



OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hatfield, Massachusetts

Established November 28, 2010

<http://www.ourladyofgrace.faith>

11 School Street

Hatfield, MA 01038

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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

Provisional Priest

Rev. David Raymond

Parish Director

Katrina Letourneau

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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 22 – August 30 2026

Saturday, Aug 22 – 5:30 PM *Missa Pro Populo*

Sunday, Aug 23 9:30 AM *For Fr. Paschal, his fellow friars and their mission in Nicaragua.*

Requested by Pat & Karen Coby

Monday, Aug 24 – No Mass

Tuesday, Aug 25 – 8:15 AM *In memory of Rev. Monsignor Francis Edward Walsh*

Wednesday, Aug 26 – No Mass

Thursday, Aug 27 – 8:15 AM *For the Souls in Purgatory*
Requested by a Parishioner

Friday, Aug 28 – No Mass

Saturday, August 29 – 5:30 PM *For a Successful School Year for all Our Students and Teachers.*

Requested by a Parishioner

Sunday, August 30 – 9:30 AM *In Memory of Dominic Letourneau on the 7th Anniversary of his Passing.*

Requested by The Letourneau Family

August Prayer List

Pat Coby	Carol Keller
Fr David Raymond	J.L.
Barbara Growhoski	John and Maryellen Reynolds
Mary Gruszkowski	Ginger Rogers
Edward & Ruth Kuchyt	Barbara Jamrog
Rose & Joe Mulherin	Fred Sette
Kari Ann Wiles	Lillian Morin
Lee Rubeck	Bill Kizca
Jean Gilbert	John Vdovjak

****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 9, 2026

Weekly Envelopes & Sittings	1,448
Assumption	255

Total \$ 1,703

Thank you for your continued generosity. Our weekly goal is **\$2,500**, and this week we received

\$1,703, which is **\$797 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.

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the family of **Fr. Henry Dorsch** for graciously allowing us the opportunity to look through his library. Their generous donation of books and movies has already been added to our Parish Library. For now, these items are available in the downstairs library, and they will be transitioned upstairs in the near future.

We are deeply grateful for this thoughtful gift and for the chance to preserve a piece of Fr. Henry's legacy within our parish community.

Faith Formation Teachers Needed

Our Faith Formation Program is preparing for the upcoming Catechetical Year, and we are seeking **Volunteer Teachers and Substitutes** who feel called to help guide our parish children in their journey of faith.

Grades in Need:

- K-2
- Confirmation

If you feel called to serve, please contact:

Katrina Letourneau

Email: OLOG_Katrina_Letourneau@yahoo.com

Phone: 413-247-9079

Without dedicated Volunteers for this ministry, we run the risk of not being able to offer Faith Formation for some students.

Registration forms now available on the OLoG website

**21st Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026**

First Reading – Isaiah 22:19-23: The LORD declares that He will remove Shebna from his position and replace him with Eliakim. Eliakim will have authority and be like a trusted peg, honored by his family.

Second Reading – Romans 11:33-36: The vastness of God's wisdom and knowledge is incomprehensible. No one can fully understand His mind or advise Him. Everything originates from and exists for Him. Glory to Him eternally.

Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20: Jesus asks who people say He is. Peter proclaims Him as Christ, Son of God. Jesus blesses Peter, declaring him foundation of His church, giving him authority over heaven's keys.

Pray for Vocations

Father, hear the prayers of your people, and bring to maturity the seeds you have sown in the field of your Church. May many of your people choose to serve you by devoting themselves to the service of their brothers and sisters.

Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. May those who follow in the footsteps of Christ your Son grow, and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom for the Church and the whole world. May all the ministers of your Church increase in numbers, and persevering in their prayer, perform their ministry with gentleness and concern for others.

Father, keep them all faithful to the call of the Gospel that the world may see in them the living image of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

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

Background on the Gospel Reading

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus' name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do. The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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."

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.

Let us pray ...

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,
In the busyness and noise of our daily lives,
we turn to you to find a sanctuary of peace.
Your heart is a mirror of God's pure love,
completely open, radiant with grace, and anchored in deep faith.

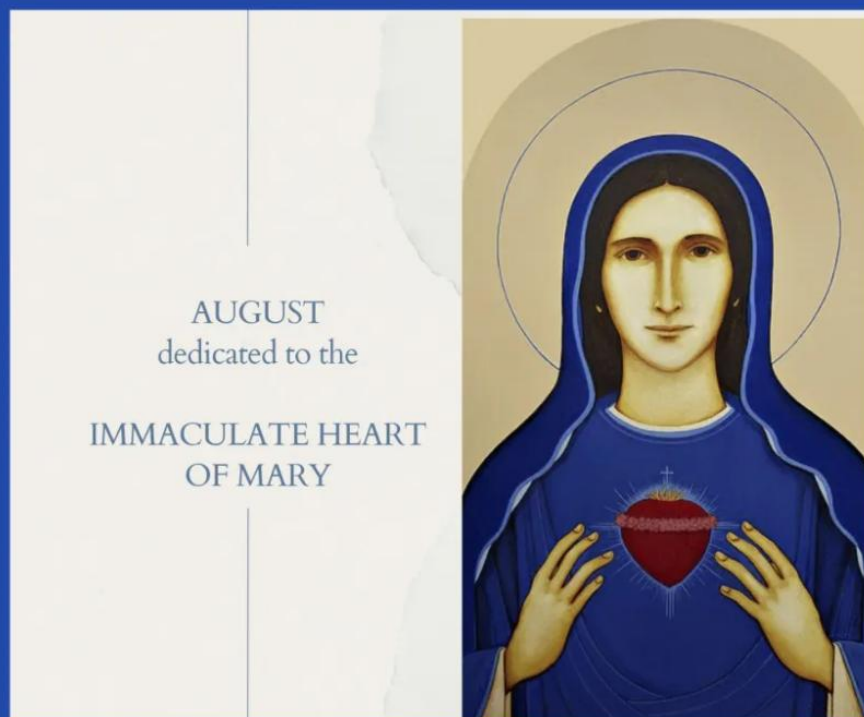
Mother, you quietly treasured and pondered God's mysteries in your heart.
Help us to quiet our racing minds and anxious thoughts.
Teach us to listen for the promptings of the Holy Spirit
and grant us the courage to say "yes" to God's will, just as you did.

We place into your maternal care our vulnerabilities,
our broken relationships, our hidden anxieties,
and the collective wounds of our modern world.
Heal our hearts from division, comparison, and unrest.
Infuse our spirits with your humility, purity, and profound empathy.

Create in us a clean heart, like yours,
that seeks out the lonely, loves without conditions,
and works tirelessly for peace and justice in our communities.

Most of all, lead us securely through your Immaculate Heart
to the Sacred Heart of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
May our lives become a living prayer that brings glory to God
and hope to a world in need of His mercy.

Amen.





Celebrating the
Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi
January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027

Evening of Reflection

"The Example of St. Francis
for our Christian Life."

with Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv.
Franciscan Friars Conventual

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
6:00pm
Blessed Sacrament Church
Holyoke

Sponsored by the Holyoke Deanery
All are Welcome!



"Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow
love..."



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)

Take & Eat

Meals will be prepared
and delivered this weekend
Thank you for your support!

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
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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

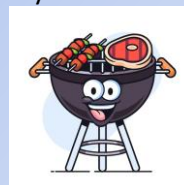
Immaculate Heart of Mary Summerfest

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.

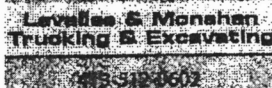
Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be available
throughout the day.

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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