



OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hatfield, Massachusetts

Established November 28, 2010

<http://www.ourladyofgrace.faith>

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The office is Closed Wednesday

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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 lit in memory of

Mathilda Dorsch Brooks

Lovingly requested by Janet Balise

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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 16 No Mass

Tuesday, March 17 – 8:15 AM For Quinn Cooke *Requested by Jean Boutin*

Wednesday, March 18 No Mass

Thursday, March 19 – 8:15 AM † In memory of Chester Joseph Jablonski *Requested by Helen Jablonski*

Friday, March 20 No Mass

Saturday, March 21– 5:30 PM † In memory of Alice Burgielewicz
Requested by Jeff and Lori Boyle

Sunday, March 22 – 9:30 AM For Jeff Pasons

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.

Financial Report March 7, 2026

Weekly Envelopes & Sittings	\$ 2099
Mass Intentions	\$ 125
Energy	\$ 90
Easter Flowers Donation	\$ 80
Memorial Donation	\$ 1000
Total	\$ 3394

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is **\$2,500**. This week, we've received **\$ 3394**





4th Sunday
of
Lent

Background on the Gospel

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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 "

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

Gospel Reading John 9:1-41 Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

Pray for Vocations

For married couples, that they may reflect Christ's light in their homes and deepen their covenant of love, let us pray to the Lord.

TAKE & EAT MEALS MINISTRY

Sunday March 15, 2026

At this time, we will be preparing Take and Eat meals on the third Sunday of each month. Our next meal offering is being planned for Sunday, March 15, 2026. If you are aware of someone in the community who may have difficulty preparing meals for themselves without assistance, or if you yourself are in need of a meal on the weekends for similar reasons and would like to receive a meal through the Take and Eat Ministry, please contact the Parish Office, 247 9079, and let us know. We will be happy to help.

Part of our Lenten journey is almsgiving

This year, consider supporting our Food Collection. Your generosity helps us care for a Hatfield family in need during a difficult time.



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

RESPECT LIFE

That our society may be cured of spiritual blindness and rediscover the equal dignity of the unborn, the terminally ill, those on death row, and all who are oppressed, we pray to the Lord.

Mass Intentions and the Memorial Sanctuary Candle offerings are \$15.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Lenten 2026 Easter Triduum

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Holy Thursday, April 2

Mass at 7 PM
(No morning Mass)

Good Friday, April 3

3 PM Service
(No morning Mass)

Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil 8 PM

April 5th

Easter Sunday 9:30 AM

*Thank you Fr. Wood for Filling in until Easter
We are so grateful!*

Requiescat in pace +Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell



Funeral arrangements are as follows

Thursday, March 12, viewing from 4pm to 6pm at St. Joseph Church, Pittsfield followed at 6pm by the Mass of the High Priest.

Friday, March 13, Bishop will lie in state at St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield from 9am to 10:30am followed by Funeral Mass at 11am.

Confessions at Most Holy Redeemer Church

LENTEN
CONFESSIONS



2:00 - 3:00 PM
Sunday March 22nd

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.

St Elizabeth Ann Seton

Penance Service will be on

Friday, March 27th at 5:30pm

at the Chapel in Florence

We will begin with Stations of the Cross followed by the Penance Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We invite you to make this part of your Lenten journey.



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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 of 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

**** 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



Please spread the word...

Bethlehem House, a ministry to new families, is in desperate need of volunteers!

Bethlehem House is in urgent need for volunteers who can work 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays. This would include working with clients and preparing supplies for distribution.

Bethlehem House can not operate without its dedicated volunteers.

**Contact Bethlehem House
at 413 262-8517 or 413 527-2861**

2025-2026 Stanley Kawecki Memorial Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council #15197 is proud to announce that the 2025-2026 Stanley Kawecki Memorial Scholarship is available. Applications will be accepted until May 9, 2026. The Stanley Kawecki Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000.00) is awarded to a deserving Catholic High School Senior who will be pursuing a course leading to a Bachelor's or Associate's Degree, attending an Accredited Trade School, or entering a valid Apprenticeship Program. A returning college sophomore or second year student in an Accredited Trade School or valid Apprenticeship Program may reapply if they did not receive this scholarship as a first-year student. The application is available at applicable guidance offices, Holy Family parish office, or by submitting an email request to Knights15197@gmail.com.

**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
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As followers of Christ, we are called to the general command of the Gospels: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." Whether through prayer, sacrifice, giving, or acts of service, we can make a difference in the lives of those in need.

When you reflect on the blessings you have received and provide a gift to this year's appeal, every contribution, no matter how small, is significant. Your support expresses both your faith in God and your love for the Church.

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

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Polish Junior League of Massachusetts Scholarships

The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts is accepting applications for scholarships for college students of Polish heritage. Application information and forms may be obtained at www.polishjuniorleaguema.org/ applications. Deadline for receipt of application materials is 5-1-2026.

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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 many cases, it is the sole source of support for these ministries. Since its inception in 1979, your donations have helped serve the young and old, and the hungry, spread the faith, build up families and individuals in need and in crisis, educated our young and the elderly, 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 sustain 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

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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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