



OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hatfield, Massachusetts

Established November 28, 2010

<http://www.ourladyofgrace.faith>

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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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Very Rev. Douglas McGonagle

Provisional Priest

Rev. David Raymond

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Jennifer Iannuccilli

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Cemetery Coordinator, and

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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 for sponsorship*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3 – 5:30 PM † *In memory of Richard Burgielewicz* Requested by Lorie and Jeff Boyle

Sunday, January 4 – 9:30 AM † *In memory of Jason Murphy* Requested by Kaitlyn Murphy Celebrant: Fr. Henry

Monday, January 5 No Mass

Tuesday, January 6 – 8:15 AM *Mass for a special intention* Requested by a parishioner

Wednesday, January 7 No Mass

Thursday, January 8 – 8:15AM *For the souls in purgatory* Requested by a parishioner

Friday, January 9 No Mass

Saturday, January 10 – 5:30 PM † *In memory of Michael Donahue* Requested by Maureen Martula and family

Sunday, January 11 – 9:30 AM † *In memory of Davide Villani* Requested by The Villani family Celebrant: Bishop Byrne

January Prayer list

Chris Balise
Jan Balise
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
Paul Schmidt
Kari Ann Wiles

**Names will remain for one month

Faith Formation Classes January 4

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 any questions please contact Kat
Letourneau Faith Formation Director



The College of Our Lady of the Elms, an institution which, in light of the many ways it serves our people, is a special gift to the Diocese. By providing a college education in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, the College of Our Lady of the Elms contributes to the evangelizing mission of our Diocese. And, like all private institutions of higher education, Elms is dependent on private support to fulfill its mission.

For over 30 years, Elms College has been assisted through the diocesan collection. Your beneficence has enabled the College to make a top-rate Catholic education accessible to many in the region. Represented by a dedicated body of faculty, staff, and administrators, the Elms is committed to honoring the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph who founded the College of Our Lady of the Elms 100 years ago. Each year, Elms College continues to grow academically and has had heightened visibility as a top-ranking Catholic college in Western Massachusetts.

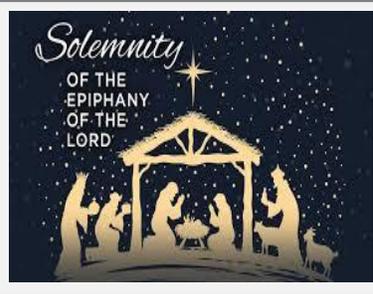
Since its inception in 1928, Elms College has fulfilled its mission to assist in the development of students rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, and responsive to civic and social obligations without compromising principle. Many graduates have remained in the Diocese and have served this area in education, healthcare, human services, and business. This academic year, the weekend of , January 3rd and 4th, 2026, is scheduled for a special collection in all diocesan parishes to support the Elms College Founder's Fund for Excellence, which underwrites student financial aid.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Financial Report December 28, 2025

Weekly Envelopes & Sittings	\$ 1791
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20
Energy	\$ 115
Donations/ other	\$ 46
Christmas Collections	\$ 1902
Total	\$ 3874

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is \$2,500. This week, we've received \$ 3874 every gift helps us grow in faith and service. Thank you !



Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Pray for Vocations

For the Church, that the journey of the Magi may inspire priests to lead others to Christ with wisdom and devotion, let us pray to the Lord. Talk to Fr. Doug, or contact the Vocations Office 413-248-7034, or via email: vocations@diospringfield.org

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6
Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Thank you for your support of our parish and the generous contributions to the Christmas Flower Fund

Cemetery Plowing Update

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

Special Offering Envelopes for January

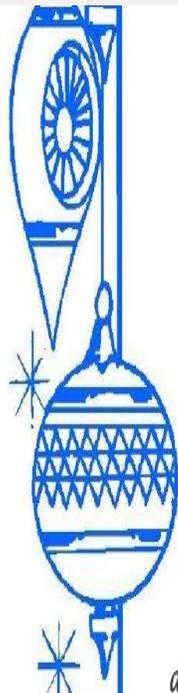


January 1 Solemnity of Mary

January 4 Our Lady of the Elms College

PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All items must be presented in writing to the parish office by Monday at 12:00 p.m. for the following weekend.



Jan. 4th 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. 11th 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

Pray the Rosary

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

2026 Mass Book is available

The Mass Book for 2026 is open.

Mass requests are being accepted through June 2026



Collecting until January 11

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 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.

Gift Cards to Costco, Target or Walmart. They Kindly Request No Disney themed items. Also, no bibs or receiving blankets needed.

Thank you all for your generosity! There has already been one trip made to Bethlehem House to drop off donations. Thank you to all volunteers.

Food Drive for Blessed Solanus Food Pantry

This New Year, 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. Other items needed: Folgers coffee, Maxwell House Coffee, paper towels and Cheerios

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
Church Office: 413-247-9079



WARNING! - EMAIL & TEXT MESSAGE SPOOFING

Please be aware that some in our parishes have reported receiving email messages that appeared to come from members of our parish staff requesting gift cards or other electronic monetary devices. These messages looked to be legitimate but were in fact a scam called "Spoofing" which involves messages or texts sent under a forged sender address with the intent to deceive victims. This is a form of cyber-crime. Law enforcement is aware of the scam and is attempting to identify the perpetrator(s).

We will never solicit funds via text message or email that involve receiving gift card data remotely. Anyone asking for you to provide gift card data via text message or over the phone is trying to scam you. If you receive any type of strange communication that appears to come from any parish staff member that seems suspicious, please report it to the local police and the parish office.

Official parish requests will always follow the routine procedures we have used for a very long time: dropping donations in the collection basket, mailing or dropping off donations to the office, or delivering items to the churches in-person.

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.

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