



**OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Hatfield, Massachusetts**

**Established November 28, 2010**

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**11 School Street**

**Hatfield, MA 01038**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The office is Closed Wednesday

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**Parish Administrator**

**Very Rev. Douglas McGonagle**

**Provisional Priest**

**Rev. David Raymond**

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**Katrina Letourneau**

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**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday 9:30 a.m.**

**Weekday Mass is Celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday after the 5:30 p.m. Mass**

**or by appointment**

**For Anointing of the Sick**

**Please contact Fr. Douglas McGonagle**

**413-584 -1326 ext. 103**

**When there is a danger of death, Fr. McGonagle may be reached 24/7 at ext. 103**

**24/7 Please leave a message**



*This week, the sanctuary candle is light in memory of  
William G Wilkes Jr  
Lovingly requested by the family*

**Mass Intentions • December 6-14**

**Saturday, December 6 – 5:30 PM** † In memory of *William G. Wilkes Jr. Requested by the family*

**Sunday, December 7 – 9:30 AM** † For the 3rd Anniversary Memorial of *Rick Miastkowski Requested by the family*

**Sunday, December 7 – 5:30 PM Vigil Mass The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** -For *Fr. Paschal, his fellow Friars, and their Mission in Nicaragua Requested by Pat and Karen Coby*

**Monday, December 8** *No Mass*

**Tuesday, December 9 – 8:15 AM** For *Quinn Cooke and his caregivers Requested by Jean Boutin*

**Wednesday, December 10** *No Mass*

**Thursday, December 11 – 8:15 AM** For the *Souls in Purgatory Requested by a parishioner*

**Friday, December 12** *No Mass*

**Saturday, December 13 – 5:30 PM** † In memory of *Dorothy "Dot" Braman Requested by the family*

**Sunday, December 14 – 9:30 AM** For *Nathan*

**Financial Report  
November 29 & 30, 2025**

Weekly Envelopes & Sittings	\$1735
Mass Intentions	\$ 100
Energy	\$ 181
Donations/ other	\$ 275
Total	\$ 2291

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is **\$2,500**. This week, we've received **\$2291** every gift helps us grow in faith and service.

**December Prayer list**

- Chris Balise
- Jan Balise
- Alex
- Carrie
- Quinn Cooke
- Michael Coby
- Fr Henry Dorsch
- Fr David Raymond
- Sue Favreau
- Jean Gilbert
- Gina
- Barbara Growhoski
- Mary Gruszkowski
- Michael Holhut
- Kathy Jagodzinski
- Alex Klaes & Rose Klaes
- Edward & Ruth Kuchyt
- Bill Lahart
- Blanche Lawrence & Frank Lawrence Jr
- Lillian Morin
- Rose & Joe Mulherin
- Pope Leo
- Jeff Parsons
- A young parishioner in need
- John & Maryellen Reynolds
- John Vdovjak
- Paul Schmidt
- Kari Ann Wiles

\*\*Names will remain for one month

**Religious Education Classes**

Sundays Grades K–5 Start: After 9:30 AM Mass (approx. 10:30) End: 11:30 AM Please wait with your child downstairs until a teacher arrives. Grades 6–9 Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**Calvary Cemetery Winter Closure Notice**

Please note that Calvary Cemetery will be closed for burials. This seasonal closure will remain in effect until the spring thaw, depending on weather conditions.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:**

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace  
Sunday, December 7  
5:30 PM VIGIL ONLY**

**\*\*MHR MASS MONDAY Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 8 & 5:30PM**



# Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century. John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11). In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

## This Sunday's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 11:1-10  
A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.

**Second Reading** Romans 15:4-9 Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

### Are you Called To be A Eucharistic Minister?

If anyone feels called to serve as a Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server please contact the Parish Office.

### 2026 Mass Book is available

The Mass Book for 2026 is open.  
  
Mass requests are being accepted through June 2026

### Mass Intentions

Per Diocesan directive, Mass stipends are now \$15.00.

**Sanctuary Candle** You may also wish to honor loved ones or special intentions by sponsoring the Sanctuary candle. The offering is \$15.00

### Parish Office Update

Closed: Dec 8–11 and Dec 15  
  
**Open Friday, Dec 12!**

### Blessed Solanus Food Pantry

**This Season, let us open our hearts to those in need. The Blessed Solanus Food Pantry at the Blessed Trinity Pastoral Center serves anyone facing hunger. We invite you to donate shelf-stable items to help fill the shelves and feed our neighbors. Collection box is at back of church or parish office Most-needed items include: small cans of baked beans, ravioli, and hearty soups Spaghetti sauce, rice, macaroni, ramen noodles Canned meats, peanut butter, jams, cereals, crackers Single-serving snacks and desserts (no glass please) Paper towels, Toilet paper, maxwell house and Folgers coffee also needed**

### Pray for Vocations

For those discerning their vocation, that John the Baptist's call to repentance may move their hearts to follow God's path, let us pray to the Lord.  
  
Talk to Fr. Doug, or contact the Vocations Office 413-248-7034, or via email: vocations@diospringfield.org

### POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2025

For Christians in Areas of Conflict:  
  
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope"

### OPLATEK-Christmas Wafer

The Oplatek will be available at church on Dec. 6 & 7, and at the Church office. A package cost is \$3.00 for one package. Oplatek may be available later if supply lasts.

### Pray the Rosary

We invite all to join us as we pray the ROSARY Saturday evening at 4:55pm before Mass.

### Second Collection this Sunday

Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious see attached letter

**Giving  
Tree** 2025



**Our Lady of Grace will be collecting for Bethlehem House starting on November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Bethlehem House Inc. is a non-profit located in Easthampton, MA that offers free pregnancy resources for women in crisis, and to provide nurturing support for all members of the family. Bethlehem House was founded in 2006 and has helped over 500 clients and they work with local birthing centers, hospitals, churches, and colleges. Their mission is “to bring God’s love and mercy to those who choose life.” There are many ways to help Bethlehem House, please visit their website at [www.bethlehemhousewma.org](http://www.bethlehemhousewma.org) for volunteer opportunities, including knitting and sewing, and prayer. Our tree will have specific items that Bethlehem House needs, and we will be collecting all of Advent. The generosity of the Parish is always overwhelming and appreciated by those we can help during this season of giving.

**Requested items:**

Onesies, sleepers, and 2-piece outfits sizes 0-3- & 3-6-months girls and boys

Terry cloth hooded bath towels

Socks

Diapers size 1-6 (no newborn)

Unscented baby wipes

Unscented baby washes, lotions, and shampoo

Dove bar soap for sensitive skin

Pacifiers

Baby Bottles

Bottle brushes

# Together in Healing: A Support Group for Those Grieving a Loved One



Grieving the loss of someone you love is one of life’s most difficult challenges

But you don’t have to face it alone. Our support group offers a safe, compassionate space where you can share your grief, find understanding, and connect with others who are walking a similar path. Whether your loss is recent or it happened years ago, we’re here to support you.

Public welcome 6-8 pm  
Thursday, November 6  
Thursday, December 4  
Thursday, January 8, 2026  
Thursday February 5, 2026

Meeting Hall at  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
11 School St. Hatfield  
Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to: [Louisefinn4@gmail.com](mailto:Louisefinn4@gmail.com)  
Church Office: 413-247-9079

## Come join us for a **Parish Fellowship evening** on **Wednesday Dec 17 from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall.**

Please bring a couple of non-perishable food items to donate to the food pantry. And for those who love to bake and are interested in taking part in a Cookie Swap - bring a plate of homemade cookies and an empty "take home" container. There will be light snacks and drinks. Shannon will demonstrate how she makes her amazing chocolate chip cookies. Let’s try to fill the food pantry box for the less fortunate during this holy Advent season and enjoy visiting with our fellow parishioners.

### Safe Environment & Victim Assistance-

#### How to Report Abuse

Bishop William D. Byrne encourages anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse by representatives (Clergy, educators, employees or volunteers) of the Roman Catholic Church to come forward by contacting the Office of Safe Environment & Victim Assistance, at (413) 452-0624, confidential number at 800-842-9055 or email [reportabuse@diospringfield.org](mailto:reportabuse@diospringfield.org).

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Where: Our Lady of Grace

When: Dec 17, 2025

Time: 6-8pm

## Description:

Bring a big a plate of cookies that you love from the holiday season! Is a family tradition or a culture tradition? Great! Bring it. But....bring a to-go box as you get to swap for other cookies! Also, please bring a donation!

Can't or don't have the capability to bake? No problem! Come join us anyways! You can always bring a beverage to share! Feel free to bring a monetary donation or a food item to donate to the local pantry!

We can't wait to share cookies!!!!

With...A live demonstration from Shannon on how to make her Chocolate Chip cookies!!!!



# OUR LADY OF GRACE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## PANTRY ITEMS!

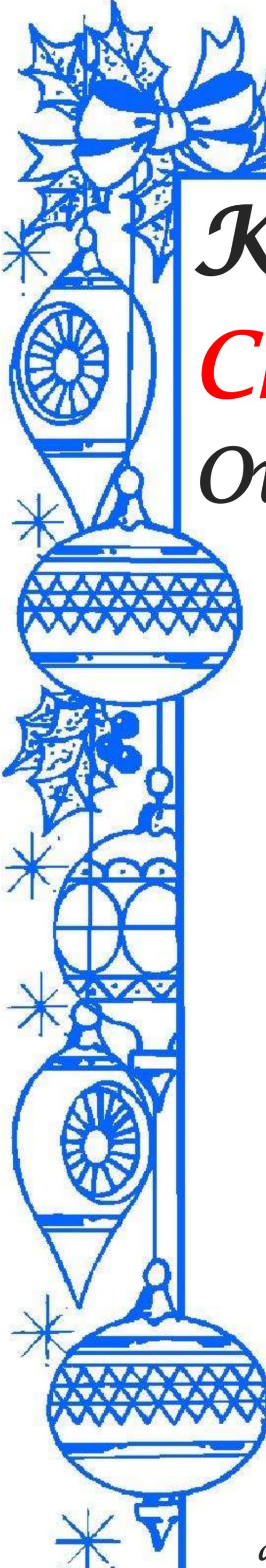
Paper towels  
Body wash  
Folgers coffee  
Maxwell House coffee  
Prego  
Cheerios ( both kinds)  
Snuggle  
Arm and Hammer laundry  
Tomato soup  
Alfredo sauce  
English muffins  
paper plates

## Gluten Free items!

Baked beans  
Canned chicken  
Canned fruit in juice  
Canned tomatoes  
Canned vegetables  
Cereal  
Condiments  
Cooking oil (canola, olive, vegetable)  
Crackers  
Flour  
Granola  
Granola bars  
Hearty soups  
Macaroni & cheese  
Oatmeal  
Oats  
Pasta (all kinds, including gluten-free)  
Peanut butter  
Rice (brown, white)  
Spaghetti sauce  
Sugar  
Unopened spices  
Vegetarian soups



With...A live demonstration from Shannon on how to make her Chocolate  
Chip cookies!!!!



# Keeping *Christmastide* at Our Lady of Grace

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** CHRISTMAS EVE

✘ Mass: 5:30 P.M.

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** CHRISTMAS

✘ Masses: 9:30 A.M.

**Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>** FEAST HOLY FAMILY

✘ Vigil Mass: 5:30 P.M.

✘ Sunday Masses: 9:30 A.M.

**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY DAY

✘ Vigil Mass: 5:30 P.M.

✘ Feast Masses: 9:30 A.M.

**Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>** EPIPHANY

✘ Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 P.M.

✘ Sunday Masses: 9:30 A.M.

✘ **The Star of Bethlehem: *What did the Magi see?***

*A PowerPoint presentation by Fr Doug, 2:00 P.M., Church Hall*

**Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** BAPTISM OF THE LORD

✘ **Ugly Christmas Sweater Weekend**

*wear your ugly Christmas sweater to Mass!*

✘ Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 P.M.

✘ Sunday Masses: 9:30 A.M.

*Christmastide ends and Ordinary Time begins  
at the conclusion of Vespers, Baptism of the Lord*

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