

# Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Mass



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### **CLERGY, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS**

- Bishop William Draper Byrne
- Very Reverend Gary M. Dailey, Rector
- Rev. Yerick Méndez, Parochial Vicar
- Rev. Sinh Trinh, Parochial Vicar
- Deacon Angel Pérez
- Deacon José Rivera
- Dolly Garzón, Ministerio Pastoral
- M. Lynn Dubreuil, Director of Religious Ed.
- Ashley Duplessis, Director of Music
- Jacob Broer, Head Sacristan and Assistant to the Director of Music
- Michael Gilsinger, Weekend Sacristan
- Julian Flores, Maintenance
- Paul E. Evans, Jr., Altar Server
- Mary Jeanne Tash, Safety & Security Coordinator
- 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 Day of Obligation: As announced 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, 1861.



## NOV 2 - 10, 2024

## MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

(MASSES ARE CELEBRATED IN THE CATHEDRAL UNLESS NOTED ELSEWHERE, BELOW.)

Saturday	November 2	9:00 a.m.	<b>All Souls' Day Mass</b> Mass in the St. Augustine Chapel / Crypt
Saturday	November 2	10:00 a.m.	<b>All Souls' Day Mass</b> <b>Misa celebrada por todos Los Fieles Difuntos</b> Mass in Spanish / Misa en Español
Saturday	November 2	12:10 p.m.	<b>All Souls' Day Mass</b> Mass in English / Misa en Inglés
Saturday Vigil	November 2	4:00 p.m.	†All Souls
Sunday	November 3	8:30 a.m.	†Deceased Members of the Ladizki & Malone Families
Sunday	November 3	10:00 a.m.	<b>Mass of Remembrance</b>
Domingo	3 de Noviembre	11:45 a.m.	†Carmen Engracia Rodríguez
Sunday	November 3	4:00 p.m.	†Rosalie Ford
Monday	November 4	12:10 p.m.	†Deceased Members of the Borrero Family
Tuesday	November 5	12:10 p.m.	†Rita Garde
Wednesday	November 6	12:10 p.m.	†All Souls
Thursday	November 7	12:10 p.m.	†Guillermina Cotto
Friday	November 8	12:10 p.m.	†Javier Colón Borrero
Saturday Vigil	November 9	4:00 p.m.	†Deceased Members of the Ladizki & Malone Families
Sunday	November 10	8:30 a.m.	†Javier Colón Borrero
Sunday	November 10	10:00 a.m.	†All Souls
Domingo	10 de Noviembre	11:45 a.m.	†Todas Las Almas
Sunday	November 10	4:00 p.m.	†Russ Ficara

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith †.  
†Antoinetta Davis †Tara Harris

### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral



- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: "I love you, Lord, my strength."

The Gospel According to Mark, **Mk 12:28b-34**, [bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110324.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110324.cfm)

#### **Mission Statement / Misión**

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.

Guiada y protegida por nuestro patrón San Miguel Arcángel, la parroquia Catedral es una comunidad acogedora y diversa que encarna la misión de Cristo quién nos fortalece a través de los sacramentos.

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### From the Desk of the Rector

#### BRIEF TEACHING ON PURGATORY

Catholic Purgatory: What Does It Mean? For the Catholic, purgatory is a period of purification after death. When we die, our souls are judged immediately by Christ in what's called the "Particular Judgment": Each person receives their eternal retribution at the very moment of their death, in a particular judgment: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven — through a purification or immediately, — or immediate and everlasting damnation. (Catechism, 1022) Purgatory is this period of purification before heaven.

Don't think that Purgatory is anything like a "second chance"; for those who have not won the reward of heaven!

During our human life, we either accept or reject God's offer of divine grace. Once we die, our choice is definitive. We cannot change our mind after death. (Catechism, 1021) Heaven and hell are real. They're part of a viewpoint that's fully Catholic and Purgatory is simply a transitional state for those who have merited heaven but still have aspects of their souls that are not yet fully purified. Purgatory is where that purification happens after death. The souls in Purgatory are assured of salvation. They've died in God's grace and friendship, and will end up in heaven. But they're not yet in a full state of holiness — the holiness that's necessary to behold God face to face in heaven. (Catechism, 1030)

The Catholic Church is often accused of inventing the concept of Purgatory out of thin air. Not so! First, it's based on the ancient Jewish practice of prayer for the dead, as mentioned in Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." (2 Macc 12:46) The early Christians continued this practice: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers for them, above all the Holy Mass, so that, purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (Catechism, 1032) Inscriptions on the walls and tombs of the Catacombs testify to the belief of many early Catholics in Purgatory. The words of the Apostles in the New Testament also clearly tell us about being "tested by fire"; (1 Pet 1:7). St. Paul warns us that if someone builds on the true foundation of Christ but doesn't take care to build well, "the person will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3:15).

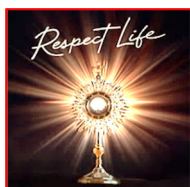
Part of the faith of Catholics is that Purgatory is a good thing! Purgatory reveals the depth of God's mercy: even those who are not yet perfect can attain the fullness of heaven. For Catholics Purgatory helps us hope in perfection even when we can't completely achieve it in this life.

### Upcoming Masses at the Cathedral

**Sunday, November 17 at 8:30 a.m.**

**THE PURPLE MASS** - Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness

*(Sponsored by the Knights of Saint Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary)*



**Sunday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m.**

**MASS FOR PRO-LIFE / RESPECT LIFE MASS**

*(Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)*

**Sunday, November 24 at 11:45 a.m.** (Mass in Spanish)

**MASS OF OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE** (Patron Saint of Puerto Rico)

*(A reception to be held in the Bishop Marshall Center on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-9:00 p.m.)*



## November is the month of All the Faithful Departed

**MASS FOR COLLEGE AGED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN:** This coming Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. we will gather in the Cathedral Church for Mass with all young men and women of college age. Following Mass we will meet in the Bishop Marshall Center for some pizza and Fr. Gary will give a talk on the Last Four Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell as well as a reflection on Purgatory. Please let young people know about this gathering and invite them to join us.

### Bible Study / Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Bible Study Course with Mary Jeanne will continue to meet from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Bishop Marshall Center through the end of December, except on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month when the Prayer Shawl Ministry is scheduled to meet. On Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Bible Study Course will be held in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

### Presentation on Purgatory, Ghosts, and Demons with Fr. Sean O'Mannion

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Mary Mother of Hope Church, 840 Page Blvd in Springfield

Holy Hour: 6:00 p.m.

Presentation: 7:00 p.m. (in the church)

Registration: Please send your \$20 check made out to **Disciples of Mary** and mail to Disciples of Mary, 537 Northampton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

*(Registration will also be available at the door)*

Contact: (413) 452-0511 / [disciplesofmary@diospringfield.org](mailto:disciplesofmary@diospringfield.org)



### Crafters Wanted

The Catholic Women's Club of St. Christopher's Parish in Brimfield is now accepting crafters/artisans to sell their goods at their Annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and also on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tables are \$35 each.

The craft fair will also feature raffles, and a cookie walk. Breakfast and lunch will be served both days. For info or to reserve a table contact [Stchriscraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:Stchriscraftfair@gmail.com) or (413) 245-7274.

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

#### OCTOBER 26-27, 2024, The 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Five Weekend Masses: (\$3,434.00); Fuel: (\$210.00); All Saints (\$78.00 ADDL.)

#### Special Collections:

Catholic Communications (\$39.50 ADDL.); Mission Sunday (\$137.00 ADDL.)

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Last Week's Hidden Message:

**SAINTLY**

GOD  
HEART  
JESUS  
KINGDOM  
LORD  
LOVE  
MIND

NEIGHBOR  
OFFERINGS  
SACRIFICES  
SCRIBES  
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