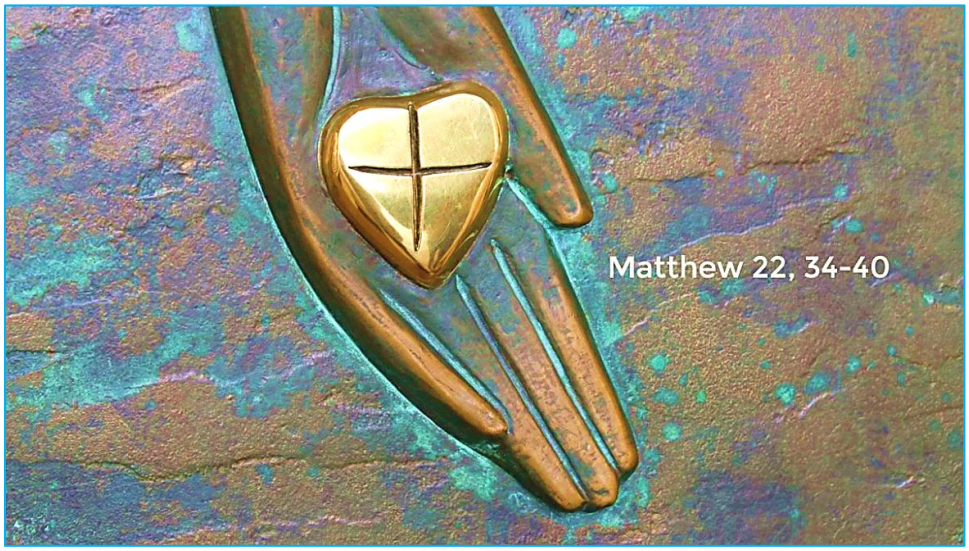
Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



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- 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

Oct 24 - Nov 1, 2026

			Mass Intention / Mass or Service
Saturday	October 24	11:00 a.m.	Office of the Diaconate **Mass of Rite of Candidacy**
Saturday	October 24	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	October 25	8:30 a.m.	Blessings for Emily Yunker
Sunday	October 25	10:00 a.m.	Blessings for Ronald and Therese LaRussa
Domingo	October 25	11:45 a.m.	Birthday Blessings for Dolly Garzón †Juan Amil Cruz; †Luz Nereida González Morales
Sunday	October 25	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Nicholas and Katelyn LaRussa
Monday	October 26	12:10 p.m.	†Dora Maria Corzo
Tuesday	October 27	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Wednesday	October 28	12:10 p.m.	Health and Healing for Pope Leo XIV
Thursday	October 29	12:10 p.m.	†Odell Daniel, Jr. (month's mind)
Friday	October 30	12:10 p.m.	†Zuleika Maria Brown (4th Ann.)
Saturday	October 31	4:00 p.m.	
	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS		
Sunday	November 1	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	November 1	10:00 a.m.	
Domingo	November 1	11:45 a.m.	†Carmen Engracia Rodríguez
Sunday	November 1	4:00 p.m.	

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

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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.



I love you, LORD, my strength.

Readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, The Gospel According to Matthew, **Matthew 22:34-40**, https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102526.cfm

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

OCTOBER 17-18, 2026, 29h Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Masses ($3,425.00); Fuel ($47.00)

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:

Fast approaching is Halloween and the celebration of All Saints Day. Halloween actually has significant Catholic roots. The name itself comes from All Hallow's Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day on Nov 1. The following day, Nov. 2, the Church commemorates all the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory, and prays for them. All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day–these 3 days taken together are the "Days of the Dead," a triduum of feasts also called Hallowtide (Hallow meaning saint or holy).

Why do we celebrate "The Days of the Dead"? These days remind us of the reality of death that we all experience eventually. These days also remind us of the 'last things'; death, judgement, heaven, hell. It reminds us to pray for the souls of the deceased. It's a reminder that we can ask those who have gone before us to pray for us. This is what we mean by the Communion of Saints that is so important in our Catholic Tradition.

Is it true that the Catholic celebration of Halloween has some pagan roots? Halloween is a Catholic holiday. It does not have origins in paganism, Druidic festivals, the occult, or Satanism. This common misconception is relatively new with roots going back to the Protestant Reformation with no basis in historical fact. Where did the various Halloween traditions come from? English, Irish, and French immigrants brought their variety of local Catholic customs to America**.** Dressing up for Halloween comes from the French; Jack-o-Lanterns come from the Irish, who originally carved turnips; the English begged from door to door for "Soul Cakes," promising to pray for the departed loved ones of those who gave them these treats—this being the origin of trick-or-treating. These traditions converged in the big American "melting pot" and eventually became popular nationwide activities for Halloween. How can we celebrate Hallowtide?

- Take the family to Mass on All Hallow's Eve (Saturday Oct 31)—then enjoy a special feast and merriment with loved ones.
- Thank the saints for what they have done for you on All Saints Day (Sunday Nov.1) – pray for the intercession of the saint in heaven – especially your patron saints.
- Read about the lives of the saints or have a party with saint-based activities/costumes.
- On All Souls Day (Monday Nov 2) pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and make sacrifices on their behalf, especially those whom you have known and loved—and pray for those who have no one to pray for them.
- Visit graveyards and cemeteries to pray for the dead, since they can no longer pray for themselves. There is a plenary indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and offer certain prayers on this day.

Happy Hallowtide!

PRAY3000: This weekend Bishop Byrne is initiating a campaign called **PRAY3000**, asking for 3,000 or more Catholics to commit to praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. One of the most critical needs for the future of our diocese is to ordain more faithful and joyful priests to shepherd the next generation of Catholics. The Vocation Office is doing the practical work to reach out to young men. Yet, we should not underestimate the power of prayer! As scripture reminds us, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." God is undoubtedly calling young men in our communities and families to the priesthood, we should pray that they are strengthened to heroically answer this call. Please give attention to the cards on the shelves of the front pews. Not only do they include a prayer for vocations, they also have a QR code that will lead you to a secure webpage where you can make a prayer pledge. Your pledge may be to offer a rosary weekly, or to pray the prayer for vocations on the card daily – it's up to you! In addition to making a pledge to pray, you can sign up to receive an email newsletter from the vocation office with prayers and reflections to help you pray for vocations. I also want to encourage you to read Bishop Byrne's letter about **Pray3000** which is available in today's bulletin. The priesthood is a wonderful gift. I believe that I can speak on behalf of Fr. Yerick and Fr. Sinh when I say is a joy to serve you, provide the sacraments, and be a spiritual father. I sincerely hope through our united prayers, more men in our diocese will say yes to God.

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TAKE AND EAT MINISTRY DRIVER NEEDED: The Take and Eat Ministry at St. Michael's Cathedral feeds around 65 people every 3rd Saturday of the month. **There is a need for one more driver** to deliver food to certain areas of the city. What a great way to fulfill the words of Jesus: "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me." Please call the rectory if you are able to assist with this ministry.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – EAST LONGMEADOW: "Looking for a way to put your faith into action? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves our local neighbors, with compassion and respect. Through prayer, friendship and practical assistance, our 12 volunteers bring Christ's love to those facing difficult times. St. Michael's St. Vincent de Paul of East Longmeadow serves neighbors in need in 4 counties and 20 surrounding towns. Please pray for this ministry or support the work through donations, you can make a difference." We will designate a weekend where we will take a second collection to assist their efforts in serving those in need. This has been approved by our bishop in order to support their works of charity.

CALLING ALL SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN (18-35):
Bethany Brunch… "CAPTURE MY HEART" A morning of prayer, reflection and discernment with Religious Sisters – Saturday November 7 from 9am to Noon at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Westfield. Mass – Brunch and Virtual Talk given by Sr. Dede Byrne, POSC. There will be a panel with Religious Sisters from various communities. Closing with Adoration. NO FEE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Sign up by November 2nd – BethanyB1107@gmail.com or (860) 402-4478.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES: ***All Souls Day*** is quickly approaching on Monday, November 2nd. There are envelopes at the entrances to the Cathedral for your use to place names and make a sacrificial offering for the Masses that will be celebrate throughout the month of November.

THE LAND OF PEACE PROJECT

On the weekend of November 7 - November 8 our brothers and sisters representing the **Land of Peace** mission – a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. You may see further information on their Website: www.landofpeace.org.

Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors:

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly or bi-weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Mary Higgins. (413) 552-7231 or email Mary at: DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com.

Salute to Veterans

On Saturday, November 14th from 5PM - 9PM, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Granby will be celebrating Veterans with our annual ***Salute to Veterans Pork Roast Dinner***. Take out and dine-in available. Cost per ticket is $15 and includes Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad and Dessert. Whether you are a Veteran, know a veteran, or just want to celebrate our heroes, all are welcome! Tickets are available at the parish office or after all weekend masses.
Immaculate Heart of Mary, 256 State Street, Granby, MA (413) 467-9821.