



Most Holy Redeemer  
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February 26, 2022  
 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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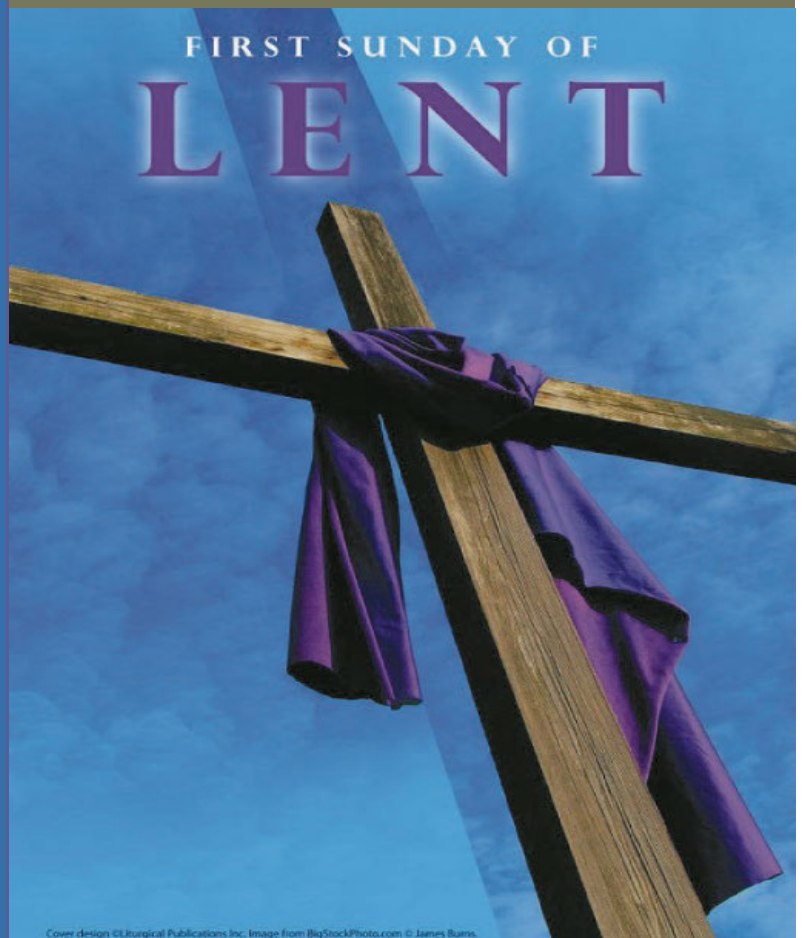
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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.**  
**9AM –3PM**  
**Wednesday-CLOSED**

**First Friday**  
 Confession 12:30pm  
 Mass 8:00 am  
 Mass 1:00pm

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL  
 NOVENA**  
 During Monday morning Mass



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Holy Rosary Cemetery,  
 Huntington Rd.,  
 Hadley, MA

**This Week's MASS INTENTIONS**

*Each day, the people of the Hampshire Deanery will be praying for one of the clergy assigned to the deanery or is retired here.*



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

**Saturday, February 25, 2023** Deacon Candidates  
4:00 pm: **Duff Pipczynski**; requested by the class of 1951.

**Sunday, February 26, 2023** Vocations  
8:00 am: **Lena Balut & Marion Konieczny**; requested by Gerry & Alvira Balut.  
10:30 am: **Edward F. Kelley**, requested by Christine & Jeff Sadlowski.

**Monday, February 27, 2023** Clergy who are sick  
8:00 am: **Duff & Clara Pipczynski**; requested by June Suleski..

**Tuesday, February 28 2023** Our Retired Deacons  
8:00 am: **Fr. Timothy Murphy**; requested by Fr. Doug.

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023** Our Retired Priests  
NO MASS

**Thursday, March 2, 2023** Fr. Henry Dorsch  
8:00 am: **Third Anniversary of Theresa Boucher**; requested by Frank & Norma.

**Friday, March 3, 2023** Fr. Stanley Sokol  
8:00 am: **Souls of Nolleto family**; requested by Amy.  
1:00 pm: **People of Most Holy Redeemer**

**Saturday, March 4, 2023** Deacon Fleury  
4:00 pm: **Soul of Alexander L. Mokrzecki**; requested by Alvira & Gerald Balut.

**Sunday, March 5, 2023** Fr. Bill Hamilton  
8:00 am: **Adolf Sadlowski**; requested by family.  
10:30 am: **Christopher Delisle**; requested by family.

**VOTIVE LIGHT PRAYER INTENTIONS**

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

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

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

For **Philip, Catherine, & Nancy 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. Bye** , from husband Joe

For **Henry Malek, Sr** from Betty & Bill Koszewski

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

For **Clara & "Duff" Pipczynski**, requested by June Suleski.

For **good health of Joanne Wanczyk**; requested by Ben & Cindy Wanczyk.

For **Josephine Kostek**; requested by Joanne Wanczyk.

**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.

*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 \$10.00 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!*

**Weekly & Year to Date Collection**

<b>Feb 12-13</b>	<b>\$2,410</b>	<b>This Year:</b>	<b>\$97,148</b>
<b>Util. &amp; Main.:</b>	<b>\$170</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>\$120,450</b>
<b>Total this week:</b>	<b>\$2,580</b>	<b>Shortfall:</b>	<b>-\$23,302</b>



Easter Flowers to date: \$60.00

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## Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.



## Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

## 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.

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



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## First Sunday of Lent:

“Let's consider two amazing things that happen in confession. First, we are freed. God wants to free us of our sins and all the uneasiness, guilt, or shame we might experience over what we have done... There's a second amazing thing Jesus wants to do in our souls through Confession. Jesus doesn't just want to forgive us. He wants to heal us.”  
Dr. Edward Sri - **Don't forget to register for the Eucharistic Congress at the Mass Mutual Center, Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Website: [catholiclifeconference.org](http://catholiclifeconference.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. The food pantry is open to any Hadley resident in need.

Items needed this week:

Proteins, e.g. canned hams, chicken, and salmon, and dry beans.



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



This day is for you! Young or old, single or with the whole family, involved in your parish or on the edges, you are invited to come learn more about the Eucharist and deepen your love for the gift of Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Reawaken your heart to what is essentially beautiful, good, and true about our faith, and center your life around Christ in the Eucharist. Come experience amazing speakers, a display of Eucharistic miracles, fellow Catholics from around the diocese, a full convention center of all things Catholic with Catholic ministries and materials, as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Mass with Bishop Byrne.

The Eucharistic Conference, March 4, 2023, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield. Pick up a brochure in the church or go to [catholiclifeconference.org](http://catholiclifeconference.org) to register.

## THE POLISH JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts is accepting application for scholarships for college students of Polish heritage. Application information and forms may be obtained at [www.polishjuniorleaguema.org/applications](http://www.polishjuniorleaguema.org/applications) Deadline for receipt of application materials is May 1, 2023

The Rosary will be said on Mar. 7th & 21st at 6pm.



Stations of the Cross will be scheduled during the Lenten season every Friday at 6:30 pm.

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

Many thanks to the Chinese Immersion School for their very generous donation to MHR.

If you would like to receive a tax statement for your 2022 contributions to MHR, please make your requests now. Put your name, address, and envelope # (if you know it) in an envelope marked Tax Statement Request and drop it in the Collection basket. You can also stop by the office during office hours.

The Pastoral Council is seeking new members to serve on the council which acts as a consultative body to the pastor.

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to foster full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the parish, the diocese, and the universal church, particularly as expressed in the Most Holy Redeemer Parish Mission Statement.

If you are interested in joining the pastoral council, please contact Joan Smola @ 413-584-1901 or [jmmsmola@gmail.com](mailto:jmmsmola@gmail.com). Other council members are Richard Holden, Laura Meyer, Joe Pelis, Beth Szymanski, Irene and Wayne Woodard, Helen Vassallo and Frank Wilda, Jr.

Thanks so much to William Dion for his generous donation to the food pantry.

Father will be having classes on the G.K. Chesterson Group. They will be scheduled on the third Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8:30 in the Rectory. More details to follow. All are welcome.



# First Friday Visits

## March 3rd - 5pm

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Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering 'First Friday Visits' on: March 3rd, 2023 at 5:00pm - Holy Hour and Evening Prayer.

Option to attend virtually or in person. In Person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous.



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