



Most Holy Redeemer
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May 4, 2025
Weekend Masses: 4:00pm Saturday
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am
Daily Mass: Mon, Tues,
Thurs, & Fri 8:00am

Confessions: Saturday 2:45 – 3:30pm

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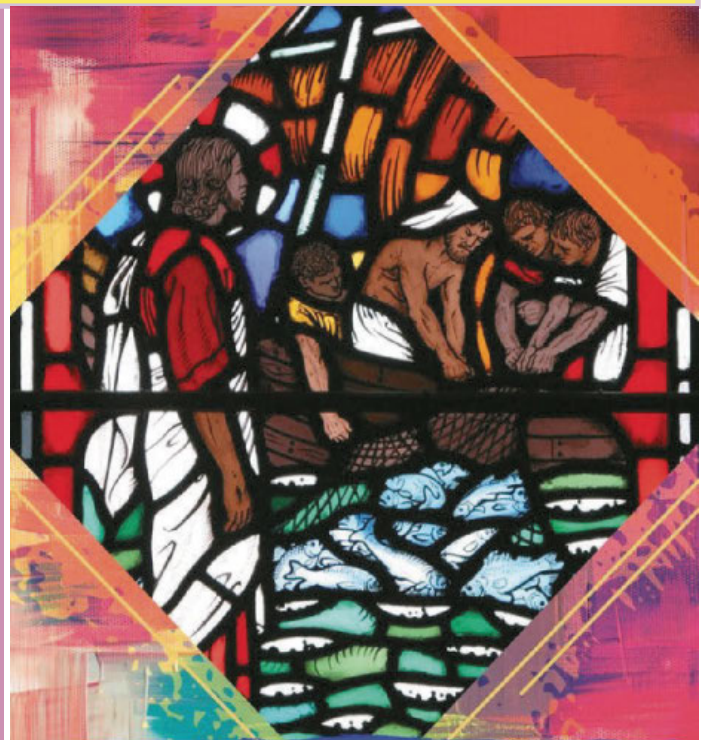
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
9AM –3PM
OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WED.

First Friday

Confession 12:30pm
Mass 8:00 am
Mass 1:00pm

The Rosary is said every
2nd & 4th Tuesday.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA
During Monday morning Mass



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. - Jn 21:12

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Holy Rosary Cemetery
Huntington Rd.
Hadley, MA



Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19 (short form: *John 21:1-14*)

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.



Background on the Gospel Reading In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in [John 6](#).

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him.

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.



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,40b-41

The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13

A song of praise to God who rescues us.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

This Week's MASS INTENTIONS

*The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
"Dutchie" and Ro,
requested by the family.*

Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:00 pm: Brian T. Conway; requested by wife, Dee.

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 am: Members of the Rosary Sodality

10:30 am: Leo Carney; requested by family.

Monday, May 5, 2025

8:00 am: Missa pro Populo.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

8:00 am: 2nd Anniversary of Rich Chmura;
requested by wife, Leona

Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

NO MASS

Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:00 am: Health and well-being of Al and Tony;
requested by Mom.

Friday, May 9, 2025

8 am: Connie Holden; requested by Ginger Goldsbury..

Saturday, May 10, 2025

4:00 pm: 9th Anniversary of Charles Malek, Jr.;
requested by Mom and family.

Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:00 am: Frank & Lottie Blajda;

requested by Red, Lenny, Richard & Ronnie.

10:30 am: All our Mothers, Living & Deceased.



Please call the office if you would
like to purchase altar flowers in
memory of a loved one.

VOTIVE LIGHT PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Our Military: **Chris Ahlemeyer,**
Troy Meyer, Austin Boisvert, Tyler Pratts

For **Victoria, Edward, & Theresa Banas**, from Fr. Charles.

For **John & Justina Kzcowski**, from family.

For **Philip, Catherine, Nancy, & Al Woodard**,

from Wayne & Irene Woodard.

For **the health of Claire**, from the O'Donnell family.

For **Edward Machno & Frances (Machno) Slattery**,
from Fr. Charles.

For **Patricia M. and Joseph J. Bye, Sr.**, from family.

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

For **Clara & "Duff" Pipczynski**, from family.

For **David and Rich Chmura**, from Leona (Mom)

For **Ann Marie Jette**; requested by Janie Szelewicki.

For the **health of Joanne Wanczyk**;
requested by Gerald & Alvira Balut.

For the **health of Peter and Beverly Mokrzecky**;
requested by Gerald & Alvira Balut.

In **memory of Connie**; requested by Richie.

For the **health & well-being of Robin Smolen**;
requested by Ed & Joan Smola.

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.

Weekly & Year to Date Collection

April 26-27, 2025

This Year:
\$146,201.65

\$2,626.00
Easter Offering:
\$458.00

Budget YTD:
\$156,950.00

Grand Total: \$3,084.00

Differential:
-\$10,748.35

*To have the altar flowers in memory of a loved one,
the cost is \$50.00 per week.
You may also have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in
memory of a loved one for \$20.00 per week. This is a
wonderful opportunity, just in case a Mass is booked
for that particular week. These funds will be used to
defray the cost of these expenses.*



*Thank you for your continued
& generous support
of our parish community!*

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. Please tell your family and friends who are needy.



Items needed this week:

Vegetable Oil, Eggs, Crackers, Canned Tuna

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.

Please do not donate expired food. Contact Ginger Goldsbury at 413-230-1206



Fr Doug will hold Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist training at two different times. Monday, May 5th, 6PM-7PM and again Saturday afternoon, May 10th, 1pm-2pm. You only need to attend one session. The training will be for both ministering at Mass and for those interested in taking Communion to the home bound. As is Diocesan policy, all volunteers will need to be CORI checked. Not to worry, there is no cost to you and the parish can handle the paper work. If you plan to attend one of the training sessions, please let Fr Doug know so he can plan. You can email him at fr.mcgonagle@gmail.com or leave a voice mail at (413)584-1326 x103.



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

The Rosary will be said on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6pm. Please come & join us. All are welcome!

Funeral servers are needed. Fr. Doug will train. If interested, please call the office.

People are needed to bring Holy Communion to Parishioners that are unable to attend Mass. Fr. Doug will train. Please contact the office if you are interested.

3 Scholarships will be given out by the Amherst Knights of Columbus. Reverend J. Joseph Quigley Scholarship
Peter Galante Scholarship
Most Holy Redeemer Scholarship
The scholarship application will be due May 21, 2025.
Each scholarship award is \$1500.00

Please pray for the soul of Audrey Wilga, who was called to new life on 4/12/25.

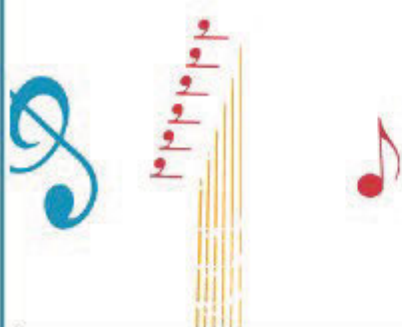
A donation to Holy Rosary Cemetery in memory of Audrey Wilga was received by Helen Kapinos as well as Leona Chmura.

Now that the Lenten season has passed, please feel free to call the office if you would like to have altar flowers in memory of a loved one.

Cemetery Pricing - some of you have made inquiries about purchasing a Cemetery plot at Holy Rosary Cemetery - please note, the prices for Cemetery plots will be increasing. The new prices will take effect on July 1, 2025. If you would like to inquire about purchasing a cemetery plot or cremains plot, please contact Barbara at the office.

Cemetery cleanup is Monday, May 12th. Volunteers are welcome to help at the cemetery at 3PM.

Does anyone need a blessed prayer shawl? There are four available in the office. Please come in if you would like one.



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