



# DISCIPLES OF MARY

*A Catholic Diocese of Springfield Ministry*

*"Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)*

SPRING/SUMMER/EARLY FALL 2026



*Jean Raczkowski,  
PRESIDENT*



*Father Jeffrey Ballou,  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR*

## ABOUT US

### Disciples of Mary

The Disciples of Mary are men and women, old and young living a mission of healing and deliverance for all people through educational programs, retreats, and healing ministries. Disciples of Mary are disciples of Jesus Christ. Our motto, "Do whatever He tells you".

Originally, we were The Diocese of Springfield Ministries of Healing and Deliverance located at Mary's House of Prayer, in Chicopee, MA, with Fr. Donald Lapointe as Director and Exorcist. Some of the programs that flourished at Mary's House of Prayer were: Unbound, a non-confrontational deliverance ministry, Women of Grace Foundational Studies, Breath of God Charismatic Prayer Group, monthly Healing Masses, a Gift Shop, day and evening programs for education and spiritual enrichment. As years went by Fr. Don retired and in the November of 2023 Mary's House of Prayer was closed. Some ministries found homes in other parishes. Very quickly the Holy Spirit led us to Jericho, the Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults, we were warmly welcomed there with an office and space for all that we do. With the help of Very Rev. Piotr Calik, we established ourselves under a new name "Disciples of Mary". Bishop Byrne approved our name, vision statement, and by-laws. We were good to go. Packing up and relocating is a very difficult task for those of us over 70 yrs old, but God has blessed us with energy and help.

We look forward to many blessings in the very near future, for ourselves and those who come to us. Join us in this mission for Christ through Our most Holy Mother.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Disciples of Mary is a Catholic based organization that invites all people into a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, to heal wounds of the heart, and to prepare individuals to understand the mission to which God calls them. This will be accomplished by prayer and providing Catholic educational programs, bible study and one day retreats.

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## Disciples of Mary

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## LEADERSHIP TEAM



Officers of the Disciples of Mary (from left to right): Rose Morin (*Secretary*), Jean Raczkowski (*President*), and Mary Conroy (*Treasurer*).

## JEAN'S CORNER

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!



Spring is finally here and new life budding from the earth. We will shortly celebrate Easter and all the joy of Christ's triumph. We, as Disciples of Mary, are working diligently to provide many opportunities for spiritual growth through retreats, healing Masses, Life in the Spirit Seminars, Women of Grace Studies and other avenues for healing and growth. Alexandra Laflamme and Linda Bathel are committed to doing the newsletter twice a year to help you better see what is available through DOM. If you are interested in joining us please call me at 413-452-0511 or email: [disciplesofmary@diospringfield.org](mailto:disciplesofmary@diospringfield.org) or just come and enjoy one of our programs. I would love to meet you.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Jean Raczkowski

*“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*  
*John 8:31*



## A MESSAGE OF FAREWELL & A CALL TO PRAYER

*Our Spiritual Giants*, who have guided, supported and mentored many of us at Disciples of Mary. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Fr. Don Lapointe



Fr. Lapointe was the spiritual leader of our former home, Mary House of Prayer, where he served as the Director of the Ministry of Healing and Deliverance of the Diocese of Springfield. He was ordained to the Priesthood on May 6, 1967 by the late Bishop Christopher J. Weldon DD at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Springfield and held many important roles in the Diocese of Springfield.

Fr. Lapointe is to this day our Spiritual Giant and will forever hold a very special place in all of our hearts .

### Fr. Henry Dorsch



Fr. Henry Dorsch was instrumental in building our charismatic movement at Mary House of Prayer and then Disciples of Mary.

Fr. Dorsch was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts, on May 11, 1968, by Bishop Christopher Weldon at St. Mary's Church in Northampton.

Father Dorsch held several pastoral roles throughout his career, and was most active in the Charismatic movement.

Fr. Dorsch's kindness, love and generosity in spirit will always be remembered.

### Sabina Garrison



Sabina Garrison was a long-time and active member of Immaculate Conception Church, serving in the church choir, and was a member of Mary's House of Prayer and the Women of Grace. Her church was an integral part of her life. Her example and virtues as a woman of faith made her a role model.

Sabina's warmth and kindness, and her hard work and dedication at Mary's House of Prayer & Disciples of Mary will stay with us forever.



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*"Friends are the gloves Jesus wears  
to touch your heart."*

*Disciples of Mary's Programs*



**Mary's Scriptural Grounding: Learn about Mary's Role in the Salvation of Souls**

*Presented by Paul Laflamme*

**Date:** Wednesdays, starting May 13th - June 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm

**Location:** St. Thomas Pastoral Center, 1076 Thorndike St. (right off I-90 exit), Palmer, MA

**Journey to Joy: Reflection on the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Presented by Penny Piazza*

**When:** Starting 9/15/2026 Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:30 am

**Where:** TBD

**When:** Starting 9/16/2026 Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8:30 pm

**Where:** TBD

**Life in The Spirit Seminar**

Come and learn how to have a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

This program features mentorship, as well as praise and worship.

Paul Laflamme and the *Life in the Spirit* team will present this 8 week long seminar.

It will be held on **Mondays, April 20 through June 1st, 2026 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**

**Location:** St. Stanislaus School, 534 Front Street, Chicopee, MA



**WOMEN OF GRACE STUDY**

**Where:** St. Rose De Lima Parish  
600 Grattan St.  
Chicopee, MA 01020

**When:** Wednesday evenings  
May 6 - July 18, 2026

**Time:** TBD

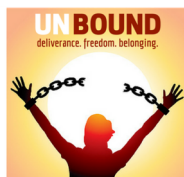
A **second Women of Grace Study** is planned for this summer of 2026. More details forthcoming.

**Women of Grace Reunion:**

**Date:** Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 9 am - noon

**Where:** Jericho Center, Holyoke

**Unbound - Freedom in Christ**



**One Day Conference** will be offered on Saturdays.

**There are three planned conferences this year:** March 21, June 20, October 17

at St. Thomas Church in West Springfield.



**Senior Retreat: Mary and the Writing of St. Francis**

*Presented by Fr. Brad Milunski*

**Date:** May 6th, 2026 at 8:00 am

Retreat includes Confession, Adoration, and it ends following a 2:00 pm Mass.

**Where:** Jericho Center, Holyoke



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**Detailed program and registration information and additional updates on events/seminars is available on our website:**

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## ONGOING EVENTS

**Healing Masses** are held at St. Stanislaus Basilica in Chicopee, MA on the following 3rd Tuesdays: **February 17, May 19, August 18, and November 17. Schedule:** 6:00 pm Adoration and Praise & Worship, 6:30 p.m. Rosary led by the St. Stanislaus Rosary Society, and 7:00 p.m. Mass, followed by anointing for healing. All are welcome.

**Chalice of Strength - Prayer for Priests:** Christ the King Church in Ludlow, MA offers prayers for priests every Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:00 am. For more information, contact Christ the King parish.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>March 21st (Saturday)</i>	<b>Unbound Conference</b> from 8:30 to 5:00 pm. at St. Thomas Parish in West Springfield, MA.
<i>April 20th (Mondays)</i>	<b>Life in the Spirit Seminar.</b> This seminar is a 7 week session, every Monday evening, April 20th through June 1st, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Stanislaus School in Chicopee, MA.
<i>May 2nd (Saturday)</i>	<b>Women of Grace Reunion.</b> Morning event from 9:00 am to noon at Jericho Center, Holyoke, MA.
<i>May 6th (Wednesday)</i>	<b>Senior Retreat</b> starting at 8:00 am and it ends following a 2 pm Mass, at Jericho Center, Holyoke, MA.
<i>May 6th (Wednesdays)</i>	<b>Women of Grace Study.</b> Wednesday evenings at St. Rose De Lima Parish in Chicopee, MA
<i>May 13th (Wednesdays)</i>	<b>Mary's Scriptural Grounding &amp; Her Role in the Salvation of Souls.</b> Presented by Paul Laflamme. This seminar is a <u>seven week session</u> , from 6:30 - 8 p.m., at St. Thomas Parish in Palmer, MA.
<i>May 19th (Tuesday)</i>	<b>Healing Mass</b> starting at 7 pm at St. Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee, MA with 6-7 pm activities.
<i>June 20th (Saturday)</i>	<b>Unbound Conference</b> from 8:30 to 5:00 pm. at St. Thomas Parish in West Springfield, MA.
<i>Summer 2026</i>	<b>Women of Grace Study.</b> <i>More details coming soon.</i>
<i>August 18th (Tuesday)</i>	<b>Healing Mass</b> starting at 7 pm at St. Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee, MA with 6-7 pm activities.
<i>Sept. 15th (Tuesdays)</i>	<b>Journey to Joy: Reflection on Mary's Seven Sorrows.</b> Presented by Penny Piazza. This study runs for 7 weeks, every <u>Tuesday morning</u> from 9:30 - 11:30 am. <u>Location:</u> TBD.
<i>Sept. 16th (Wednesdays)</i>	<b>Journey to Joy: Reflection on Mary's Seven Sorrows.</b> Presented by Penny Piazza. This study runs for 7 weeks, every <u>Wednesday evening</u> from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. <u>Location:</u> TBD.
<i>October 17th (Saturday)</i>	<b>Unbound Conference</b> from 8:30 to 5:00 pm. at St. Thomas Parish in West Springfield, MA.
<i>November 17th (Tuesday)</i>	<b>Healing Mass</b> starting at 7 pm at St. Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee, MA with 6-7 pm activities.

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