



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

Parish Director

Katrina Letourneau

Music Ministry & Organist

Leo C. Rotkiewicz, Jr.

Director of Faith Formation,

Cemetery Coordinator, and

Safe Environment

Katrina Letourneau

Email: olog_katrina_letourneau@yahoo.com

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 for sponsorship

Mass Intentions

July 25 – August 2, 2026

Saturday, July 25 – 5:30 PM *For the repose of the soul of Fr. Henry Dorsch*

Requested by Barbara Jamrog

Sunday, July 26 – 9:30 AM *For the health and healing of Jeff Parsons*

Monday, July 27 *No Mass*

Tuesday, July 28 – 8:15 AM *Missa Pro Populo*

Wednesday, July 29 *No Mass*

Thursday, July 30 – 8:15 AM *For the Souls in Purgatory*

Friday, July 31 *No Mass*

Saturday, August 1 – 5:30 PM *For the Health and Healing of Fred Sette*

Requested by the Reynolds and Nugent Family

Sunday, August 2 – 9:30 AM *In Memory of Jerry Morin on the 3rd Anniversary of his passing.*

Requested by his loving wife Lillian

July Prayer List

Pat Coby

Fr David Raymond

Barbara Growhoski

Mary Gruszkowski

Edward & Ruth Kuchyt

Rose & Joe Mulherin

Kari Ann Wiles

Lee Rubeck

Carol Keller

J.L.

John & Maryellen Reynolds

G.R.

Barbara Jamrog

Fred Sette

Lillian Morin

****Names will remain for one month. Please contact the Parish Office to add to the list. ****

Financial Report July 12, 2026 (Parish Office Closed)

Weekly Envelopes & Sitzings	1,920
Mass Intentions	30
Misc. Private Donation	10,000
Boiler Repair Donations	2,000
Bulletin Ads	550
Church Repairs Donation	40

Special Collection Venezuela Relief	50
Take & Eat Donation	60
Total	\$ 14,650

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal to sustain parish life is **\$2,500**. This week, we received **\$14,540** which is \$12,040 above our goal.

Your faithful support helps keep our parish vibrant and prayerful.

Thank you for your generosity and care for our community.

Our Lady of Grace Parish is seeking a **dedicated and energetic Church Custodian and Handyman** to help maintain the cleanliness, safety, and overall appearance of our church facilities.

Working under the direction of the Parish Administrator, the Custodian's primary focus is the **general maintenance** and **upkeep** of the church buildings and grounds. We are looking for someone who is reliable, detail-oriented, and proactive in communication.

Responsibilities Include

- Routine cleaning of church, hall, and offices
- Light repairs and maintenance
- Seasonal upkeep of grounds and walkways (assisting with snow removal on walkways/stairs/ramp before Masses etc.)
- Reporting maintenance needs promptly

Qualifications

- Prior custodial or maintenance experience preferred, but not necessary
- Ability to lift and carry moderate loads
- Respectful and professional demeanor in a parish environment
- Commitment to safety and stewardship of parish property

If you take pride in your work and enjoy serving in a faith-filled setting, we would love to hear from you.

 **To apply or inquire**, please contact the Parish Office at ourladyofgracehatfield@yahoo.com or call **(413) 247-9079** during office hours.

**17th Sunday of Ordinary
Time**

Sunday, July 26 ,2026

First Reading – 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12:

God offers to grant Solomon a wish. Recognizing his youth and the enormity of his task, Solomon asks for an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong. God grants him unrivaled wisdom.

Second Reading – Romans 8:28

30: All works for good for those loving God, called for His purpose. Called, justified, and glorified, they are shaped in His Son's image, the firstborn among siblings.

Gospel – Matthew 13:44-52:

Jesus shares three parables: the hidden treasure, the pearl of great value, and the net cast into the sea. He highlights the immense worth of the kingdom of heaven, prompting a person to joyfully give up everything to obtain it. Jesus explains that just as a net gathers fish of all kinds, there will be a separation of the righteous and the wicked at the end of the age. He concludes by saying that every scribe trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings forth both new and old treasures.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR July
2026**

For respect for human life

"Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."

Pray for Vocations

Loving God, the provider of all our needs, we, your faithful people, ask that you bless this parish and our Diocese with an increase of men and women for priestly and committed ministry.

Provide from among us those who will lead and work with us in priestly and consecrated service.

As you call, so may you also provide the context for listening so that they may respond with generosity and joy.

Form our hearts so that we may be a people given to Gospel living and generous for Christian service.

Help us all to discern and pursue our vocation in life with strength and courage, making of us a priestly people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, the priest and servant of our hearts. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Could you be among them? Contact the Vocations Office at 413-248-7034, email: vocations@diospringfield.org



Bethlehem House in Easthampton is looking for dedicated volunteers to assist their ministry and outreach to young families. They are also interested in recruiting new volunteer members of their board.

Please call 413 262-8517 and make the difference in the lives of young families and their children.

Diocesan Care for Creation Calendar of Events 2026

- Saturday, August 15, 10:30 - 3:00 PM Walking In Peace – A Labyrinth Experience with Cathy Rigali (Genesis Spiritual Life Center)
www.genesspiritualcenter.org
- September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2026, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - Honoring Our Common Home: Reflecting on Laudato Si' and Embracing Laudato Deum - (Virtual Study Group) www.genesspiritualcenter.org
- Saturday, October 3, 10:00 AM - Blessing of the Animals with Joseph Krans, OFS • (Genesis Spiritual Life Center)
www.genesspiritualcenter.org
- October 9 - 11, 2026 Restoring Sacred Conversation with Earth with Victoria Looz - (Genesis Spiritual Life Center)
www.genesspiritualcenter.org
- Friday, December 18, 6:00 PM - The Wonder of the Nativity – Live at Genesis (Genesis Spiritual Life Center)
www.genesspiritualcenter.org

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 happened years ago,

Public welcome 6-8 pm

Thursday, July 9
Thursday, August 13
Thursday, September 10
Thursday, October 8

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

Visit the Diocesan Care for Creation Committee's webpage for more info. on programs and events.



Harmony House

of Western Massachusetts

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT EVENT

Make a Difference: We need **YOU** to volunteer at Harmony House Today!

**21 JULY
5:30 - 7:30 PM
HARMONY
HOUSE**

66 View Street
Chicopee, MA



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Caregiver Volunteers
- Fundraising & Events
- Special Projects

Connect with current staff and volunteers to discover why volunteering at the Harmony House is so special and rewarding!

For more information or to learn about the Harmony House mission, please visit our website:
www.harmonyhousewma.org



Priests & Pickleball Fundraiser

Supporting Chesterton Academy of The Divine Mercy

A Joyfully Catholic, Classical High School Opening Fall 2027

WHEN:

Saturday, August 22
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WHERE:

Checkwriters Pickleball Courts
46 Round Hill Rd., Northampton, MA

EVENT DETAILS:

- All Skill Levels Welcome
- Family-Friendly Atmosphere
- Doubles Tournament: 24 Teams - 48 Players.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Sign Up to Play (Singles or Doubles)
- Register as a Spectator



REGISTER TODAY!

ChestertonDivineMercy.org



Mass On The Mountain

The Holy Banquet

Experience a unique and beautiful Catholic Mass outdoors with your family, friends and neighbors
 Officiated by: Rev. Father Gary Dailey, the Diocese of Springfield
 Music: Schola Cantori of the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday, August 16th
FERN VALLEY FARMS
 758 Main Street
 Wilbraham, MA. 01095

12:00 p.m. Begin a journey of discovery into the Catholic Mass.
 A captivating presentation invites and prepares for Communion of the Holy Eucharist. Mass begins immediately thereafter.

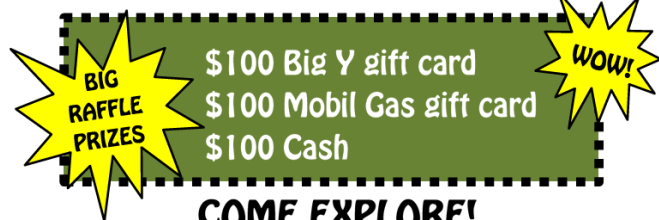
Free to Attend & Park Seating available under tents. Seating on the green, please bring your own. Register on EventBrite.com

Believe when you Receive.



Saturday, August 1 (8 AM – 1 PM)
34 Monroe Avenue, Shelburne Falls, MA
 Sponsored by Saint Joseph Parish

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For More Information call 413-625-6405

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly – July 26

This weekend, the Church celebrates the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, instituted by Pope Francis and observed each year on the **fourth Sunday of July**, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. It is a day to pause, give thanks, and lovingly honor the elders who have shaped our families, our parish, and our faith.

Pope Francis reminds us that our grandparents and elders are “**a source of richness for young people**”—keepers of memory, storytellers of faith, and gentle guides who help the next generation understand where they come from and where God may be leading them. Their lives, marked by joys, struggles, perseverance, and prayer, become a living testimony of God's fidelity.

He encourages young people to draw close to their elders, to listen to their stories, to bring them joy and companionship, and to help carry forward their dreams of justice, peace, and compassion. In a world that often moves too quickly, Pope Francis calls us to resist the “throw-away culture” and instead recognize the dignity, wisdom, and irreplaceable presence of every older person.

The Holy Father also reminds our elders that **there is no retirement from the work of love, faith, and witness**. Even in advanced age, they continue to bear fruit—through prayer, through quiet acts of kindness, and through the simple gift of their presence.

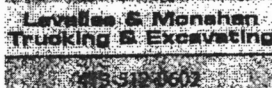
Their faith becomes a steady light for all of us.

As we mark this special day, may we reach out to the grandparents and elders in our lives—with a visit, a phone call, a prayer, or a gesture of gratitude. And may we hold in our hearts those who are alone, homebound, or grieving the loss of loved ones.

May God bless our grandparents and all the elderly of our parish with peace, strength, and the joyful assurance that they are deeply loved and never forgotten.

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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