

Most Holy Redeemer Church

December 25-26, 2021



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Office Hours

Mon. & Tues. 8:00am—1:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am—1:00pm
Thurs & Fri. 8:00am—1:00pm

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 Church
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 NATIVITY of the Lord

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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 church))

Weekend Schedule (in church)

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

This Week's MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25, 2021
9:00am: For Philip & Catherine Woodard r/b Wayne & Irene Woodard

10:30am: For Clara Pipczynski r/b June Suleski

Sunday, December 26, 2021
8:00am: For Anna Fil r/b family

10:30am: For John & Nancy Mokrzecki r/b Gerald & Alvira Balut

Monday, December 27, 2021
8:00am: For the soul of Helen, Paul, & Bruno Smigielski r/b family

Tuesday, December 28, 2021
8:00am: For Katherine & John Zaffino r/b family

Wednesday, December 29, 2021
NO MASS

Thursday, December 30, 2021
8:00am: For people of Most Holy Redeemer

Friday, December 31, 2021 (First Friday)
1:00pm: For the soul of Mark Madenski r/b family
For Clara Pipczynski r/b family

Saturday, January 1, 2022
9:00am: For Edward Boucher r/b Norma, Frank, Matt & Katie

Sunday, January 2, 2022
8:00am: For John Mokrzecki, Jr r/b Gerald & Alvira Balut

10:30am: For Helen Lesko r/b Ann, Anthony, & Stanley Sadlowski

VOTIVE LIGHT PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

- For **Claire's health** from family
- 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 **Henry Malek, Sr** from Betty & Bill Koszewski
- For **Edward & Helen Waskiewicz** from son, Michael
- For **Adams, Asselin, Daughdrill & Muraski** families from Nancy & Stan Adams
- For **Frances Pleppo** from daughter Karen
- For **Sally Jekanowski**
- For **Bill Koszewski** from Eileen Malek
- For **Stanley Rodak** from wife and family
- For **Cindy Makek** from Mom, Dad, and family
- For **Eileen Malek** from Betty Koszewski
- For **David Chmura** from Mom & Dad
- In memory of members of the **Kieras & Koziol families** from John & Lorraine Kieras
- For **Victoria Wanczyk** from Joanne & Robert Wanczyk
- For **Betty Sadlowski** from Jeff & Chris Sadlowski
- For **John & Mary Kelley** from Marianne
- For **Dianne's health** from Joe
- For **Jeff Gladu** from Frank & Nancy Lattuca
- For Edward (Butchie) Rodak

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.

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If you would like a visit at the hospital, Please call the church office at 413-584-1326

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Most Holy Redeemer—Parish Stewardship
Weekly Collection: \$ 2,787.00 for 12/12/21

Budgeted goal \$3,650.00

Bulletins are on a different schedule due to the holidays. Weekend collections will be posted when they are available.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community!

Background on the Gospel

There are four Masses that are celebrated for the Feast of Christmas and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas morning continues the story of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke's Gospel, ending with the shepherds' visit to the infant Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the infancy narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this part of John's Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word" in the opening verse. This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God's action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the logos was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witnesses to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

Here is the schedule of Christmas Masses:
Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00 pm & 10:00pm
Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day
9:00am & 10:30am
No Vigil Mass at 4:00pm on Christmas Day
Sunday, December 26th
8:00am & 10:30am
December 31, (First Friday) 1:00pm
January 1, 2022 (Saturday) 9:00am
January 2, 2022 (Sunday) 8:00 am & 10:30am

We would like to wish you all a very Merry
Christmas and a safe and happy
New Year!

Events at Most Holy Redeemer:



Most Holy Redeemer is saying the Rosary on two
Tuesdays of each month at 6:00pm.

The dates are:

January 3 & 18, 2022
February 1 & 15, 2022

All are welcome!

Faith Formation Update

Classes for K & 1st grade will be from 9:15—9:35.

Classes for grades 2—5 will be from 9:15—10:15

Classes:
December 26—NO CLASS
January 2—NO CLASS
January 9
January 16—NO CLASS

Christmas Food Drive Time!

We deliver to 8 elderly and 9 families in Hadley. We fill our boxes from the Hadley Food Pantry, so please donate to bins in the entrance. Please call the office by December 19th if you wish to donate a turkey. Thank you.

Office hours as of January 3, 2022

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
8:00—1:00
Wednesday
9:00—1:00



Will there be Mass this weekend?

We are often asked if there is a cancellation policy for Mass. **All of our scheduled Masses will take place as announced in the bulletin.** If there is a question about travel safety, please follow the recommendations of state and local officials about road conditions. Please follow the same guidelines regarding Faith Formation Classes.



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
The Hadley Food Pantry is open every Sunday

From noon to 1:00pm.

Items needed this week:
Bottled juice and cereal

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.

A special thank you to the team of volunteers who staff the Food Pantry: Andrea Elson, Ginger Goldsbury, Judy Stone, and David Storey. A special thank you to all Of you who support it with donations of food and Monetary donations.

Through the help of our volunteers, especially Ginger and Andrea and donations from individuals, organizations, and the Knights of Columbus, we continue to serve those in need throughout these past difficult months.

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

Winter Fun in Poland!

Kulig

Usually organized by the younger members of the family, Kulig is a sleigh ride through the country going from church to church. Pulled by a horse, the sleds are tied together through the fields. Stopping to build snowmen or snow ball-fights, they continue their journey, often pushing someone off the sleds—running to get back on. The evening ends with the warmth of a fire and a meal.

The Christmas tree was set with all its decorations and lights. Looking down, I saw a fragment of garland. I looked at the brilliant colors it contained and thought of their meaning.

In my mind, the red represented the blood Jesus shed for me—the silver was the water from his pierced side—blue was the suffering he endured—green represented new growth and hope—and the gold stood for his unbounded glory and love.

Thank you Jesus, for showing me these colors in a new way and to contemplate their meaning.

A Fellow Parishioner

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Do you know someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl?

We are continuing to make prayers shawls. If you know of someone who has lost a loved one, someone that is in the hospital or in a nursing home, please call the office and we will be sure to get one to them.

413-584-1326
Or
mhrhadleychurch@gmail.com



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Wycinanki

Museums in Poland are filled with Wycinanki. Wycinanki is an elaborate paper cut out. Every region in Poland has their own way of designing them. They began as a winter activity for decorating the home or presented as gifts. The imagination expressed in these pieces of art is limitless.

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Merry
Christmas