



OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hatfield, Massachusetts

Established November 28, 2010

<http://www.ourladyofgrace.faith>

11 School Street

Hatfield, MA 01038

(413) 247-9079

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The office is Closed Wednesday

Email: ourladyofgracehatfield@yahoo.com

Parish Administrator

Very Rev. Douglas McGonagle

Provisional Priest

Rev. David Raymond

Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Iannuccilli

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Leo C. Rotkiewicz, Jr.

Director of Faith Formation,

Cemetery Coordinator, and

Safe Environment

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 4 – 8:00 PM

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil *Missa Pro Popolo*

Sunday, April 5 – 9:30 AM

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord *For health and blessings for Jeff Parsons*

Monday, April 6 *No Mass*

Tuesday, April 7 – 8:15 AM

For the homebound and all those unable to attend Mass
Requested by a parishioner

Wednesday, April 8 *No Mass*

Thursday, April 9 – 8:15 AM

In loving memory of Fr. Henry Dorsch Requested by Pat and Karen Coby

Friday, April 10 *No Mass*

Saturday, April 11 – 5:30 PM

In loving memory of Fr. Henry Dorsch Requested by the Kopacz family

Sunday, April 12 – 9:30 AM

In loving memory of Angelina Villani-Detka Requested by the Villani family

Office Closing

The Parish Office will be closed for Easter from Noon on Thursday, April 2nd, until 9 AM on Thursday, April 9th.

April 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
Tom
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

Financial Report March 29, 2026

Weekly Envelopes & Sitzings	1482
Mass Intentions	30
Energy	100
Easter Offering	25
Easter Flowers Donation	125
Donation memorial	0
Other Donation	50
Total	\$ 1812

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is **\$2,500**. This week, we've received **\$ 1812**

Thank you for your generosity!

We are grateful to share that **\$685.00** has been collected so far for our Easter flowers. Your kindness allows us to decorate the church so beautifully for Easter, and it is truly appreciated.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women.

This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus— in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to all who have donated to the Food Pantry and to the family in Hatfield we've been supporting. Your generosity is truly appreciated and continues to make a meaningful difference.

Confessions

Confessions will be offered on Friday, April 3 at Most Holy Redeemer in Hadley with Fr. Bill Hamilton
from 4:30–5:00

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Sunday, April 5

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43. Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above. 1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading John 20:1-9 Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.



Thank You to ALL Our Easter Season Volunteers

To our lectors, organizers, offertory collectors, counters, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, delivery drivers, church cleaners, maintenance coordinator, decorators, and Faith Formation teachers - **thank you**. Your dedication, time, and joyful service help make our parish shine during this holy season.

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.



DIVINE MERCY

WEEKEND: APRIL 11-12



All buses and groups of 15 or more must register in advance.

Use the online form at ShrineofDivineMercy.org for any questions, please contact: Pilgrims@Marian.org 413-298-1119

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY
Stockbridge, MA
ShrineofDivineMercy.org
413-298-3931

GPS: 11 Pine Street, Stockbridge 01262 (then continue up Pine St. to our driveway!)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please sign up at ShrineofDivineMercy.org/volunteer
Call: (413) 298-1114
Email: Volunteers@Marian.org



April 11, 2026 EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Confessions
3:00 p.m. — Solemn Novena to Divine Mercy
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
4:00 p.m. — Divine Mercy Sunday Mass
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

April 12, 2026 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

There will be NO 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or a 2:00 p.m. Mass.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Confessions
1:00 p.m. — Solemn Mass
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
Mass will also be broadcast live on EWTN starting at 12 Noon EST and available to view on Facebook (DivineMercyOfficial) and TheDivineMercy.org

EASTER SEASON

The 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. This week – the days of the Easter octave – form the “early hours” of this “great Sunday”, with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to his resurrection. The paschal candle, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the altar through Pentecost Sunday.



Please spread the word...

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

Bethlehem House is in urgent need of 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**



Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

OUR FUNDED MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES

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

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

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

Most Rev. William D. Byrne,
Bishop of Springfield

SERVICES TO THOSE IN NEED

Prudent Community Connection
Bethlehem Food Project
Catholic Charities
Counseling Services 200 Child Protection
Cape House
Lorraine's Soup Kitchen
Liaison House
The Heartening Center
Residence Ministries
Residents' Committee of Springfield
Sandwiches For The Homeless Ministry
St. Vincent DePaul Society - Westfield

SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Camilly's Diner
Children's Advocacy Center
Homework House
Newman Center, UMass Amherst
Rock n' Roll
Support to Catholic Education
Youth Center, Inc.
Youth Ministry

PASTORAL & SPIRITUAL SUPPORT SERVICES

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Catholic Ministry
Catholic Communications Corp.
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Catholic Support
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Faith Formation
Jewish
Ministry with the Deaf
Office of Worship
Permanent Diaconate
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Seminary & Clergy Educational Services
Unleashed Faith Assistance

SERVICES TO THE FAMILY & ELDERLY

Alzheimer's
Bethlehem House
Cherway Clinic, Inc.
Harmless House of Western MA
Mary Medical Care, Inc./Hospice for Homeless
New Direction Women's Center
Pregnancy Support Service of Bethlehem
ProLife's Women's Center
Shelter & Retirement Fund
Support of United States

Help Our Marriage.org RETROUVAILLE A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

MAY MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

**May 1 – May 3, 2026
Windsor, CT**



If your marriage has become distant, troubled, unloving or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, **Retrouvaille** can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love.

helpourmarriage.org
(860) 837-0447

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 1999, your donations have helped serve the young and old, fed the hungry, served the faithless, blessed families and made meals to feed and to share, educated our young and old, 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
RETURN THE PLEDGE CARD
SENT BY MAIL OR IN YOUR PARISH

Make the most of your ACA contribution! Talk to your clergy 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

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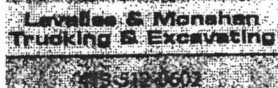
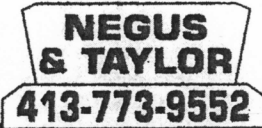


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