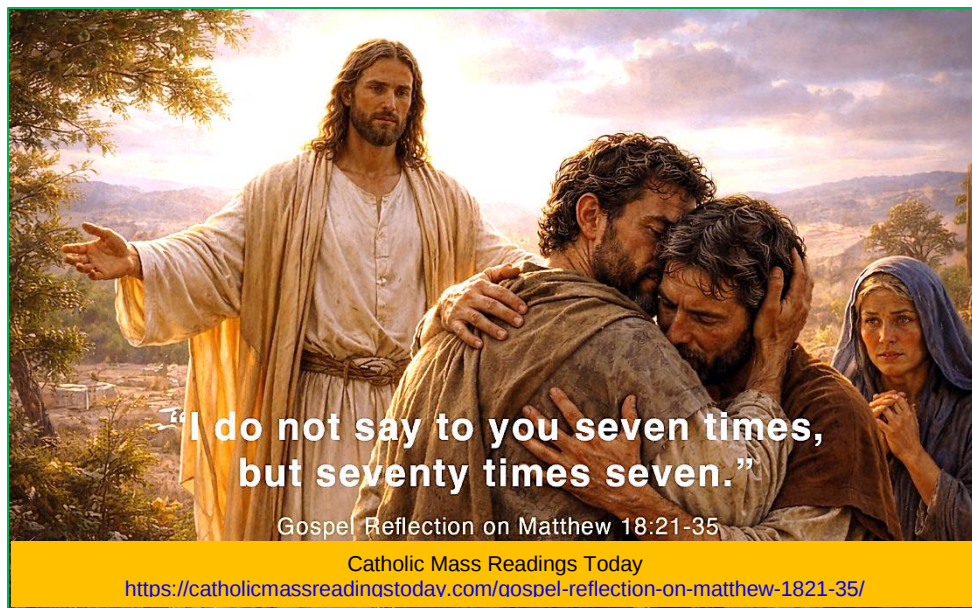


Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Sacrifice of the 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

SEPTEMBER 12-20, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

Saturday	September 12	4:00 p.m.	†Fr. Bill Reilly, †Fr. Adrian Benoit, and †Fr. Vernon Decoteau Blessings for Emily Yunker
Sunday	September 13	8:30 a.m.	Blessings for Ronald and Therese LaRussa
Sunday	September 13	10:00 a.m.	†Antonio y Susana Meletiche Pérez
Domingo	September 13	11:45 a.m.	†Marcelo y Osvalda Pérez García
Sunday	September 13	4:00 p.m.	†Al, Theresa, Loretta, John, Bertha, and Walter
Monday	September 14	12:10 p.m.	Healing in a Marriage
Tuesday	September 15	12:10 p.m.	†Mary Garde and †Rita Garde
Wednesday	September 16	12:10 p.m.	Blessings and Conversion for Ben, Jared, John, and Liz
Thursday	September 17	12:10 p.m.	†Francis and Maria Stipek
Friday	September 18	12:10 p.m.	†Thomas and Mae O'Brien
Saturday	September 19	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Nicholas and Katelyn LaRussa
Sunday	September 20	8:30 a.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Sunday	September 20	10:00 a.m.	Blessings for Emily Yunker
Domingo	September 20	11:45 a.m.	Legión de María
Sunday	September 20	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Ronald and Therese LaRussa

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith.
†Sr. Judith O'Connell

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, The Gospel According to Matthew,
Matthew 18:21-35, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091326.cfm>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2026, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Masses (\$3,509.00); Fuel (\$193.00)

Mission Statement

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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

This weekend our nation pauses to remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands more: 2,753 people died in the Twin Towers collapse, brought down by two hijacked commercial airliners; 184 people died when a third hijacked airliner flew into the Pentagon; and 40 people died in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, when passengers and crew fought back against hijackers on a fourth airliner, forcing it to crash in a field near Shanksville. Officials believe the fourth plane was headed for the U.S. Capitol or the White House. The 25th anniversary of 9/11 will not only be a time of solemn remembrance — it also leaves some longing for the national unity Americans once demonstrated.

It's hard to imagine but 25 years after these attacks, 100 million Americans are too young to remember the day that changed our city and nation forever. It is our shared promise — made 25 years ago — to never forget so those born after 9/11 learn its significance and enduring legacy. As we commemorate this anniversary, a new generation will learn about the unimaginable loss we experience and the inspiring stories of bravery, compassion, unity, and service that we witnessed, and have rippled through the decades.

We indeed saw evil at its worst, but we also saw goodness at its best. New York City came together. The country came together. The world came together.

Let us pray that we never forget, that we strive for unity as a nation and that we never have to experience such tragedy again. May eternal rest be given to all who lost their lives not only on September 11, 2001 but through the following years as a result of health issues that were brought about by this tragedy. May God bless America!

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: We will begin our Pastoral Council meetings this Monday at 6pm in the Cathedral Rectory. We will welcome our new members for a 3-year term: Jeremy Liddell; Blanca Marrero; Mark Radon and Elizabeth Rosa. They are joined by returning members: Mary Ann Arnold; Nachaly Moreira; Virginia Padilla; Timothy Pepler; Mary Somers and Ken Welch. A new Pastoral Council President will be elected at this meeting.

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER CLAVER: The Knights of St. Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary would like to extend our sincere thanks to our parishioners for their generous support. Through the purchase of photos, cards, and ornaments, you helped make our fundraiser a great success. We would like to offer a very special thank you to Mary Jeanne, whose generous donation of **\$270.00** will help the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary continue their mission of serving our church and community. Your kindness, generosity, and continued support are truly appreciated. Thank you, and may God bless you all.

CELEBRATION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: On Tuesday, September 29th we will celebrate the Patronal Feast of our Cathedral as well as the Diocese of Springfield with a Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral Church. Please come and join us for this celebration of St. Michael as well as SS. Gabriel and Raphael. This feast is a Solemnity in the Cathedral Church.

160th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH and BLESSING OF THE DOOR OF THE TOMB OF BISHOP McDONNELL: On September 30, 1866, the debt free St. Michael's Church was officially dedicated and consecrated by Bishop John Joseph Williams of Boston, making it the first consecrated church in New England. St. Michael's first pastor was Fr. Michael Gallagher. (*N.B. The chalice that Fr. Gary uses at the weekend Masses is Fr. Gallagher's chalice*). So, on Wednesday, September 30th the Cathedral Church will celebrate its 160th anniversary. Bishop Byrne will celebrate this Solemnity at a 6pm Mass in the cathedral. Following the Mass, we will proceed to the St. Augustine Crypt Chapel where Bishop McDonnell was laid to rest on March 13, 2026 and bless the newly engraved door to his tomb. Please come and join us.

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Celebration of Hope Healing Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Springfield

Join us for a special Healing Mass on Friday, September 25th dedicated to all those affected by cancer and other illnesses, including patients, survivors, caregivers, and loved ones we remember. Prayers begin at 5:30PM followed by Mass at 6:00PM.

The event is being held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, 123 William Street, Springfield, MA. Light refreshments and food for purchase will be served in the parish center following Mass.

For more information visit <https://celebrationofhopema.org/>.

A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit Sr. Caritas Cancer Center at Mercy Medical.

Holy Hike at Camp Holy Cross

Middle to high school youth are invited to join the Diocesan Youth Team and the Office of Missionary Discipleship for a special day of hiking, fellowship, lunch, prayer, and Mass on a Mountain at Camp Holy Cross (108 Cape Street, Goshen, MA) on Saturday, September 19th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. More information or register, visit <https://westernmasscatholic.regfox.com/holyhike>.



Preventive Care, Peace of Mind

Simple screenings for stroke risk, heart disease, cancer and more to live a longer, fuller life.

Friday, October 2, 2026

Saint Brigid's Church, 43 N. Prospect St, Amherst, MA 01002

Life Line Screening is offering a special cardiovascular health screening package for only \$129. The package includes screenings for Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Peripheral Artery Disease, and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. To schedule your appointment at a location near you, call 800-324-9458 and use code: HABC001. Take advantage of this opportunity to prioritize your health—early detection can make a difference!



Our Catholic Faith: Test Your Knowledge

- Which Archangels do we celebrate on September 29th? _____
- Which Archangel is our patron saint? _____
- The Church is apostolic because she is founded on the _____.
- What is the final purification that those who have died in God's grace and friendship will experience called? _____
- _____ is a free gift of God which allows us to become children of God, to share in the divine nature, and to inherit eternal life.
- We can assist the souls in purgatory by our prayers, _____, and good works.



Our Catholic Faith: Test Your Knowledge

(These are the ANSWERS to Last Week's Questions.)

Which are the seven (7) Sacraments of the Catholic Church? Baptism, Reconciliation, 1st Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders.

Who is the Incarnation? Jesus Christ.

Who is the Immaculate Conception? The Blessed Virgin Mary.

We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Which prayer did Jesus teach His disciples? The Our Father.

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God.