Slattery from Fr. Charles, for Patricia M. Bye from husband, Joe, for the health of Ret. CW02 Edward Stanley from Gerald & Alvira Balut, for Helen Waskiewicz from Ron & family, for Henry Malek, Sr, from Betty & Bill Koszewski, for Robert Christian Belado, for Edward & Helen Waskiewicz from son, Michael, for Adams, Asselin, Daughdrill & Muraski families from Nancy & Stan Adams, for Henry Malek, Sr., from wife Eileen & family, for Frances Pleppo from daughter, Karen, for Edward & Theresa Boucher from daughter, Norma, for Sue Buckley from Ed & Joan Smola, for Mary & Jack, birthday remembrance from Marianne Wanczyk, for Madelyn Grala from Antoinette Rodak, for Charles & Wanda Chmura from daughter, Charlene, for deceased members of the Chumura & Kielbasa families from Charlene, for Stanley Rodak from wife, children & grandchildren

## **Baptism, Confirmation, & Wedding Information**

**Baptism** is available for infants, children, and adults. To sign up for classes, call the Faith Formation Office: 413-584-1326. For the Sacrament of **Confirmation for Adults**, please call the office: 413-584-1326 or pick up a brochure at either church entrance. **Wedding** dates cannot be set until after a meeting with the parish priest, at least 1 year before the desired date. Please call the office for an appointment.



Due to COVID-19, we are not doing visits to the hospitals, unless it is an emergency.

## **EFT for weekly church donation**

EFT information: (Electronic Funds Transfer). If you would like to find out more about this easy way to make your weekly offerings, please pick up the information and donation schedule on the table in the Parish Center.

Most Holy Redeemer

Weekly Collection: \$3201.00

*Thank you for your generous support of our parish community!*

## Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

Oplatek is still available for sale in the sacristy after all Masses and in the office.



Faith Formation

Class Schedule;

December 20: K-5, 6-8

December 27: NO CLASS

January 3: K-5, 9-10

January 10: K-5, 6-8

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Do you know someone who could use the comfort from a prayer shawl?

We have been making the shawls, and would like to have people in need to have them.

Please call the office at 413-584-1326. We ask that they are given to our parishioners, as we have a limited supply.

Thank you,  
Norma Kostek

A Special thank you

We would like to express our thanks to Jim and Aiden Michalak for decorating the front of our church. It looks beautiful!!

The office will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and December 25th for Christmas.

I will return on December 27th.

The chalk has been ordered for The Epiphany of the Lord. It will be available on January 3rd.

We want to assure you that we are still following all the Diocesan and State guidelines regarding COVID safety precautions. If you have concerns, please contact the office. Masks are still required.

**A Friendly Reminder**  
The 4:00 Mass on Saturday is available to watch on Facebook. You can access it all week if you don't get a chance to watch on Saturday.

Christmas Masses are as follows:  
Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm  
Christmas Day: 9:00 and 10:30  
The 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve will be available to watch on Facebook



**Hadley Weekend Meals Ministry**

A project of MHR, First Congregational, North Hadley Congregational, and Take and Eat, supported by the Hadley Young Men's Club.

Meals are delivered on the 1st Saturday and 2nd Sunday each month. MHR's team prepares meals on the 2nd Sunday every



**Hadley Food Pantry**

A project of MHR and First Congregational Church  
We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their support of the Food Pantry  
The Hadley Food Pantry in the MHR Parish Hall is open every Sunday from noon to 1pm. We are in need of Bottled juices, crackers, and cooking oils

**SEE BELOW**

Monetary donations are always welcomed to help cover the cost of replenishing the shelves. You may drop off donations at the office during regular hours or put them in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and place in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to MHR Church with "food pantry" written in the memo line. Your continued support is appreciated by those who rely on the pantry.

Contact Joan Smola at 413-584-1901



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council #1619**

**MEETINGS 2ND MONDAY 7:00PM  
FR. BENOIT PARISH CENTER  
120 RUSSELL STREET HADLEY, MA**

**WE INVITE CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH TO CONSIDER JOINING US**

The Advent Wreath stands for the many long years the world waited for a Savior. The wreath is a circle of green branches. It reminds us of God, whose love for us will never end.

The four candles stand for the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple. When we light them or see them, we remember that God want to be with us in prayer. The candle for the third Sunday of Advent is rose colored. We rejoice on this Sunday, because the birth of Jesus is near.

The first candle stands for Hope. The second candle is for Love. The third is for Joy, and the fourth candle, which we light the Sunday before Christmas, is for Peace.  
Jesus the Prince of Peace, is coming.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and our salvation he came down from Heaven (bow) and by the Holy Spirit, was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontias Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

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 you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.