



OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hatfield, Massachusetts

Established November 28, 2010

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The office is Closed Wednesday

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Rev. David Raymond

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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

Masses for Fr. Henry Dorsch this week are offered by Our Lady of Grace Parish.

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

Monday, March 9 No Mass

Tuesday, March 10 – 8:15 AM † For the repose of the soul of Fr. Henry Dorsch

Wednesday, March 11 No Mass

Thursday, March 12 – 8:15 AM † For the repose of the soul of Fr. Henry Dorsch

Friday, March 13 No Mass

Saturday, March 14 – 5:30 PM For the health and well-being of a parishioner *Requested by niece and nephew*

Sunday, March 15 – 9:30 AM † In memory of Peter Russo
Requested by Frank Russo

Financial Report March 1, 2026

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| Weekly Envelopes & Sittings | \$ 1903 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ 0 |
| Energy | \$ 330 |
| Easter Flowers Donation | \$ 305 |
| Total | \$ 2528 |

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is \$2,500. This week, we've received \$ 2528

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 Gruszkowski
 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 seeking strength and prayers
 A Parishioner
 John & Maryellen Reynolds
 Paul Schmidt
 Kari Ann Wiles
 A parishioner facing difficulties
 **Names will remain for one month

Lenten Regulations, 2026

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.



Background on the Gospel

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the lengthiest and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands." Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The 1st is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The 2nd is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The 3rd level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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 our parish, that we may nurture vocations through prayer, encouragement, and faithful guidance, let us pray to the Lord.

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



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.

3rd Sunday of Lent

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7
God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2,5-8
Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Reading John 4:5-42
Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

RESPECT LIFE

That those who thirst for the waters of life -- the unborn children, the terminally ill, the marginalized and oppressed -- may be set free and embraced in love, we pray to the Lord.

Knights of Columbus and Lent

Lent is a season to grow stronger in faith and purpose - even in the midst of busy lives, jobs, and family responsibilities. The Knights of Columbus helps Catholic men become the best version of themselves by offering a place to serve, grow, and walk alongside other men in faith. While involvement looks different for everyone, those who step forward consistently find they receive far more than they give. If this speaks to you, we invite you to talk with a Knight after Mass and learn more.

***** GRIEF MINISTRY MEETING IS RESCHEDULED TO
MARCH 12

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
Church Office: 413-247-9079

Lenten Food Drive

Our Lady of Grace Church

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

We are in need of the following items to help support a Hatfield family in need

- Honey Nut Cheerios
- Maxwell House coffee
- Canned veggies
corn, peas
green beans, beets
- Toothpaste
- Alfredo sauce
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper towels and toilet paper (septic safe)
- Pasta elbows
- Body wash
- Any snacks are greatly appreciated

Gift cards are also greatly appreciated, as they allow us to provide *perishable* items such as milk, butter, eggs, and fresh foods.

Drop-off information: Items may be placed in the collection box at the church or dropped off at the rectory. Gift cards may be mailed to the rectory or dropped off in person.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness during this Lenten season.

Stay tuned~

We are in the process of updating the Easter schedule.

The full schedule will be available next week.



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.

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How to Report Abuse

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Take and Eat

MEALS MINISTRY

is March 15

Kindly let us know if you won't be home to receive the meal.



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