



**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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**Very Rev. Douglas McGonagle**

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**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 available for sponsorship*

## Mass Intentions

**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

**Monday, January 12 No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 13 – 8:15 AM** *Mass for Quinn Cooke and his caretakers* Requested by Jean Boutin

**Wednesday, January 14 No Mass**

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

**Friday, January 16 No Mass**

**Saturday, January 17 – 5:30 PM †** *For the repose of the soul of Fr. J. Donald R. Lapointe*

**Sunday, January 18 – 9:30 AM †** *In memory of Maria and Andrew*

*Thank  
you!*

Thank you to all who attended the Star Talk on Epiphany Sunday. As promoted, 25% of the book sales, \$75, is being donated to Our Lady of Grace Parish. However, after the Talk I discovered I had \$11 more than I should have. Most likely, someone who paid with \$1s gave me one dollar too many and two folks who paid for a book using a \$20 got "stiffed" out of their change. If either situation sounds familiar to you, please see me, call or email me and I will get your money back. Otherwise, I will add it to the OLG donation.

*Fr Doug*

## 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  
Barbara Jamrog and Brandin Jamrog  
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 11

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

## Financial Report January 4, 2026

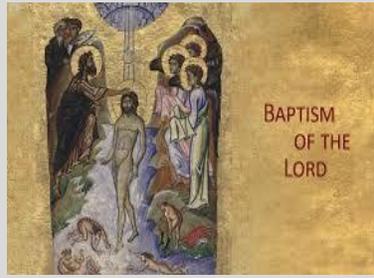
Weekly Envelopes & Sittings	\$ 1633
First Offering	\$ 602
Energy	\$ 270
Donations	\$ 140
Other Income	\$ 800
Oplatki	\$ 44
Total	\$ 3363

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is **\$2,500**. This week, we've received **\$ 3363** every gift helps us grow in faith and service. Thank you!

**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 PM  
 ❖ Sunday Masses: 9:30 AM  
*Christmastide ends and Ordinary Time begins  
 at the conclusion of Vespers, Baptism of the Lord*



## Background on the Gospel Reading



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord reveals Jesus' mission and God's saving plan in a powerful and intimate way. In today's Gospel, Jesus enters the waters of the Jordan, and through His baptism He is made known as the beloved Son of the Father, the One chosen to bring light and salvation to the world. This moment marks the beginning of His public ministry, showing His humility and obedience as He identifies Himself with sinners and embraces the work the Father has entrusted to Him.

As Jesus comes up from the water, the Holy Spirit descends upon Him, strengthening and anointing Him for the mission ahead. The Father's voice proclaims His love and approval, revealing the unity of the Trinity and confirming Jesus as the One who will lead God's people into new life.

This feast also invites us to reflect on our own baptism. Through baptism, we too are called to follow Jesus and to live as lights in the world. Like Him, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit so that we may bring hope, love, and healing to others. The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our identity as God's children and encourages us to trust in His plan, live faithfully, and share His light with everyone we meet.

### Pray for Vocations

For those discerning their vocation, that they may find confidence in God's call and respond with generous hearts, 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 42:1-4, 6-7**  
 God reveals His chosen Servant who will bring justice, healing, and light to all nations with gentle strength.

**Responsorial Psalm 29:1a & 2, 3a-c-4, 3b & 9b-10**  
 The psalm praises the power and majesty of the Lord's voice and proclaims that God blesses His people with peace.

**Second Reading Acts 10:34-38**  
 Peter proclaims that God shows no partiality and that Jesus, anointed with the Holy Spirit, went about doing good and healing.

**Gospel Matthew 3:13-17**  
 Jesus is baptized by John, and the Spirit descends as the Father declares Him the beloved Son.

### Respect Life

That the Christian community, made one by our common baptism, may always welcome the unborn, the stranger, and all who are vulnerable, we pray to the Lord.

### Pray the Rosary

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

### Special Offering Envelopes for January

Offering Envelopes



**January 1** Solemnity of Mary

**January 4** Our Lady of the Elms College

### 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.

### Coffee Hour January 18

Please join us for a coffee hour after Mass on Sunday  
**January 18**



**March for Life Springfield**  
 Join Bishop Byrne for Mass  
 Jan. 22, 10 a.m.  
 St. Michael's Cathedral  
 March to follow  
 Mass  
 Mass to be livestreamed on [diospringfield.org](http://diospringfield.org)

### 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.

**Thank you.**

# Take and Eat Meals Ministry

## January 18

**This Month's Menu:** Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Green Beans, Garlic Knots Pudding, Cookies, and Cinnamon Swirl Muffins

**Our Take and Eat Ministry is currently in need of a lead relief cook (Serve Safe certified) and bakers.**

Relief cooks help support our team by allowing a healthy rotation of volunteers each month, ensuring that this ministry can continue serving our homebound neighbors with care and consistency.

If you feel called to help or would like more information, we would be grateful for your support.

### Pastoral Council Meeting

**January 26 at 6 PM in the church Hall**

### Cemetery Plowing Update

The cemetery will be plowed during winter storms, though snow removal may take **two to three days** after a major storm. We are deeply grateful for your patience and cooperation as we work to keep the grounds safe.

Here in New England, winter weather can be unpredictable, and we are blessed to have a local contractor generously volunteering their time to help us stay open whenever conditions allow. While many cemeteries close for the season, we do our very best to remain accessible even if it means a brief delay until the grounds can be cleared safely.

Thank you for your understanding and kindness as we weather the storms together.

### 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).**

# 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



**MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY A. McDONNELL**  
*Bishop Emeritus of Springfield*

January 6, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

I thought you should know. An untreatable cancer is spreading within me and I am now in hospice care at Mary's Meadow in Holyoke for long or short – only God knows.

While I miss St. Joe's in Pittsfield where I felt truly at home, Mary's Meadow is very caring, very comfortable, and very conducive to my present needs. There's no real pain as yet, just weakness, lethargy and great difficulty walking and writing. Not bad for an 88 year old!

I find myself thinking more and more of the Pauline passage which I have quoted at funerals over 62 years of priesthood: "eye has not seen, ear has not heard, it has not entered the human imagination what God has prepared for those who love Him."

Right now, I'm looking forward to finding out.

Keep me in your prayers, you are in mine.

With gratitude for all you have been over the years,

In Christ,

*Bp. McDonnell*

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