



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

May 22, 2025

To: Springfield's Faith Community

Dear Houses of Worship:

Sunday, June 1, 2025 marks the fourteenth anniversary of the EF-3 tornado that left a 6.2 mile long scar through the City of Springfield. Soon after the tornado touched down at 4:38 p.m., the resiliency of our first responders, residents, and businesses began to shine through.

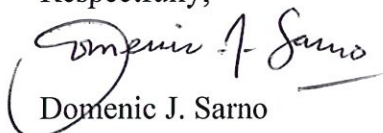
Since then, we have also endured the world-wide COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. Yet again during challenging times, the resiliency of our great City of Springfield continues to shine. Springfield has always come back stronger and more determined in our convictions to forge a brighter future.

Today, I am writing to ask for your assistance in marking the fourteenth anniversary of the June 1, 2011 tornado. I believe it would be a fitting tribute to pause and reflect on our ability to join together and to work so diligently on making our city whole again.

I am requesting that all of our religious organizations, which have the capacity, to chime your bells on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 4:38 p.m., marking the moment the tornado touched down.

The goal is to collectively reflect on how far we have come in the past fourteen years. In an instance where your place of worship does not have bells we respectfully ask that your congregation join congregations across our city in prayer and reflection. May God continue to bless our City of Springfield.

Respectfully,


Domenic J. Sarno

"Good health & Godspeed"