



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

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Parish Administrator

Very Rev. Douglas McGonagle

Provisional Priest

Rev. David Raymond

Parish Director

Katrina Letourneau

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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 for sponsorship

Mass Intentions

August 8 – August 16 2026

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

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

Requested by his loving wife Lillian.

Monday, Aug 10 – No Mass

Tuesday, Aug 11 – 8:15 AM *Missa Pro Populo*

Wednesday, Aug 12 – No Mass

Thursday, Aug 13 – 8:15 AM *Missa Pro Populo*

Friday, Aug 14 – No Mass

Saturday, August 15 – 5:30 PM *For Nathan*

Sunday, August 16 – 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

Jean Gilbert

Carol Keller

J.L.

John and 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

August 2, 2026

Weekly Envelopes & Sittings	1,442
Hebert Estate Dispersal	2,000
Bulletin Ads	300

Total	\$ 3,742
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Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal is **\$2,500**, and this week we received **\$3,742**, which is **\$1,242 ABOVE** 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.

Evangelization and Invitation

The Church calls each of us to share the Gospel through the quiet witness of our daily lives. If someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please direct them to **Fr. Doug McGonagle** or contact the **Parish Office**. Our parish is honored to accompany all who seek to grow in faith.

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 9, 2026

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a The Lord appears to Elijah in a entrance of the cave. 2nd Reading whisper. At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD— but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake— but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire— but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22–23, After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening, he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray. The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost. Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry. Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

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

Good and gracious God, you have called us through Baptism to discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ, and have sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to all peoples. We pray you to grant us more priests and religious to build up your Church here within the **Archdiocese of Springfield**. Inspire our young men and women by the example of Blessed Junipero Serra to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen!

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

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.



Electronics Recycling Event!

Saturday, August 8 • 9 AM – 2 PM

Most Holy Redeemer Church – Parking Lot

120 Russell Street, Hadley, MA



**Recycle Electronics, Appliances
& Reusable Bicycles!**

Anything with a Plug or Batteries!

Responsibly Recycled for a Small Fee

**Rain or Shine –
Help Keep Hazardous Waste Out Of Landfills!**

Concert in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 16 @ 3:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish

25 Parker St., Indian Orchard

Light Refreshments served after concert



Massachusetts Bishops Oppose Late-Term Abortion Bill

The Catholic bishops of Massachusetts have issued a statement opposing S.1563, *"An Act Prioritizing Patient Access to Care,"* which recently passed the House of Representatives. The bill would allow abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy whenever a physician deems it "medically necessary" and would remove the requirement that such procedures be performed in a hospital. Current state law permits late-term abortions only to preserve the mother's life or health, or in cases of severe or lethal fetal abnormalities.

Archbishop Richard G. Henning (Boston), Bishop Robert J. McManus (Worcester), Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha (Fall River), and Bishop William D. Byrne (Springfield) called the proposed changes "a radical measure which is gravely immoral," urging the State Senate not to follow the House's decision.

The bishops invited the Catholic community to pray for "a renewal of reverence for every human life" and to accompany women and families seeking healing from the tragedy of abortion. They reminded the faithful of Jesus' words: *"Whatsoever you do to the least of these, you do to me."*

With the legislative session ending July 31, the bishops expressed hope that lawmakers will uphold protections for the most vulnerable. Echoing Pope Leo XIV's July intention for respect for human life, they affirmed: **"Life is beautiful!"**



**This event has been
cancelled for this year.**

Organizers are committed to
having a Mass on the
Mountain in 2027.

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.

Churches of Hatfield



Saturday August 22 2026 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM

park and meet near 41 Main Street to visit 4 churches

"Pleasant walk along the sidewalk to view many churches."

from Canal Days with Robert Comeau as the tour guide



funded by the Hatfield Local Cultural Council

(which is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council)



Holyoke Preservation Trust

Promotes and hosts this event.

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 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

Immaculate Heart of Mary Summerfest

**Sunday, August 23rd • 12–4 PM Immaculate Heart of
Mary Church, Granby, MA**

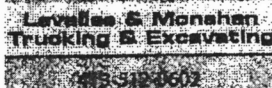
Join us for **Summerfest**, a joyful afternoon of food, fun,
and community! A **Chicken Dinner (\$15)** includes a half
BBQ chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, dessert,
and bottled water.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be available
throughout the day.

Enjoy exciting **raffle prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100**,
along with **raffle baskets**, a **bake sale**, **kids' games**,
prizes, **lottery trees**, and more. There's something for
everyone—truly fun for the whole family.

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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