



Most Holy Redeemer Church

January 2-3, 2021

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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

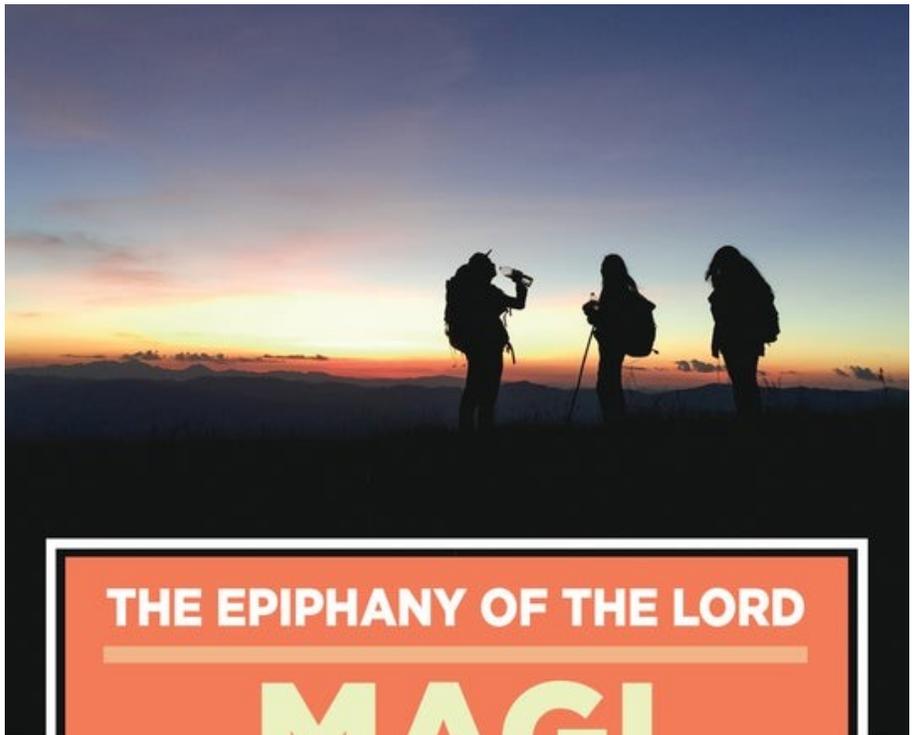
Saturdays 3-3:30pm
or by appointment

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MAGI

When Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea, in the
days of King Herod, behold,
magi from the east arrived
in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1

Excerpts 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, January 2, 2021

4:00pm For Edward Boucher r/b daughter 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

Monday, January 4, 2021

8:00am For People of Most Holy Redeemer
For Theresa Banas (8 yr anniv) from her brother, Fr. Charles

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:00am: For Raymond Russell, Sr. r/b Gerald & Alvira Balut

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

NO MASS

Thursday, January 7, 2021

8:00am: For the souls of Josse & Rosaryo r/b granddaughter

Friday, January 8, 2021

8:00am: For Raymond Russell, Sr r/b Justina & Stephen Kzcowski

Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:00pm: For Richard Fydenkevez r/b Millie Szymkowicz & family

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00am: For Mary Fitzgibbon r/b Gerald & Alvira

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, for David Chmura r/b Mom & Dad,

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: \$4,535.00

Christmas: \$1864.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community!

Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Food Drive. We delivered to 16 families and elderly in the area. Please remember to donate to the food pantry all year long, and thank you. Thank you also to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree.

Faith Formation

Class Schedule;



January 3: No Class

January 10: K-5, 6-8

January 17: NO CLASS

January 24: K-5, 9-10

January 31: K-5, 6-8

The Servant's Reward

One day, when you are in heaven, someone will come up to you and thank you for the way you touched their life with hope and encouragement. The person's words will take you by surprise. Soon another person will seek you out, and then another and another. As you listen to each one's story, you will begin to discover all the ways that God used your life, when you were completely unaware of it. You will find that it was not only through the big things you did, but also through the little things—through a spoken word that was not planned, a spontaneous act of kindness, a loving attitude, or a simple prayer of concern. To your joy, you will discover that in all of these ways and more, God used you to deposit an eternal measure of His love into many needy hearts.

Roy Lessin

What Prayer Is

Thanking God. This is also a form of prayer; thanking Him for everything that He has given to us: life, health, friends, family, talents or anything else. Let us always be thankful to the Giver of the gifts.

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.

Father and I delivered the gifts to Bethlehem House. He was kind enough to take me with him, and what a wonderful experience. I was amazed to see everything that they do. The baskets they put together, the sewing room that they have to make quilts, the chapel, etc. The kindness that you feel when you are there is truly inspirational. This was my first time at Bethlehem House and I really cannot describe the feeling that I experienced. I want to express a very big thank you to Father Piotr for letting me go with him. It is an experience I will not soon forget.



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 Crackers, Cereal, and Mayonnaise

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 Feast of the Three Kings is celebrated in a special way in January. In church, chalk and incense are blessed and distributed to the faithful. The incense is meant to remind us of the gifts the Three Kings gave to Jesus and the chalk is to be used in a special ceremony in each home. On returning home with the blessed chalk and incense, families light the incense and the fragrant smoke is allowed to fill and sanctify the house, reminding everyone of the gifts of the Three Kings again and also of the spiritual gifts dispensed by the Church. The blessed chalk is used to inscribe +K+M+B++ and the date over the inside of each door in the house. The letters are the initials of the Three Kings: +Kaspar + Melchior + Balthasar+. They are written over each entrance into the house, not only to commemorate the feast of the Magi but also to remind inhabitants that they must treat all who come to their door as kings—as kings searching for Jesus (for are not all people searching for God?). Hospitality and kindness must be shown to all just as one would show respect and kindness to the Three Kings searching for Jesus!

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.