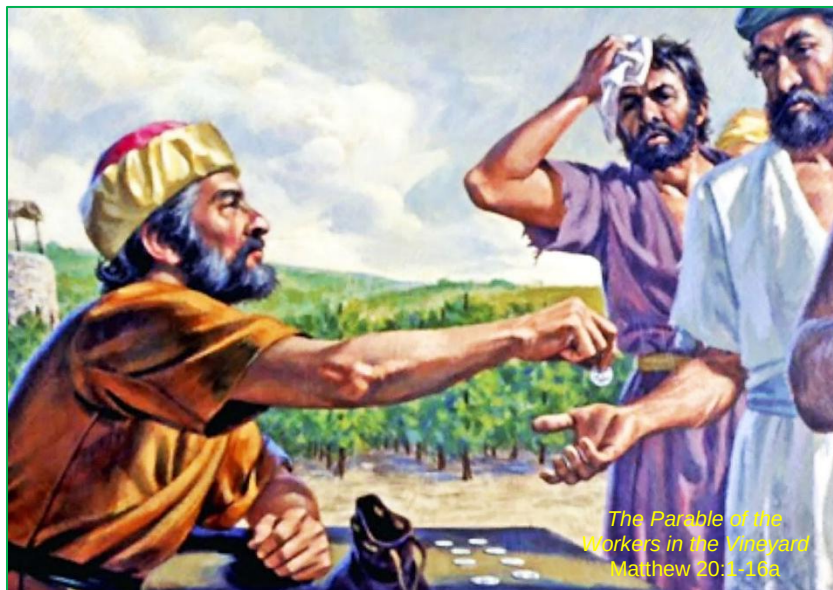


Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

25TH 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 19-27, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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
Monday	September 21	12:10 p.m.	Healing Linda Tryba and Pat Ficarra
Tuesday	September 22	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Naicere McLaurin
Wednesday	September 23	12:10 p.m.	†Mr. and Mrs. John Galvin and their Family
Thursday	September 24	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Nicholas and Katelyn LaRussa
Friday	September 25	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Saturday	September 26	4:00 p.m.	†Dora María Corzo
Sunday	September 27	8:30 a.m.	Blessings for Emily Yunker
Sunday	September 27	10:00 a.m.	†Jane Etzel
Domingo	September 27	11:45 a.m.	†Michael Sebastian Orengo Valle
Sunday	September 27	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Nicholas and Katelyn LaRussa

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

†Tony Tancredi

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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.
- After the 12:10 p.m. Mass until 5:45 p.m. on the Feast of the Archangels, TUES., SEPT 29th with Mass at 6:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, The Gospel According to Matthew,
Matthew 20:1-16a, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092026.cfm>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Masses (\$3,120.00); 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.

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

What does the Church think about horoscopes and tarot cards, etc.

This stuff is real and dangerous. Regarding horoscopes, do our birthdates really have an influence upon who we are, our personality, or what we do? No. Sorry, but it's simply not true. In some ways, relying on a horoscope is about as reliable as relying upon a comic book! I choose not even to read them "for the fun of it" because there is always a hidden temptation to wonder if they have an element of truth. But since a horoscope is not based on anything true, then I'd say it's best not even reading it—not even for a laugh.

What about tarot cards and fortune tellers? The goal of both is to try and discover the future. Only God knows the future. The Catholic Church teaches this about knowing the future, "God can reveal the future to his prophets or to other saints. Still, a sound Christian attitude consists in putting oneself confidently into the hands of Providence for whatever concerns the future, and giving up all unhealthy curiosity about it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2115). Furthermore, the *Catechism* says, "All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (#2116).

Now that is pretty clear! What needs to be known is that even if someone seeks "guidance" from tarot cards, Ouija boards, fortune tellers, or the like just for fun or for curiosity, they are dabbling in something that is clearly forbidden by God. In fact, persons getting involved with all of this may even be opening themselves up to demonic influence without even knowing it. Why? Because the only way that one of these practices can be "real" is if a demon works through them giving some sort of false guidance about the future. So, when I say that this stuff is "real," I mean that it is a real danger and can really influence us in a negative way. What's important to believe is that God is the only one who knows the future. And generally speaking, God does not reveal the future to us. If God decides to use a saint or a prophet to reveal the future, in some way, He will do it on His own initiative and for our good. This is rare and is not something we ever need to seek out. God will do this Himself. For our part, regarding the future, we only need to enter more deeply, each day, into a relationship of trust in God's divine providence. If you have been involved in one of these forbidden practices I encourage you to simply go to confession and stop these practices altogether. In Confession, God will free you from any mistakes you've made and help you rely only on His grace!

CATHEDRAL PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Congratulations to Timothy Pepler who was nominated for the office of President of the Cathedral Pastoral Council and elected by its members at its' recent meeting. Timothy has been with the Cathedral parish for the past two years, seeking full communion at the Easter Vigil in 2025. Timothy teaches in the Religious Education Program as well as sings in the Cathedral choir. He has also conducted some catechetical teachings during the year. Mary Somers will again serve as Vice-President of the Council. Mary has been a life-long parishioner of the Cathedral parish and her family has roots in the parish dating back 100 years. Thank you both for accepting these roles of service to the Council and to the Cathedral parish.

TAKE AND EAT MINISTRY at ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL: On the 3rd Saturday of every month prepares meals for 65 people and delivers them to their home. We are looking for 1 or 2 "packers" to assist and also could use 1 standby driver in case someone cannot make it. This is a great way to minister to the least of our brothers and sisters knowing that we do it for Jesus. If you are interested in helping, please call the rectory at 781-3656.

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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.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Tuesday, September 29, we will celebrate the patronal feast of our Cathedral and the Diocese of Springfield with a Mass at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. We invite you to join us in this celebration of St. Michael, as well as Saints Gabriel and Raphael. This feast is a solemnity at the Cathedral. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:10 p.m. Mass until 5:45 p.m. Come and join us for our celebration.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 1:27

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.

BURIAL PLOT AVAILABLE AT ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY: A person has come forward desiring to sell a plot at St. Michael's Cemetery that they will not using. The plot is grave 260 in the St. Martha section. It is good for one casket, one casket and one urn or two urns. They are looking to sell this plot for \$1,500. If you are interested please contact the rectory and we can put you in touch with the person.

FOOD PANTRY: Please remember the Food Pantry at St. Michael's when you go shopping. Non-perishable items please, or you may make a monetary donation and place it in the Food Pantry box in the cathedral on the wall near the tabernacle.

Our Catholic Faith: Test Your Knowledge

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

- Which Archangels do we celebrate on September 29th? **Saints Gabriel, Raphael, and Michael**
- Which Archangel is our patron saint? **St. Michael the Archangel**
- The Church is apostolic because she is founded on the **apostles**.
- What is the final purification that those who have died in God's grace and friendship will experience called?

Purgatory

- **Sanctifying Grace** 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, **fasting**, and good works.