



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

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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 lit in memory of

Jared A. Engelhardt

Lovingly requested by our Lady of Grace Parish

Mass Intentions

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 Parsons

Monday, March 23 No Mass

Tuesday, March 24 – 8:15 AM In memory of Vincent
Stankiewicz *Requested by Pat and Karen Coby*

Wednesday, March 25 No Mass

Thursday, March 26 – 8:15 AM † In loving memory of George
Flavin *Requested by Frank and Eileen Flavin*

Friday, March 27 No Mass

Saturday, March 28– 5:30 PM † In loving memory of Dorthea
Barbuto *Requested by Rocky and Chris Barbuto*

Sunday, March 29 – 9:30 AM For Nathan

Financial Report March 15, 2026

Weekly Envelopes & Sittings	\$ 1350
Mass Intentions	\$ 0
Energy	\$ 140
Easter Flowers Donation	\$ 110
Take and Eat Donation	\$ 60
Total	\$ 2060

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is **\$2,500**. This week, we've received **\$ 2060**

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.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Pastoral Council is looking for a few volunteers to deliver small Easter gifts to homebound parishioners on Palm Sunday weekend 3/28-29. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church or you can call Lee Rubeck 413-250-7567 if you can help.



5th Sunday
of
Lent

Background on the Gospel

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy. Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus. The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death. Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb. With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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 priests may bring the hope of Christ's resurrection to all through their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.



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 we who believe in Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, may defend life and help bring an end to abortion and other forms of injustice; we pray to the Lord.

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

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading. Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Passion / Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, March 28th 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 29th 9:30 AM

Holy Thursday April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 PM

No Morning Mass

Good Friday April 3rd

3 PM Service

No Morning Mass

The Resurrection of the Lord

Holy Saturday April 4th

Vigil Mass 8:00 PM

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY
SATURDAY

Easter Sunday April 5th

Mass 9:30 AM

Followed by the Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn east of the Church (Or in the Church Hall if the weather is poor)

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!*



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.

Confessions at Most Holy Redeemer Church

LENTEN CONFESSIONS



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

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.

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**

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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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All members of Christ are called to be generous stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. New opportunities to serve through prayer, sacrifice, giving, or acts of service exist in our lives as Catholics.

When you reflect on the blessings you have received and acknowledge a gift to the world, every contribution, no matter how small, is significant. The spirit expressed in your gift is a witness and your love for the Church.

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

OUR FUNDED MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES

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New Director: Mother's Center
Pregnancy Support Service of Berkshire Co.
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Senior Retirement Fund
Support of Justice Projects

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.

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.

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 1979, your donations have helped serve the young and old, 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

DONATE ONLINE. SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT WWW.DIOSPRINGFIELD.ORG/ACA
DONATE BY PHONE. CALL US AT 413-452-0630

MAKE A PLEDGE. Renew the financial commitment by making a pledge.

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