



**OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Hatfield, Massachusetts**

**Established November 28, 2010**

<http://www.ourladyofgrace.faith>

**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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**Leo C. Rotkiewicz, Jr.**

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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 available*

## Mass Intentions

**December 13 – 21**

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

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

**Monday, December 15** *No Mass*

**Tuesday, December 16 – 8:15 AM** For the Souls in Purgatory  
*Requested by a parishioner*

**Wednesday, December 17** *No Mass*

**Thursday, December 18 – 8:15 AM** For Jeff Parsons

**Friday, December 19** *No Mass*

**Saturday, December 20 – 5:30 PM** *Missa Pro Populo* (Mass for  
the People)

**Sunday, December 21 – 9:30 AM** † In memory of Maria Russo  
*Requested by Frank Russo*

### Our Lady of Grace Parish Christmas Mass Schedule

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

**Vigil Solemnity of Christmas 5:30 p.m. Mass**

**Thursday, December 25, 2025 9:30 a.m. Mass**

### Financial Report December 7, 2025

Weekly Envelopes & Sittings	\$2361
Christmas Flowers	\$ 530
Energy	\$ 215
Donations/ other	\$ 1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4106</b>

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is **\$2,500**. This week, we've received **\$4106** 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 **Last Class before Holiday Break!!**

### 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.

### Take and Eat Meal Sunday, December 14

This Sunday's **Take and Eat Meal** will include:

- Meatloaf
- Mashed Potatoes
- Peppermint Brownies
- Gingerbread French Toast

Please let us know if you will not be home to receive your meal.

Gaudete



## Background on the Gospel Reading

Background on the Gospel Reading The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near. This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater. Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

### 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 our parish, that we accompany young people discerning priesthood or consecrated life with prayerful support, 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"

### Cemetery Plowing Update

The cemetery will be plowed during winter storms. Please note that snow removal may take up to **two days after a major storm**. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to keep the grounds accessible and safe.

### Pray the Rosary

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

### OPLATEK-Christmas Wafer

The Oplatek will be available at church, and at the Church office. A package cost is \$3.00

### This Sunday's Readings

**First Reading.** Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 The desert will bloom and rejoice. God will strengthen the weak and bring justice. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the saved will enter Zion with joy.

**Second Reading** James 5:7-10 Be patient for the Lord's coming, like a farmer waiting for crops. Strengthen your hearts, avoid complaining, and follow the example of patient prophets.

**Gospel Reading.** Matthew 11:2-11 John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the one to come. Jesus affirmed his works. He praised John as the greatest prophet, yet less than the least in heaven.

### 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 15

**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).



**Been  
more  
Naughty  
than  
Nice?**

*Most  
Holy  
Redeemer  
Parish*

# **Advent Confessions**

**Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 2-3:00<sub>PM</sub>**

**120 Russell Street (Rt 9) Hadley MA**

# 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

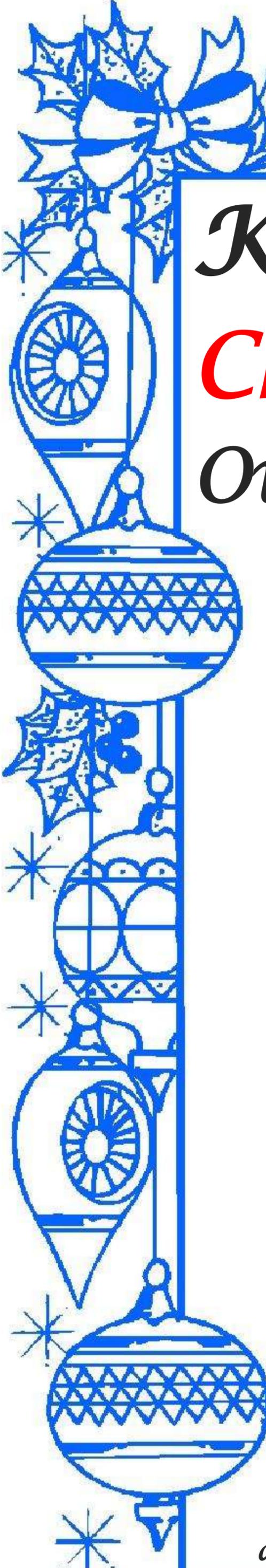
Sugar

Unopened spices

Vegetarian soups



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# 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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