

# Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

## The Feast of The Presentation of The Lord



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: 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.

## MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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

# FEB 1-9, 2025

Saturday Vigil	February 1	4:00 p.m.	John B. Dise (Birthday Memorial)
Sunday	February 2	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	February 2	10:00 a.m.	Blessings for Retreat Attendees
Domingo	2 de Febrero	11:45 a.m.	†Aida Maria Torres Madera
Sunday	February 2	4:00 p.m.	
Monday	February 3	12:10 p.m.	†Pedro Juan Pérez García
Tuesday	February 4	12:10 p.m.	†Maureen Tate
Wednesday	February 5	12:10 p.m.	†Kirk William Moore
Thursday	February 6	12:10 p.m.	†José Daniel Flores
Friday	February 7	7:30 a.m.	<b>First Friday Mass &amp; Prayer Breakfast</b>
Friday	February 7	12:10 p.m.	
Saturday Vigil	February 8	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	February 9	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	February 9	10:00 a.m.	†Lizandra Flores
Domingo	9 de Febrero	11:45 a.m.	†Milagros Borrero
Sunday	February 9	4:00 p.m.	

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

†Maria Tran Thi Lanh

†Margarita Rivera

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

All are welcome. Todos son bienvenidos.

### **Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, **Luke 2:22-40**, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020225.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020225.cfm)

### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

JANUARY 25-26, 2025, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Total All Five (5) Masses: (\$3,001.00); Fuel (\$264.00); SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Elms College (\$82.00)

### **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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## **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE:**

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of Fr. Sinh's mother - Maria Tran Thi Lanh. She was 77 years of age. She had a stroke just prior to Christmas and Fr. Sinh was scheduled to return to Vietnam on January 22nd. He had the opportunity to be with his mother for 5 days before she passed away on Monday, January 27th. Please pray for her soul and comfort and peace for Fr. Sinh and his family.

## **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS:**

This weekend, February 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. 40 days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. In the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), when a woman bore a male child, she was considered “unclean” for 7 days. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, the boy was circumcised. The mother continued to stay at home for 33 days for her blood to be purified. After the 40 days, the mother and the father came to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice — a lamb for a holocaust and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves. Joseph and Mary made the offering of the poor (Lk 2:24).

Also, Joseph and Mary were obliged by the Torah to “redeem” their firstborn son: “The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me’” (Ex 13:1). The price for such a redemption was five shekels, which the parents paid to the priest. This “redemption” was a kind of payment for the Passover sacrifice, by which the Jews had been freed from slavery.

St. Luke doesn't mention this redemption, but rather the presentation: “When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Him up to Jerusalem, so that He could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord’” (Lk 2:22-23). So, the focus is on Jesus' consecration to God. The verb in Greek “to present” also means to “offer.” Jesus is presented as the priest who will offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice to free us from the slavery of sin, seal the new and eternal covenant with His blood, and open the gates of heaven.

So, the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, at least since the 7<sup>th</sup> century, candles have been blessed at Mass that will be used throughout the year, hence the term “Candlemas.”

As we celebrate this feast, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, “Christian.” We received a lit candle from the paschal candle, at which the priest said, “You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart...” So, as a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ.

In many Eastern European countries, the feast of the Presentation officially closes the Christmas season. For this reason, Pope St. John Paul II began the custom of keeping the Nativity scene in St. Peter's square until Feb. 2.



**Safety and Security Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, February 3, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Bishop Marshall Center**



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## REST IN THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST:

We are sad to announce the passing of Margarita Rivera, the dear wife of our Deacon Jose Rivera. She passed into the arms of God this past Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please pray for her soul and for her husband, children and family and friends who mourn her loss. Eternal rest grant unto her Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Michael's Cathedral

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Rectory. The group is open to all knitters and those who crochet. Please join us.

## Diocesan Youth Rally: "The Path that Leads to You"

The Office of Youth Ministry invites all middle to high school aged youth from across the diocese to the third annual "The Path that Leads to You" diocesan youth rally at **5:30 p.m. on February 8, 2025 at Pope Francis Prep high school** in Springfield, MA. The exciting day will feature Bishop Joseph Espallat, America's youngest bishop, national youth speaker, and rapper. Enjoy live music, fun games, dynamic talks, and a powerful experience of Eucharistic Adoration. The rally is organized by the Diocesan Youth Ambassadors, a group of high school leaders, who have spent nearly a year planning the event. Don't miss this chance for the young people in your life to grow in faith, connect with others, and be inspired!



## Novena to Saint Patrick (March 9 - March 17)

Saint Jerome Parish, 169 Hampden Street in Holyoke is hosting a Novena to Saint Patrick beginning Sunday, March 9 and concluding on Monday, March 17. Priests who serve throughout the Diocese will be the Novena Mass celebrants, with Bishop Byrne serving as the celebrant on Sunday, March 16. Weekday Novena Masses will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m.; the Saturday Novena Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m.; and the Sunday Novena Masses will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. For further information, contact the Saint Jerome Parish Office at (413) 532-6381.



Mother's Day Dinner Join us for an unforgettable evening at the 2025 MCFL Annual Mother's Day Fundraising Dinner, held at the beautiful Log Cabin! Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting the cause of Life in Massachusetts, and be inspired by our incredible keynote speaker, Bishop W.C. Martin, Pastor, Bennett Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM Log Cabin Restaurant 500 Easthampton Road Holyoke, MA Early Registration Special for tickets purchased by March 16<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/mothers-day-ticket>

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