

Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

The Baptism of the Lord

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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 Day of Obligation: Please see 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.

JANUARY 11-19, 2025

MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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

Saturday Vigil	January 11	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	January 12	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	January 12	10:00 a.m.	†Jerry Jones
Domingo	12 de Enero	11:45 a.m.	†Rosalía Grullón
Sunday	January 12	4:00 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Michael Ficarra
Monday	January 13	12:10 p.m.	†Anna Pereira
Tuesday	January 14	12:10 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Thomas Ficarra
Wednesday	January 15	12:10 p.m.	†Al and Jean Bigda, and †Paul Roberts
Thursday	January 16	12:10 p.m.	†Jerry Jones (1 st Ann.)
Friday	January 17	12:10 p.m.	†Apolonia Slowik
Saturday Vigil	January 18	4:00 p.m.	†Louise and James Gianfelice
Sábado	18 de Enero	5:30 p.m.	Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Altigracia (Spanish)
Sunday	January 19	8:30 a.m.	†Peter P. Ball (4 th Ann.)
Sunday	January 19	10:00 a.m.	Healing and Conversion for Jared, Liz, Ben, Jon and Families
Domingo	19 de Enero	11:45 a.m.	Blessings for Carmen and Juan Lugo on their 56th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	January 19	4:00 p.m.	†Sister Rita Bourassa, OSU

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

†Fr. Francis Hugh Crombie, Jr. †Father Mark Mengel

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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 (English).
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Chapel (Spanish).

All are welcome. Todos son bienvenidos.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, Readings for Sunday of The Baptism of The Lord, **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**,
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011225.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.

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

St. Luke in today's Gospel depicts the baptism of the Lord by Jesus' cousin John the Baptist. Luke is telling us that through baptism, our sins will be washed away through Jesus' death and resurrection. It shows God's love for us and that, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are given the promise of eternal life.

Many people wonder: Why did Jesus need to be baptized because He is without sin. We are baptized to free us from the original sin we are born with. This allows us to have a new beginning in life. Jesus was baptized to show us His humanity at the beginning of His ministry. Baptism is a new beginning: we are freed of the original sin that resulted from Adam and Eve disobeying God. The Sacrament of Baptism starts our life out with God being a central part of our life and gives us the opportunity to live the life God wants for us. The Baptism of Jesus is God's way of allowing His son to start his ministry on earth. Through a dove, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus which signifies God's approval for Jesus and what He will do for us. Remember the reason why God sent his only Son was because people were not listening and he wanted to save us from our sins.

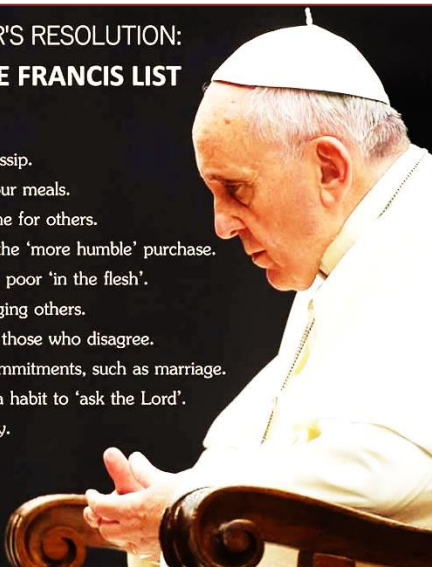
Jesus' ministry asks us to emphasize repentance, renewal, and the calling to live a life dedicated to God's will. Jesus is on earth to help people to see and learn of God's love and to turn away from sin.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Cathedral Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, January 13th for the monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral rectory. If anyone has items for the agenda please call the office.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Thank you to Fr. Yerick and his elves who assisted with decoration of the Cathedral as well as to all those who contributed to the flower collection. The Cathedral looked beautiful and helped us to lift up our spirits in making Jesus' birthday a very special celebration. To members of the choir and to those who assisted in our liturgies, thank you so much. Blessings to all in this New Year.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.



RESPECTFUL SILENCE IN THE CATHEDRAL:

We ask that people will observe a respectful silence in the Cathedral before and after Mass. Many people come to pray before and after Mass and have asked that silence be observed. Jesus is present in the Tabernacle and we should give Him due honor and respect. We have the advantage of having some good space outside the cathedral in the hallway leading to the Bishop Marshall Center to carry out fellowship and conversation. Thank you so much for giving your attention to this matter.



**Our Lady of
Silence,
Pray for us.**

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE / RESPECT LIFE MASS AND MARCH FOR LIFE

Mass at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop Byrne at the Cathedral of Saint Michael

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

A march down to city hall immediately following the Mass.





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A message from Sharon Harris on behalf of The Knights of Saint Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary "The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Calver would like to thank you for your generosity for the hats and mittens you donated to our children here in Saint Michael's Cathedral Church and the in the Springfield diocese. It will keep many of our children warm this cold winter season. Thank you once again."

Our Lady of Altagracia Mass and Reception Saturday, January 18, 2025

You are cordially invited to a Mass honoring **OUR LADY OF ALTAGRACIA**, Patron Saint of the Dominican Republic.

A reception to follow. All are welcome.

- **Mass** in Spanish at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel
- **Reception** at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Elks Lodge #61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield, MA 01108



Media Update: A new set of photos will be displayed in the Cloister Gallery that will include Advent through Epiphany. You can find more photos of the Epiphany on our Facebook Page and on our website.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen. *Franciscus*



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Last week's hidden message: **REVELATION**

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