



Most Holy Redeemer
120 Russell St., Hadley, MA
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April 2-3, 2022

Weekend Masses: 4:00pm Saturday Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am
Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri 8:00am

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

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ADVISORY

Finance Council, Kathy Zieja
Cemetery, Paul Mokrzecki
Pastoral Council, Joan Smola

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—8:00—1:30
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00—1:00
Wednesday 8:30—12:30
Friday 8:00—12:00

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First Friday

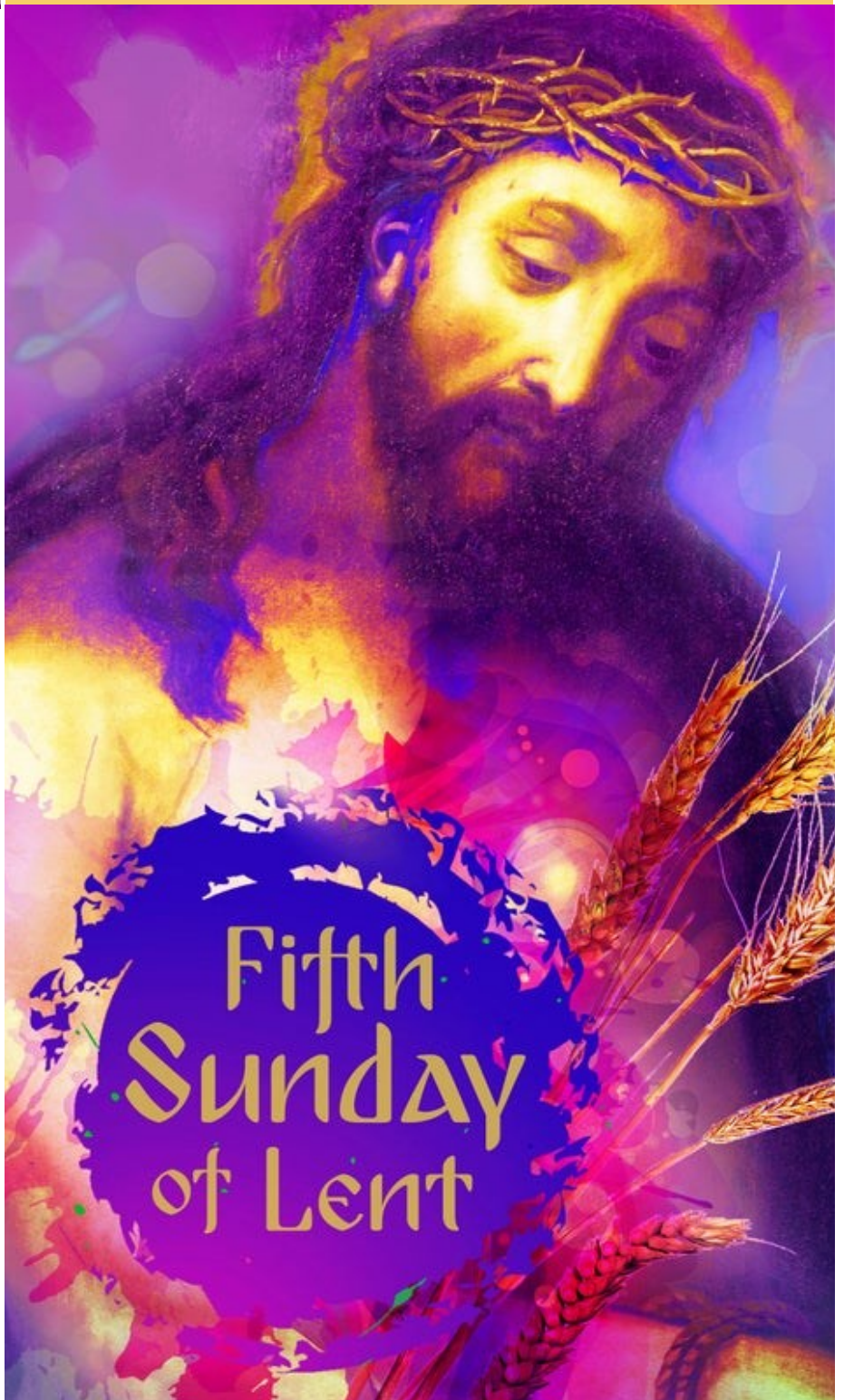
Confession 12:30pm
Mass 1:00pm
Adoration 1:30—5:00

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MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

During Monday morning Mass
Hadley at Elaine Manor Monthly Mass
2nd Thurs. 10:30am
Communion on Sundays

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Holy Rosary Cemetery, Huntington Rd., Hadley, MA

This Week's MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 2, 2022

4:00pm: For John & Anna Bak r/b daughter, Anne

Sunday, April 3, 2022

8:00am: For Catherine Woodard r/b Wayne & Irene

10:30am: For John Kieras r/b Ed & Joan Smola

Monday, April 4, 2022

8:00am: For Edward & Helen Waskiewicz r/b Michael

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

8:00am: For Helen & Edward Waskiewicz r/b Ron, Kris & family

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

NO MASS

Thursday, April 7, 2022

8:00am: For the people of Most Holy Redeemer

Friday, April 8, 2022

8:00am: For Joseph & Mary Pelis & Katherine Bak r/b Joe & Judy Pelis

Saturday, April 9, 2022

4:00pm: For Helen & Edward Waskiewicz r/b Ron, Kris & family

Sunday, April 10, 2022

8:00am: For John Kieras r/b Connie & Rich Holden

10:30am: For Mark Madenski r/b family

VOTIVE LIGHT PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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 **Adams, Asselin, Daughdrill & Muraski** families from Nancy & Stan Adams

For Stanley Rodak from wife and family

For David Chmura from Mom & Dad

For Bill, Jr. & Peg Dion from Bill

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.

If you would like a hospital visit, please call the Office at 413-584-1326



Most Holy Redeemer—Parish Stewardship

Weekly Collection: April 2-3 in next week

Budgeted Goal: \$3,650.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community!

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in [Mark 12:13-17](#). Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See [Luke 18:9-14](#)).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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REMAINING CLASSES FOR FAITH FORMATION 2022

APRIL 10TH APRIL 24TH MAY 8TH

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I WILL BE ON VACATION FROM MARCH 28—APRIL 4TH. I WILL BE BACK IN THE OFFICE ON APRIL 5TH. KATHY ZIEJA WILL BE COVERING THE OFFICE AND HOURS WILL BE POSTED ON THE DOOR. PLEASE CALL FIRST.

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All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The obligation to abstain from meat begins at fourteen (14) years of age.

The obligation to fast begins at eighteen (18) years of age and ends at fifty nine (59) years of age.

Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from this obligation in the Lenten season

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

The dates are:

April 5th, 2022

April 19, 2022

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:
Pasta sauce and crackers

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross—every FRIDAY DURING LENT



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

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Friday 8:00—12:00



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



Memorial Service for John Kieras

There will be a memorial service for John Kieras on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at the American Legion in Hadley.

Doors open at 3:30pm with the ceremony starting at 4:00pm. It will be held upstairs and it is **standing room only**.

Food and beverages to follow.

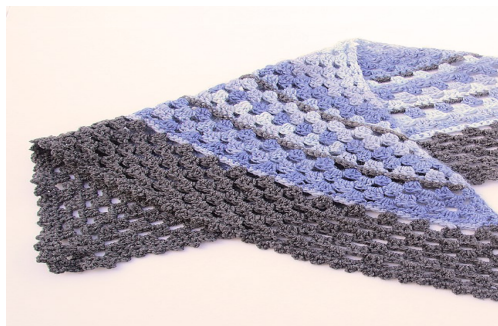
Do you know someone in the hospital, a nursing home, homebound or someone who has recently had a death in their family?

The prayer shawl ministry of MHR has several prayer shawls ready to people if you know of someone who would benefit from one.

Please call the office if you need one for someone in need.

413-584-1326

Norma Kostek



Mass schedule for Holy Week

4/14/22 Holy Thursday—7:00PM

4/15/22 Good Friday—3:00PM Stations & Liturgy

4/16/22 Holy Saturday—8:00PM

4/17/22—Easter 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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What is Prayer?

Going to Church is the most powerful prayer in the world!

Reading the Bible (or other spiritual books) and then thinking about what they mean to you is a great way to pray.

The Rosary is also a great and powerful prayer.

There is not just one way to pray, and everyone should pray the way that is best for them—not the way they “think” they should be praying!