



Most Holy Redeemer Church

May 8-9, 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

LOVE



“Love one another.”

JOHN 15:17

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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 & 10:30 am

This Week's MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 8, 2021

4:00pm For Ann Salvatore r/b Justina & Stephen Kzcowski

Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:00am: For Martha Boisvert r/b Frank & Joanne Wilda

For Clara Pipczynski from a friend

10:30am: For Charles Malek Jr. (5th anniv) r/b Mom, Dad and family

Monday, May 10, 2021

8:00am: For Martha Boisvert r/b June Suleski

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

8:00am: For Leo Carney r/b family

Wednesday, May 12, 2021:

NO MASS

Thursday, May 13, 2021—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00am: For the health and well being of Rowan Basa r/b Amy

7pm: For the health and well being of Cindy Malek r/b Stan & Kathy Zieja

Friday, May 14, 2021

1:00pm: For people of Most Holy Redeemer

Saturday, May 15, 2021

4:00pm: For Veronica Kozlakowski r/b Wayne & Irene Woodard

Sunday, May 16, 2021

8:00am: For Jean Zakaitis r/b family

10:30am: For Zofia Jaroszevska r/b Szymborn 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 and 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 Sally Jekanowski

For Bill Koszewski from Eileen Malek

For Stanley Rodak from wife and family

For Cindy Malek from Mom and 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.



Most Holy Redeemer

Weekly Collection: \$2236.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community!

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

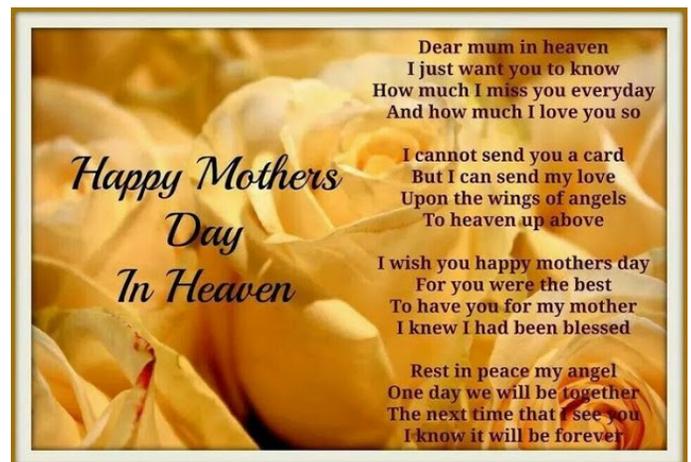
Faith Formation Classes:

May 9: K-5, 6-8

May 16: K-5, 9-10—Last class of the year.



Church Information
We have canceled our post office box, so please address mail as follows:
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We would like to wish you all a very happy Mother's Day!



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.

The Pastoral Council has been working to improve communications through our website and Facebook page. Improvements to the website include updates and pictures of the church renovation, the parish registration and baptismal forms, and updated guidelines for the cemetery and much more. Facebook streams the 4pm mass and posts pictures, food pantry needs, and other vital parish information.

A big thank you to the high school CCD class who worked so hard on the Take and Eat meal for April. They bagged several items and then boxed up the meals, and then cleaned up the kitchen.

We would also like to thank them for weeding, spreading mulch, planting flowers, moving plants. We would also like to thank the elementary CCD class for their help in planting flowers and watering.

Thank you to Twenty Acre Farm for donating the annuals for the pots near the entrance to the church and the parish hall.

These projects teach our students the benefits of hard work and make our church beautiful!!



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 month. Want to help? Contact Office: 584-1326



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 Cereal and mayonnaise

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

Sunday June 6—Eucharistic Rosary Procession

Northampton: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 99 King St., will hold its 19th annual Diocesan wide Rosary Procession "The Rescue Mission" with Bishop Byrne from 1-4 pm (rain or shine). The procession will include confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction. For additional information, call George or Brenda at 413-221-4372.



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.

