



**OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Hatfield, Massachusetts**

**Established November 28, 2010**

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**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**

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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 offered for the repose of the soul of Fr Henry Dorsch*

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 28 – 5:30 PM** † 20th anniversary memorial of Marshall Pease *Requested by John Pease and family*

**Sunday, March 1 – 9:30 AM** For Jeff Parsons

**Monday, March 2** *No Mass*

**Tuesday, March 3 – 8:15 AM** For the health and well-being of a parishioner *Requested by her niece and nephew*

**Wednesday, March 4** *No Mass*

**Thursday, March 5 – 8:15 AM** † For the souls in purgatory *Requested by a parishioner*

**Friday, March 6** *No Mass*

**Saturday, March 7 – 5:30 PM** † For the repose of the soul of Fr. Henry Dorsch

**Sunday, March 8 – 9:30 AM** † In memory of Anna Russo *Requested by Frank Russo*

### Financial Report February 22, 2026

Weekly Envelopes & Sittings	\$ 1466
Mass Intentions	\$ 30
Energy	\$ 165
Memorial Donation	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1661</b>

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is **\$2,500**. This week, we've received **\$ 1661**

### Special Collection - March 7 & 8

There will be a special Collection at the Masses on March 7 & 8 for Catholic Relief Services/Rice Bowl. Thank you for your generosity!

## March Prayer List

Chris Balise  
Jan Balise  
Quinn Cooke  
Michael Coby  
Fr David Raymond  
Charlotte Grace  
Sue Favreau  
Jean Gilbert  
Gina  
Barbara Growhoski  
Mary Gruskowski  
Michael Holhut  
Kathy Jagodzinski  
Barbara Jamrog & 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  
A Parishioner  
John & Maryellen Reynolds  
Paul Schmidt  
Kari Ann Wiles



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#### Requiescat in Pace

In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Henry L. Dorsch, a retired priest of the ordination class of 1968.

The Chancery has been informed of the death of Fr. Dorsch on Wednesday, February 18th, 2026. Funeral plans are currently being arranged and an official Notice of Death confirming these details will be forthcoming.

Kindly remember Fr. Dorsch in your prayers and Masses. May he rest in peace.

**The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Northampton, on Friday, February 28 at 11**

**Calling hours will be observed from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, also at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, prior to the Mass.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Background on the Gospel Reading For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection. On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word. The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

## POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR March 2026

### For Disarmament and Peace:

"Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence"

### Pray for Vocations

For the Church, that those who are called to serve as priests and consecrated may be transfigured by God's love and shine as witnesses of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Talk to Fr. Doug, or contact the Vocations Office 413-248-7034, or via email: [vocations@diospringfield.org](mailto:vocations@diospringfield.org)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### This Sunday's Readings

**First Reading** Genesis 12:1-4a God promises Abram a great blessing

**Second Reading** 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Through God's grace we are called to holiness

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 17:1 – 9 Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

**Lenten Regulations**, Good Friday APRIL 3 is a day of abstinence from meat as well as day of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. On days of fast, two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. The other **Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat**. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at age fourteen (14) and does not cease. The obligation to fast begins at age eighteen (18) and ceases at age fifty-nine (59). Please note: Although the faithful may excuse themselves from fast and abstinence for a just cause, there is an obligation to substitute another penance in its place. No Catholic should lightly excuse him/herself from these Lenten obligations.

### *LENT – a time for FAITH in fasting, HOPE in almsgiving, LOVE in prayer – the 3 Pillars of Lent*

[taken from Kathleen Hattrup [www.aleteia.com](http://www.aleteia.com) based on Pope Francis Lenten message

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil 2:8*). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

*Fasting, prayer and almsgiving*, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

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**On Fridays in Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at the following locations:**

- **St Elizabeth Ann Seton** Parish in Northampton 5:00pm
- **Most Holy Redeemer** Parish 120 Russell Street, Hadley, MA Fridays at 6:30 PM
- **Holy Family Parish** 29 Sugarloaf Street, South Deerfield, MA Fridays at 6:00 PM

Part of our Lenten journey is **almsgiving**. This year, why not begin by supporting our Food Collection? Your generosity directly helps us care for a specific Hatfield family in need, offering comfort and dignity during a difficult time.



# OUR LADY OF GRACE

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### 2026

## HOLY THURSDAY

April 2

Mass at 6:30 p.m.  
No morning Mass

## GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

3:00 p.m. Service

## NO EASTER VIGIL AT OLG

## EASTER SUNDAY

Mass at 9:30 a.m.

# 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, March 5  
Thursday, April 9  
Thursday, May 7  
Thursday June 4

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



## Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

As members of the Diocese of Springfield, we are called to live out the Gospel's mandate to love our neighbors.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the largest source of funding for the works of the Diocese of Springfield. The Appeal provides the necessary financial resources for community based ministries and agencies that serve individuals and families of our parishes, schools, and communities throughout the four counties of western Massachusetts.

Help us serve those in need throughout western Massachusetts

[WWW.DIOSPRINGFIELD.ORG/ACA](http://WWW.DIOSPRINGFIELD.ORG/ACA)

As followers of Christ, we are called to be generous stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. Your participation - whether through prayer, sacrificial giving, or acts of service - makes a real difference in the lives of many.

I invite you to reflect on the blessings you have received and to consider a gift to this year's appeal. Every contribution, no matter the size, is significant. Your support expresses both your faith in action and your love for the Church.

- Most Rev. William D. Byrne,  
Bishop of Springfield



### OUR FUNDED MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES

#### SERVICES TO THOSE IN NEED

Amherst Community Connection  
Berkshire Food Project  
Catholic Charities  
Counseling Services/205 Child Protection  
Gray House  
Lorraine's Soup Kitchen  
Loutson House  
The Heartwing Center  
Providence Ministries  
Residents Encounter Christ-Hampden Cty.  
Sandwiches For The Homeless Ministry  
St. Vincent DePaul Society - Westfield

#### SERVICES TO THE FAMILY & ELDERLY

Allianza  
Bethlehem House  
Clearway Clinic, Inc  
Harmony House of Western MA  
Mercy Medical Ctr., Healthcare for Homeless  
New Direction Women's Center  
Pregnancy Support Service of Berkshire Cty.  
Rachel's Vineyard  
Sisters' Retirement Fund  
Support of Retired Priests

#### SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Camp Holy Cross  
Children's Advocacy Center  
Homework House  
Newman Center, UMass Amherst  
Rick's Place  
Support to Catholic Education  
Youth Center, Inc.  
Youth Ministry

#### PASTORAL & SPIRITUAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Apostolate of the Suffering  
Campus Ministry  
Catholic Communications Corp.  
Catholic Latino Ministries  
Cemeteries Support  
Ecumenical Commission  
Faith Formation  
Jericho  
Ministry with the Deaf  
Office of Worship  
Permanent Diaconate  
Pro Life Office/Respect Life Ministry  
Seminary & Clergy Educational Support  
Underprivileged Parish Assistance Fund

## THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR SUPPORT

With your generous contributions, the Annual Catholic Appeal distributes funds to ministries and agencies across the Diocese of Springfield. In some cases, it is the sole source of support for these ministries. Since its inception in 1959, your donations have helped serve the young and old, fed the hungry, spread the faith, lifted up families and individuals in need and in crisis, educated our priests and deacons, and helped to support all life, from conception to natural death.

Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of thousands of our neighbors? Love your neighbor as yourself. Take time to make your donation today. Your gift will nurture faith, hope, and love right here in our four counties of western Massachusetts.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

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**DONATE BY PHONE**  
CALL US AT  
413.452.0630

**MAKE A PLEDGE**  
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SENT BY MAIL OR IN YOUR PARISH

Make the most of your ACA contribution! Talk to your company about its matching gift program. Contact our office for information on the transfer of stocks and bonds. For traditional IRA gift transfers, please consult your IRA administrator.

### MORE QUESTIONS?

CONTACT US AT 413.452.0630 OR  
BY EMAIL AT [ACA@DIOSPRINGFIELD.ORG](mailto:ACA@DIOSPRINGFIELD.ORG)

Annual Catholic Appeal funds are never used

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Your Gift Changes Lives



# FOOD DRIVE

for Blessed Solanus Food Pantry  
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
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- Cheerios



## 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).

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