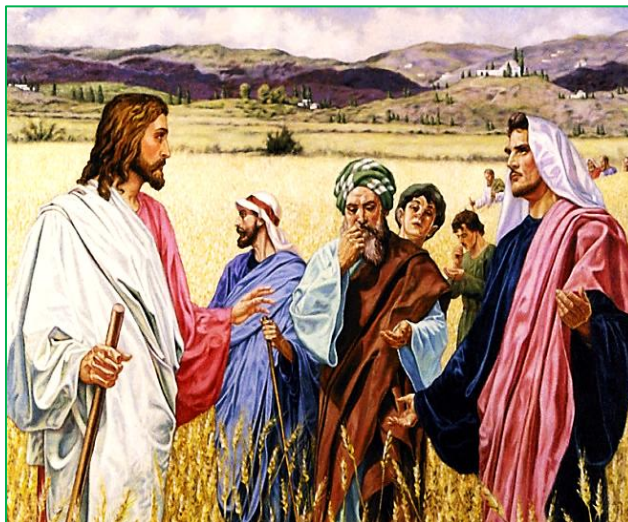


Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Mass



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All Masses are celebrated in the Cathedral



Weekdays, M-F:

12:10 p.m.

Saturday, Vigil Mass:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.

Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.

Holy Days:

As noted in the Mass Schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Mass Schedule

Cornerstone laid on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1860 / First Mass celebrated on Christmas morning, 1861.

JULY 18 - 26, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

Saturday	July 18	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Emily Yunker
Sunday	July 19	8:30 a.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Sunday	July 19	10:00 a.m.	†María Penalbert and †Efrain Barrios
Domingo	19 de Julio	11:45 a.m.	†Arcelinda Pagán
Sunday	July 19	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Nicholas and Katelyn LaRussa
Monday	July 20	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Ronald and Therese LaRussa
Tuesday	July 22	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Emily Yunker
Wednesday	July 22	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Thursday	July 23	12:10 p.m.	
Friday	July 24	11:00 a.m.	Mass for Volunteers Steubenville East 2026
Friday	July 24	12:10 p.m.	†Sr. Rita Bourassa, osu
Friday	July 24	4:00 p.m.	Mass for Travelers Steubenville East 2026
Saturday	July 25	4:00 p.m.	†Tom and Ginger Jesuit
Sunday	July 26	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	July 26	10:00 a.m.	†Maureen Coughlin
Domingo	26 de Julio	11:45 a.m.	†Dora María Corzo
Sunday	July 26	4:00 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Tori Ficarra

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith.
†María Rodríguez

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral

- 2nd Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.

Readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Gospel According to Matthew,
Matthew 13:24-43, bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071926.cfm

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

JULY 11-12, 2026, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Masses (\$3,371.00); Fuel (\$134.00)

Mission Statement / Misión

Guided and protected by our patron Saint Michael the Archangel, the Cathedral parish is a welcoming, diverse community which embodies the mission of Christ who strengthens us by the sacraments.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

Are tattoos a sin? Perhaps the answer to this question is not as straightforward as we would like it to be. Here are some insights from Scripture and Catholic teaching to help you come to a good decision. From the Old Testament Book of Leviticus the straightforward command, "... do not tattoo yourselves" (19:28). The first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians explains that "... your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit ..." (6:19). The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Except when performed for strictly therapeutic medical reasons, directly intended ..., mutilations, ... performed on innocent persons are against the moral law" (#2297). So what does this all mean in regards to tattoos? First, tattoos are not "intrinsically evil." In other words, not every tattoo in every circumstance is wrong. Some cultures have a marking on the forehead to indicate one's marital status. Many Ethiopian Christians have the custom of tattooing a cross on their foreheads to express their Christian faith. In many of these cultural examples, tattoos are not only socially accepted, they are also often socially expected. So, what about in our culture.

First, we need to realize that your body was made by God and is beautiful just as it is. To add a permanent marking to your body is not necessary. Since a tattoo is not a required part of our culture, there is no good reason to pursue one. Remember, your body truly is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Second, if you are to decide to get a tattoo, please avoid the following: diabolical images, ugly images, shocking images, images pertaining to horoscopes, and simply put, any image contrary to the Christian faith. Any image like this would surely fall into the category of sin. Third, make sure you are not acting out of peer pressure. Sometimes we do things because our friends are doing them and we want to fit in. This is never a good reason. If our friends are real friends, they will not pressure us into decisions like this, nor will they look down on us if we choose not to "go with the flow." Make sure your choice is not made out of pressure from others. Think and pray about this. If you are fully open to the will of God, He will lead you in the right direction and help you to make the right decision.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT EVENT: Harmony House of Western Mass. is looking for volunteers. The volunteer opportunities are: Caregiver Volunteers; Fundraising & Events; Special Projects. This recruitment event will be held on Tuesday, July 21 from 5:30-7:30pm at Harmony House – 66 View St., Chicopee. For more info or to learn about the Harmony House mission, please visit their website: www.harmonyhousewma.org.

MASS ON THE MOUNTAIN: Experience a unique and beautiful Catholic Mass outdoors with your family, friends and neighbors. It will be celebrated by Fr. Gary Dailey with music provided by the Schola Cantori of the Cathedral of St. Michael. TO BE HELD ON Sunday, August 16th at Fern Valley Farms, 758 Main St., Wilbraham, MA. It will begin at 12 noon with a journey of discovery into the Catholic Mass. A captivating presentation invites and prepares you for the Holy Eucharist. Mass begins immediately after around 12:30pm. No charge to attend or park. Seating available under tents. You can bring your own chair if you would like to sit on the lawn. You can register on EventBrite.com. Hope to see you there!

SCRATCH TICKET DONATIONS FOR CATHEDRAL PARISH PICNIC: A popular raffle prize is the Scratch Ticket tree. Thank you to those who have already contributed either Scratch Tickets or money to purchase them. We would like to raffle off 2 trees. Please place them in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or mail or drop them off to the rectory. Thank you very much. Deadline is Monday, July 27th.

CATHEDRAL PARISH PICNIC: Sunday, August 2nd will be our Cathedral Parish Picnic which will be held on the grounds of the Cathedral. We will be combining all the morning Masses into one Mass at the 10am. **THERE WILL BE NO 8:30AM MASS OR 11:45 MASS. WE WILL ONLY HAVE THE 10AM MASS.** Following the 10am Mass we will gather in the Bishop Marshall Center and the outdoor grounds outside the Marshall Center. There will be some games for the children and a raffle with some great prizes. Come and join us!

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RETROUVAILLE WORKSHOP: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

If your marriage has become distant, troubled, unloving or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, Retrouvaille can help. It provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and rediscover why you fell in love. The next workshop will be held September 18-20, 2026 in Windsor, CT. For more info go to: helpourmarriage.org or call (860) 837-0447.

Sacred Heart Church in Pittsfield has launched its **Annual Organ Summer Concert Series “Open Wide the Doors to Christ”** Wednesdays at 12 noon. The free half-hour concerts, with donations accepted, will be performed by Carl Bowlby, organist for Sacred Heart’s 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Each program will begin and end with a hymn and include improvisations. Performances may run longer depending on the program. If you have any questions, please call Carl Bowlby at (413) 841-9889.

Sacred Heart Church is located at 191 Elm Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM. Repeats every Wednesday until August 26, 2026.

A Concert in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join Immaculate Conception Parish, 25 Parker St., Indian Orchard, for a Concert in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, August 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Our parish choir will present a beautiful selection of Marian hymns in Polish, English, and Latin in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the concert, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist will offer reflections on the Rosary. Sister Faith Marie Woolsey, FSE, will speak about the Rosary and its significance, while Sister Rosario Ongayo, FSE, will share real-life experiences related to the mysteries of the Rosary. Light refreshments will be served following the concert. The program is sponsored by the Parish Rosary Sodality. A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit the parish.

Faith on Fire Catholic Rally 2026 (14th Season) at Sacred Heart Church

5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20 through 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 21

The Guild and Knights of Columbus are cooking up good food for purchase starting at 5:00 p.m. and the gift shop and thrift store will also be open. Please come and join the Holy Spirit for an evening of praise and worship at Sacred Heart Church. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening. Please consider placing a yard sign in your yard to promote the event. They will be available after Masses beginning on July 21st.

Contact: Linda 949-3741 / b.billbathel@comcast.net.

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Previous Hidden Message:

**CHRIST IS THE SOWER OF THE
WORD OF GOD.**

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