



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

August 1 – August 9, 2026

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

Requested by the Reynolds and Nugent Family.

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

Requested by his loving wife Lillian.

Monday, Aug 3 – No Mass

Tuesday, Aug 4 – 8:15 AM *Missa Pro Populo*

Wednesday, Aug 5 – No Mass

Thursday, Aug 6 – 8:15 AM *Missa Pro Populo*

Friday, Aug 7 – No Mass

Saturday, August 8 – 5:30 PM *For Nathan*

Sunday, August 9 – 9:30 AM *In Memory of Rev. Monsignor Francis Edward Walsh*

August 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
Ginger Rogers
Barbara Jamrog
Fred Sette
Lillian Morin
Bill Kizca

****Names will remain on the list for one month.** If you would like to add a name or renew one already listed, please contact the Parish Office. **

Financial Report July 26, 2026

Weekly Envelopes & Sitzings	1,442.25
Mass Intentions	15
Total	\$ 1,457.25

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal is **\$2,500**, and this week we received **\$1,457**, which is **\$1,043 below** our goal.

Your support sustains our parish's prayer, ministry, and daily life.

We are grateful for your care and commitment to 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.

Our Lady of Grace would like to **THANK** The Knights of Columbus for hosting the BBQ after Mass on Saturday 25 July. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship!

Thank you also to all who contributed a side dish. It was greatly appreciated!

**18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 2, 2026**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1–3 Isaiah speaks of God’s tender invitation to every person who feels weary, empty, or searching for something deeper. The Lord calls out, “Come,” offering nourishment, peace, and renewal freely—without cost, without conditions. He reminds us that the things we often chase in life cannot truly satisfy, but His love can. When we listen to Him with open hearts, we find life, joy, and the promise of His everlasting covenant—a relationship of faithfulness and mercy, first shown to David and now offered to all.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37–39 In this powerful passage, Saint Paul reassures the early Christian community that nothing can break the bond of Christ’s love. They faced real suffering—persecution, fear, uncertainty—and Paul names these struggles honestly. Yet he insists that no force in heaven or on earth, no hardship of the present or the future, can separate us from God’s love in Christ. His words offered courage to believers then, and they continue to strengthen us now: God’s love remains constant, victorious, and unshakeable.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21, After hearing of John the Baptist’s death, Jesus seeks a quiet place, but the crowds follow Him. Seeing their need, His heart is moved with compassion, and He heals the sick. As evening comes, the disciples worry about how to feed the people, yet Jesus invites them to trust: “*Give them some food yourselves.*” With only five loaves and two fish, Jesus blesses the offering, multiplies it, and feeds the vast crowd. Everyone eats and is satisfied, and twelve baskets of fragments remain. This miracle reveals Jesus’ tender mercy and God’s abundant care—turning scarcity into overflowing generosity.

**Background on the
Gospel Reading**

This Sunday’s readings reveal God’s deep desire to nourish His people and satisfy every longing of the human heart. Through Isaiah, the Lord invites all who thirst or feel empty to come to Him freely and receive life. The Psalm continues this theme, praising the Lord who opens His hand and provides for every living thing.

Saint Paul proclaims the unshakable truth that nothing—no hardship, fear, or power—can ever separate us from the love of Christ. His love remains constant through every trial. In the Gospel, Jesus responds to the crowd with compassion, healing their sick and feeding thousands with only five loaves and two fish. All are fed, and all are satisfied, showing the abundance of God’s care even in moments of sorrow and scarcity.

Together, these readings remind us that God meets us in our need, strengthens us in our struggles, and provides generously for all who turn to Him.

**POPE’S INTENTIONS FOR
August 2026**

“For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.”

Pray for Vocations

Loving God, to be your prophet is my desire, but too often I am more concerned about the bottom line. I want to bring your message to the world as so many before me have done. My heart leads me to you, but I’m not always sure how to respond.

Let me know what it is you are calling me to do and the life you are asking me to live. Give me the strength to share with others who are in need of the blessings with which you have enriched my life. Thank you, God, for hearing my prayer.
Amen.

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.



Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

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.genesisspiritualcenter.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.genesisspiritualcenter.org
- Saturday, October 3, 10:00 AM - Blessing of the Animals with Joseph Krans, OFS • (Genesis Spiritual Life Center)
www.genesisspiritualcenter.org
- October 9 - 11, 2026 Restoring Sacred Conversation with Earth with Victoria Looz - (Genesis Spiritual Life Center)
www.genesisspiritualcenter.org
- Friday, December 18, 6:00 PM - The Wonder of the Nativity – Live at Genesis (Genesis Spiritual Life Center)
www.genesisspiritualcenter.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.



Florence Bank Customers' Choice Community Grants

Florence Bank offers a program that annually distributes **\$125,000** among local nonprofit organizations through their **Customers' Choice Community Grants**.

Any qualifying nonprofit that receives **50 or more customer votes** earns a proportional share of the funds. Historically, many organizations have received **between \$1,000 and \$5,000**.

Our Lady of Grace would be grateful for the opportunity to receive a portion of these funds this year.



Vote Online:

<https://www.florencebank.com/vote>

Your participation truly helps strengthen our parish community.



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.

St. Stanislaus Basilica

2026 Healing Mass Schedule

3rd Tuesdays: February 17, May 19, August 18, November 17

6:00 p.m. Adoration with praise and worship led by Joe Lamothe

6:30 p.m. Rosary led by the St. Stanislaus Rosary Society

7:00 p.m. Mass followed by anointing for healing

Jesus said: "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10)

jesus
HEALS ALL



Jesus wants to heal, to restore, to give new life. Are you in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing? Join us for the Healing Masses at St. Stanislaus Basilica and discover God's loving plan for you. Sponsored by the St. Stanislaus Basilica and the Disciples of Mary.

St. Stanislaus B. & M. Basilica, 566 Front St., Chicopee, MA

ALL ARE WELCOME



For more information call the parish office at 413-594-6669 or the Disciples of Mary at 413-452-0511 or email: disciplesofmary@diospringfield.org

Organ Summer Concert Series

"Open Wide the Doors to Christ"

Sacred Heart Church, Pittsfield

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 12:00–12:30 PM

Enjoy a free half-hour summer organ concert at Sacred Heart Church, featuring **Carl Bowlby**, organist for the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Each program begins and ends with a hymn and includes improvisations. Performances may run slightly longer depending on the music offered.

Location: Sacred Heart Church 191 Elm Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Questions? Contact Carl Bowlby at
(413) 841-9889



THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 and
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026 from 6 - 9PM
ON THE GROUNDS OF SACRED HEART PARISH
1065 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA
FEATURED SPEAKERS:


FR. ANTHONY
GRAMLICH, MIC


FR. CHRIS
ALAR, MIC


FR. BASSAM
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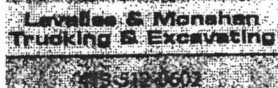
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COME JOIN US FOR EVENINGS OF COMMUNITY, PEACE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Please bring your own **LAWN CHAIRS** and **BLANKETS** for comfortable seating.
 Food and beverages will be available for purchase starting at 5pm. If it rains we go into the church.

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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