

Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



Special Liturgies:

Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Mass on the Solemnity of the Archangels in honor of our patron, St. Michael the Archangel (Adoration 1PM to 6PM)

Wednesday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Mass in Commemoration of the 160th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Cathedral Church

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- Bishop William Draper Byrne
- Very Reverend Gary M. Dailey, Rector
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- Rev. Sinh Trinh, Parochial Vicar
- Deacon Angel Pérez
- Deacon Joe Rivera
- Dolly Garzón, Spanish Pastoral Minister
- M. Lynn Dubreuil, Director of Religious Ed
- Julian Flores, Part-time Maintenance
- Ashley Duplessis, Director of Music
- Jacob Broer, Cathedral Organist and Lead Sacristan
- Michael Gilsinger, Weekend Sacristan
- Michael Jones, Chair, Finance Council
- Timothy Pepler, Chair, Pastoral Council
- Mark Radon, Chair, Safety and Security Committee
- Paul E. Evans, Jr., Adult Altar Server
- Wanda Castellano, Administrative Assistant

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 26-OCT 4, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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
Monday	September 28	12:10 p.m.	†Siloe Celeste Irumva
Tuesday	September 29	12:10 p.m.	†Jaime Garzón
Tuesday	September 29	6:00 p.m.	Mass of the Solemnity of the Archangels
Wednesday	September 30	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Ronald and Therese LaRussa
Wednesday	September 30	6:00 p.m.	Mass of the 160th Anniversary of the Consecration to the Cathedral Church
Thursday	October 1	12:10 p.m.	†Adele Barnett
Friday	October 2	7:30 a.m.	First Friday Mass
Friday	October 2	12:10 p.m.	Consolation for the Irumva Family
Saturday	October 3	4:00 p.m.	A Special Intention
Sunday	October 4	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	October 4	10:00 a.m.	†Albert L. D'Amours, Jr., 92 nd Birthday Memorial
Domingo	October 4	11:45 a.m.	†Maria del Carmen Rodríguez
Sunday	October 4	4:00 p.m.	†Stanley and Helen Honciak

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

†Perfect Ramos

†Edward Hill

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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.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, The Gospel According to Matthew,
Matthew 21:28-32, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092726.cfm>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2026, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Masses (\$3,203.00); Fuel (\$111.00)

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:

Someone recently asked why are the 3 Archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael referred to as saints if they are angels? Contrary to popular belief, angels aren't people who've died and gone to heaven and then earned their wings. *Angels* are spirits that God created before he made human beings and were the most powerful, most intelligent, and most beautiful. Angels are pure spirits in that they have no bodies — only intellect and will. Humans are body *and* soul, both material and spiritual. People who die and go to heaven don't become angels — they become [saints](#). Angels and saints are two separate beings and species. Confusion arises when some angels are given the title *saint*, which is typically reserved for humans. It's merely a matter of semantics: The Latin word for saint is *sancta*, which means holy. Once in heaven — saint or angel — one is automatically holy. It can be confusing, but look at it this way: Angels are spirits in heaven, and saints are human beings in heaven. Angels can be called "saint" (as in the case of St. Michael) as a sign of respect and honor. A human being is called "saint" only after death and once in heaven. Christianity believes that angels and demons (fallen angels) are separated according to their loyalty and obedience to God. Their loyalty and obedience were tested, and those who failed, like Lucifer, were cast into hell. In hell, the angels became demons with Lucifer (whose name means *bearer of light*), who later became known as the devil (also called the *prince of darkness*). The Bible names only 3 specific angels — Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Scholars have speculated for centuries on the number of angels. St. Thomas Aquinas believed that the precise number of angels was beyond human comprehension. Some things are known, such as the fact that angels are separated into 9 choirs. The 9 choirs or ranks of angels are divided into 3 divisions and they are from greatest to least:

First division: 1. Seraphim 2. Cherubim 3. Thrones

Second division: 4. Dominions 5. Virtues 6. Powers

Third division: 7. Principalities 8. Archangels 9. Angels

FIRST FRIDAY: This coming Friday, October 2nd, the monthly gathering of the First Friday group will take place with a Mass at 7:30am celebrated by Bishop Byrne in the Holy Spirit Chapel followed by some coffee/tea and danish in the Bishop Marshall Center where Bishop will give a talk. The morning concludes by 9am. You are welcome to join this First Friday group which meets every First Friday from September through May.

STRATEGIC REALIGNMENT INITIATIVE PARISH LISTENING SESSIONS:

As part of the Diocese of Springfield's Strategic Realignment Initiative (SRI), the Cathedral parish will be participating in a parish listening session. This is an opportunity for parishioners to learn more about the initiative, ask questions, share their thoughts, and offer their hopes and concerns for the future of our parish and the Church in our community. The Strategic Realignment Initiative is a prayerful, mission-centered process focused on strengthening our parishes and ensuring that our resources, leadership, and structures support a vibrant Catholic presence for generations to come.

Our Parish Listening Sessions will be held:

- **SPANISH:** Thursday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bishop Marshall Center.
- **ENGLISH:** Friday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bishop Marshall Center.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend and participate. Your voice and your perspective are an important part of this process. For more information about the **Strategic Realignment Initiative**, please visit <https://www.diospringfield.org/onechurch>. Let us continue to pray for our parish, our Diocese, and all those participating in this important journey of faith.

**PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.
YOUR VOICE IS VERY IMPORTANT.**

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.

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.

HISTORICAL TIDBIT AS WE CELEBRATE 160 YEARS:

A man from another parish attended the Cathedral Church a couple weeks ago and wrote a letter to Fr. Gary sharing his wonderful experience of the Mass, the homily and the beauty of the Cathedral. He sent this which reminded him of his experience taken from: "A Journey to Kentucky in the Year 1873" Shaker Quarterly, 5, no. 1 (Spring 1965), 14-15

On May 7, 1873, Elder Henry Clan Blinn (1824-1905) of the Canterbury, NY Shakers was waiting for the train to take him to Enfield to visit the Shakers there. He killed some time by visiting the National Armory at the top of the State Street hill. On his way down... "Once more on the street, with valise and umbrella in hand, we directed our steps toward the depot. While walking slowly along we observed the doors of a large church stood open, and the voice of the preacher was more or less distinctly heard. Having interested ourselves so much in the war department, we thought that a little counteracting influence might prove salutary. As we entered the hall we found it to be a Roman Catholic audience, and that the priest was preaching in English. Three young men were in this hall of the church engaged in selling crosses, beads, candles and a large variety of articles which interest those of the Catholic persuasion. The Protestants are as yet a little in the rear, to have the trade in articles belonging to the church, stimulated by the preaching and praying is indeed one source of great gain. We were informed that Fr. Henning was the speaker. Place our baggage in charge of these traders, we entered the church guided by the young man. The sermon was wholly practical and embodied excellence. He denounced in the strongest terms the use of vulgar or profane language. Said he, cursing and swearing is the language of the devil. If, said he, I hear a man speak French, I say he belongs to France. If I hear one talking German, I say he belongs to Germany, and if I hear him talking the devil's language, I'd say that the man belongs to the devil. His sermon was as direct as this."

**Blessing of the Animals with Fr. Yerick Mendez
Saturday, October 3rd at 2:30 p.m.
Bishop Marshall Center, Lawn Area**



**The Diocesan Pro-Life Commission is promoting '40 Days for Life' in Western Massachusetts.
This Fall 40 Days for Life campaign goes from September 23, 2026 - November 1, 2026**

From September 23rd through November 1st, you are invited to join Christians and all people of good will for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3550 Main Street, Springfield, MA, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information, especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Tim Biggins at (413) 285-2257 and/or at 40daysWM@gmail.com.