



Most Holy Redeemer Church

December 26-27 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



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

Text from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 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 & family

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

Monday, December 28 2020

8:00am For Theodore Kapinos r/b wife, Helen

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

8:00am: For People of Most Holy Redeemer

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

NO MASS

Thursday, December 31, 2020

8:00am: Birthday blessing for Anthony from Mom

Friday, January 1, 2021

1:00pm: For Walter Meurisse r/b Joan & Ed Smola

For Mark Madenski r/b wife

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00pm: Birthday remembrance for Edward Boucher r/b Norma, Frank, Katie, & Matt
For Veronica Kozlakowski r/b Rich & Connie Holden

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00am: For John A. Mokrzecki r/b Gerald & Alvira Balut

10:30am: For Dan Melley r/b Ginger Goldsbury

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: \$

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community!

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

Thank you to all the volunteers that stayed and helped to decorate the Church.



Faith Formation

Class Schedule;

December 27: NO CLASS

January 3: K-5, 9-10

January 10: K-5, 6-8

January 17: NO CLASS

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

We have been making the shawls, and would like the 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.

The Winners of the Holiday Baskets were
Kris Beaudry & Wayne Woodard
Congratulations!!

We would like to thank Peter & Laura Meyer who donated all the gifts that were in the baskets and also assembled them. Thank you to Joe Pelis who donated the Polish beer



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

This is the week for thank you's!!

To all who participated in the Giving Tree, we would like to express our many thanks. Not only did you donate to parishioners in need, you also gave to Bethlehem House again. The gifts have been distributed and they were greatly appreciated.

We have an amazing church community and we are grateful.

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.