

Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



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- 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

OCTOBER 3-11, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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	4 de Octubre	11:45 a.m.	†Maria del Carmen Rodríguez
Sunday	October 4	4:00 p.m.	†Stanley and Helen Honciak
Monday	October 5	12:10 p.m.	A Special Intention
Tuesday	October 6	12:10 p.m.	
Wednesday	October 7	12:10 p.m.	
Thursday	October 8	10:00 a.m.	Pro-Life Vigil / Vigil for the Unborn
Thursday	October 8	12:10 p.m.	†Joyce Ball
Friday	October 9	12:10 p.m.	
Saturday	October 10	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	October 11	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	October 11	10:00 a.m.	†Yola Cormier
Domingo	11 de Octubre	11:45 a.m.	Los Legionarios y por la salud de Yanelys, Alex David y Dennis Morales Masariego
Sunday	October 11	4:00 p.m.	

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

†Stephen Farr

†Gerald Dibbern

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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.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, The Gospel According to Matthew,
Matthew 21:33-43, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100426.cfm>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2026, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Masses (\$4,566.57); Fuel (\$140.00)

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:

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, a weapon for the ages and a powerful prayer. The history of the Rosary is a very interesting one, intertwined with spiritual and physical warfare. The Rosary finds its origin in a battle for souls. In the early 1200s St. Dominic was in France trying to convert the Albigensian heretics but was having little luck. He was doing penances and preaching but he knew there was something missing. Dominican tradition gives an account of what happened next. Discouraged, St. Dominic went off on a 3-day retreat seeking God's help. He received a vision of the Virgin Mary during this time in which she instructed him to preach her Psalter. This meant to preach the 150 Hail Mary's but with her special instruction of adding meditations on the 15 mysteries dividing the Hail Mary's into decades with Our Father's in between. The idea of using prayer beads and praying 150 Our Father's or Hail Mary's had already existed but the addition of meditations was new. The meditations on Christ's life would help the Albigensians recognize their errors. This devotion is capable of winning real wars just as much as spiritual ones. The Battle of Lepanto is one well known military victory attributed to the Rosary. This naval battle took place in 1571 and the Ottomans had not lost a naval engagement since the previous century. Prior to this they were unmatched in their continued expansion into Europe. The Ottomans had a few thousand more men and 66 more ships. Europe was suffering from the Protestant revolt but Pope St. Pius V's Holy League was able to send a force to respond. The Pope, who was also the first Dominican to be Supreme Pontiff, asked all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. The result? A total slaughter of the Ottoman naval forces. Pope Pius V actually saw a vision of the victory before Rome had even received the news and told his treasurer to thank God for the victory before joyously retiring to his chapel. What, or more accurately who, was the victory attributed to? Our Lady of the Rosary, often also called Our Lady of Victory. This is why the Feast for Our Lady under that title is on October 7th, the anniversary of the victory. We as Catholics yearly celebrate the great triumph won for us by grace provided through the prayer of the Rosary. So then the Rosary is a weapon, but that is a good thing. Our good Mother Mary, by the approval of her Son Jesus Christ, has gifted us this special weapon to defeat evil in the world. It is the weapon we Catholics can keep in our pockets, carrying it with us for when we may need it. The powerful prayer of the rosary threatens and defeats Satan and those who choose to serve him.

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.**

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**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.

Blessing of the Animals with Fr. Yerick Mendez

Saturday, October 3rd at 2:30 p.m.

Bishop Marshall Center, Lawn Area



To all my Coffee, and Tea drinker's:

We are looking for help with coffee hour, setup and service. I also would like to let you know everyone is invited no matter what language you speak. we are all one family. So, come and let's get to know each other on Sunday morning. There is a small donation for coffee and donuts. If you are interested please reach out, all are welcome. --*Your Sister in Christ, Sharon Harris*

LaSalette Shrine Christmas Lights & Wright's Family Restaurant SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

Sacred Heart Church Travel Club, Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA

Cost: \$95.00 per person.

Includes: •Round-trip motorcoach transportation, including driver gratuity •Family-style chicken dinner at Wright's Family Restaurant, including salad, chicken, pasta, French fries, coffee, tea, and ice cream •Tax and tip at the restaurant •Time to visit the restaurant's huge gift shop prior to the meal •Entrance to LaSalette Shrine, including a nominal per-person donation •Time to enjoy LaSalette's holiday programs and Christmas lights •Time to visit the cafeteria and religious gift shop •Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks are not included but may be purchased separately. **CONTACT:** Jim and Caroline McAleer at (413) 734-3676.

Eucharistic Miracles of Italy (11-Day Pilgrimage)

SEPTEMBER 20 - 30, 2027

Please join Father James Nolte, pastor of St. Cecilia's in Wilbraham, and Deacon David Bergeron, of St. Patrick's in South Hadley for an unforgettable 11-day Eucharistic Miracles pilgrimage to Italy next September (2027)!

This is an incredible opportunity to deepen your faith at some of the most holy places in Italy, marvel at breathtaking history and art, and strengthen your devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. It is also a real "Italian" experience! You will share amazing meals, explore beautiful historic streets, and enjoy plenty of laughter and fellowship with other pilgrims.

Please see the website for details and join us at one of our **informational meetings** being held at St. Cecilia's Parish Center and at St. Patrick's Social Center in the St. Catherine Classroom this coming October 5, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. Visit: <https://stcharlespilgrimages.com/nolte-bergeron>.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October: For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.