



Most Holy Redeemer

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Office Telephone: 413-584-1326

September 11, 2022

**Weekend Masses: 4:00pm Saturday
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am**

Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri 8:00am

MHR PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Douglas McGonagle
Pastor**

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John Gibbons

Faith Formation

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ADVISORY

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Cemetery

Paul Mokrzecki

Pastoral Council

Joan Smola

OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00—3:00**

Wednesday CLOSED

Monday-CLOSED for Labor Day

First Friday

Confession 12:30pm

Mass 1:00pm

Adoration 1:30—5:00

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

During Monday morning Mass

Hadley at Elaine Manor

Monthly Mass

2nd Thurs. 10:30am

Communion on Sundays



24th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” - Lk 15:7b

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Holy Rosary Cemetery, Huntington Rd., Hadley, MA

This Week's MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 10, 2022
Bernice & Walter Wanczyk;
requested by the family.

Sunday, September 11, 2022
8:00am: Walter Wanczyk, Jr.,
requested by the family.
10:30am: Mark Madenski;
requested by the family.

Monday, September 12, 2022
8:00am: Health & well-being for Al & Tony, requested by Mom.

Tuesday, September 13, 2022
8:00am: Birthday Blessings for Linda, requested by Wayne & Irene.

Wednesday, September 14, 2022
NO MASS

Thursday, September 15, 2022
8:00am: Birthday blessings for Kathy Godek; requested by Amy.

Friday, September 16, 2022
8:00am: For the People of MHR

Saturday, 4:00pm: Martha Boisvert;
requested by family.

Sunday, September 17, 2022
8:00am: For Barbara Zwirek,
requested by Gerry and Alvira Balut.

10:30am: For the People of MHR

VOTIVE LIGHT PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

For **Adeline Rocasah** from Dianne & 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 **Adams, Asselin, Daughdrill & Muraski** families from Nancy & Stan Adams
For **David Chmura** from Mom & Dad
For **Bill, Jr. & Peg Dion** from Bill
For **Claire** from James & Helen O'Donnell
For **John G. Kieras, Jr.,** from his wife, Lorraine, & family.
To restore good health to **Bushra Qasim**
For **Edward & Helen Waskiewicz,** from Michael.
For **Joseph M. Wanczyk,** from Joanne & Robert

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



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Most Holy Redeemer—Parish Stewardship
Weekly Collections Sept 3-4, \$2,925.00
Electronic donations for month of August: \$970.00
Budgeted Goal: \$3,650.00

Did you know that last month's electric bill was last month? \$1,174.05!
The water bill is \$222.19

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.



Background on the Gospel Reading

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Most Holy Redeemer Church was created in 1998 with the merging of Holy Rosary Church (1917) and St. John's Church (1915), both of Hadley.

As the one Roman Catholic Church in the Town of Hadley, Massachusetts,
our Mission is:

- to be a welcoming place of worship for all.
- to proclaim the word of God and celebrate the sacraments.
- to attend to our ongoing formation in Christian living and support one another in spiritual growth.
- to dedicate our service to God.
- to recognize and support our responsibility for God's people, for spiritual and corporal works of mercy to the larger community, area, and world.
- to celebrate our belief in the message and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church and demonstrate our appreciation for the many gifts we have received.

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**Most Holy Redeemer is saying the Rosary on two Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm
The dates are Sept 20 & Oct 4.**



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time --

September 11, 2022

**“He was lost and has been found.”
Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, religious sister or brother?**

**Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon
413-248-7034,**

or write: vocations@diospringfield.org

Hadley Food Pantry

A project of MHR and First Congregational Church

If you, or someone you know, are struggling to buy enough food, the Food Pantry can help by providing a variety of nonperishable items and personal care products to supplement purchased items. The Hadley Food Pantry is open every Sunday from noon to 1:00 pm

Items needed this week:

Canned protein items such as tuna fish, salmon and chicken.

THANK YOU TO PANERA BREAD FOR PROVIDING BREADS AND PASTRIES FOR THE FOOD PANTRY EACH WEEK!!



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

Please join us for coffee
after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday at the Parish Hall.

Adoration
will begin immediately after the 8AM morning Mass and will continue until 9AM.

Cemetery Paving— The Finance Council approved the completion of the paving of the cemetery roads and the work has been completed. We ask that you be careful when visiting the cemetery during the week.

Let us Pray
Please remember in your prayers: All the sick in our parish, our families and friends. Also please pray for our beloved deceased.



Advanced Catholicism for Adults with Fr Doug

For twelve Thursdays, this Fall, from 6:30~7:30 beginning September 8th join Fr Doug for a close reading of C. S. Lewis's, *Mere Christianity*.

Mere Christianity is C. S. Lewis's forceful and accessible doctrine of Christian belief. First heard as informal BBC radio broadcasts during the dark days of World War II and then published as three separate books, *Mere Christianity* brings together what Lewis sees as the fundamental truths of the religions.

A syllabus outlining the readings that will be covered during each class can be found at the doors of the Church, the parish office or you can email Fr Doug and he'll send you a PDF of the syllabus. The book is easily found at any good bookstore including Barnes & Noble and on Amazon. Fr Doug also has a limited number of copies that you may purchase for \$15 each.

C. S. Lewis (1898 - 1963) was a professor at Oxford and Cambridge universities who wrote more than thirty books in his lifetime, including *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and the *Space Trilogy*. Lewis was born in Belfast, Ireland. He was raised in the Church of Ireland; however, at the age of fifteen he became an atheist. Lewis was a good friend of the Roman Catholic academic and writer, J. R. R. Tolkien. It is Tolkien who is often credited for Lewis's final re-conversion to Christianity

"Grab and Go" Pierogi Fest & Bake Sale

Date: November 5, 2022

We will be selling our delicious potato & cheese, & cabbage pierogi, as well as homemade goodies & rye bread.

Dates to Remember for Marking Pierogi

September 19, 20, 21

September 26, 27, 28

October 11, 12, 13 October 17, 18, 19

We need large groups of people to help make the pierogi.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Joe Pelis (413) 244-2036, or Judy Pelis (413) 537-9779.

You may also email Judy at judypelis@yahoo.com or call the office at (413) 584-1326.

Please come to our next planning meeting on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.



A Prayer for Our Students

We pray for:

Strength— that God gives them the strength to do what they need to do each day

Courage— that they will be brave as they face the challenges that are before them

Direction— that they will be led to embrace what is good and right.

Protection— that God keeps them safe in this increasingly unsafe world and protects them from harm and wickedness.

Joy— that God fills them with the kind of bliss joy that can only come from the Devine.

Justice— to give them a sense of justice to stand up for what is right and defend the weak.

Wisdom— that they will grow in knowledge and understanding.

Hope— to give them the hope that comes from above— the kind that far exceeds what we have in the here and now.

Love— that our children are filled with the love of God. That they will know how deeply the are loved, and that love will overflow onto others.