



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

Most Holy Redeemer

Weekly Collection: \$3201.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community!

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.



Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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

Faith Formation



Class Schedule;

December 13: K-5, 9-10

December 20: K-5, 6-8

December 27: NO CLASS

January 3: K-5, 9-10

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

Holiday Raffle

Our very own Most Holy Redeemer cookbooks are for sale during the holiday season and will be sold at a discounted price of \$5.00. For those who purchase a cookbook they will receive a free raffle ticket for the holiday raffle.

The holiday raffle is a fundraiser sponsored by the Pastoral Council and tickets can be purchased after each Mass starting on Saturday, November 21st or in the church office during regular business hours.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

The winner will be drawn after the 10:30 Mass, December 13th

Good Luck Everyone!

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.

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.