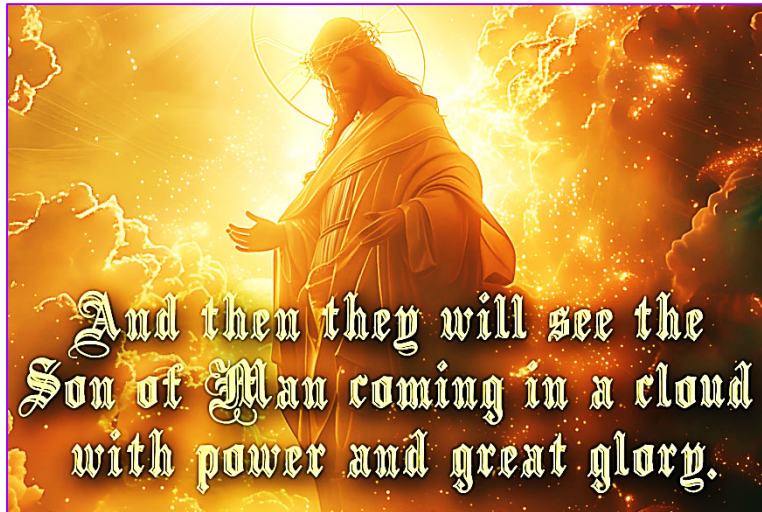


# Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Join us for Holy Mass



Our Christmas Mass Schedule is located on the back cover.

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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 30 – DEC 8, 2024



## MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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

Saturday Vigil	November 30	4:00 p.m.	A Special Intention
Sunday	December 1	8:30 a.m.	Birthday Blessings for Max and Kobe Ficarra
Sunday	December 1	10:00 a.m.	†Joseph Jones
Domingo	1 de Diciembre	11:45 a.m.	†Emilio Rijo
Sunday	December 1	4:00 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Robert Ficarra
Monday	December 2	12:10 p.m.	†Anna Pereira
Tuesday	December 3	12:10 p.m.	†Sister Dorothy Doyle, osu
Wednesday	December 4	12:10 p.m.	
Thursday	December 5	12:10 p.m.	†Margarita Meletiche
Friday	December 6	7:30 a.m.	<b>First Friday Mass</b> †Mary C. Devlin (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann.)
Friday	December 6	12:10 p.m.	
Saturday Vigil	December 7	4:00 p.m.	<b>Religious Education Program</b> Christmas Mass for Students
Sunday	December 8	8:30 a.m.	†Maximillian & Mathilda Geiger
Sunday	December 8	10:00 a.m.	The Holy Souls
Domingo	8 de Diciembre	11:45 a.m.	Los Legionarios, Vivos y Difuntos
Sunday	December 8	4:00 p.m.	The People of Saint Michael's Cathedral

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

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### 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).

## To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel reading for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, The Gospel According to Luke, **Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**,  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120124.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120124.cfm)

### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2024, 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Total All Five (5) Masses: (\$3,305.00); Fuel (\$69.00); Christmas Flowers (\$110.00)

NOVEMBER 23-24, 2024, Christ, King of the Universe Sunday

This information was not available prior to publication deadline. It will appear in a future bulletin.

### **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.



## MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR:

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Yes, this weekend we celebrate a New Year - the Liturgical Year of the Church. We enter into Year C which will bring a whole new set of readings for us to ponder throughout the New Year. During Advent, **we are called to focus on our relationship with God.** We are called, in particular, to repent of sins and receive God's forgiveness. That way, we can be ready when Jesus comes. While Jesus is away (like the traveling man in the Gospel), what are we doing with what He has given us?

We bless and light the first candle of our Advent Wreath in our Cathedral church. *I encourage every family to have a small wreath in their home and light a candle each week to symbolize the growing light of Christ toward Christmas who illuminates our way in a world cast in darkness.* So... Happy New Year to you all and let's celebrate the joy of Advent which leads us to the coming of the Season of Light which is Christmas and the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the World.

### **COLLEGE AGED STUDENT MASS:**

On Wednesday, December 4th we will have our Mass for College aged students at 7:00 p.m in the Cathedral. The Mass will be celebrated in the St. Augustine Crypt Chapel. Following the Mass we will gather the women for a Women's Night in the crypt area and the men will gather for a Men's Night in the Cathedral rectory. Inviting all college aged young men and women to join us.

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### **Saint of the Day - December 2**

#### **Blessed Rafal Chylinski**

Born near Buk in the Poznan region of Poland, Melchior Chylinski showed early signs of religious devotion; family members nicknamed him "the little monk." After completing his studies at the Jesuit college in Poznan, Melchior joined the cavalry and was promoted to officer rank within three years. In 1715, against the urgings of his military comrades, Melchior joined the Conventual Franciscans in Krakow. Receiving the name Rafal, he was ordained two years later. After pastoral assignments in nine cities, he came to Lagiewniki, where he spent the last 13 years of his life, except for 20 months ministering to flood and epidemic victims in Warsaw. Rafal was known for his simple and candid sermons, for his generosity, as well as for his ministry in the confessional. People of all levels of society were drawn to the self-sacrificing way he lived out his religious profession and priestly ministry.

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### **~ 2024 Grand Annual Gift ~**

Many thanks to all who are making generous donations to the ~ Grand Annual Gift ~ to benefit Saint Michael's Cathedral Parish.

We are very grateful to all our Parishioners and Friends who are helping! As of November 21<sup>st</sup>, your contributions total \$1,910.00 thus far. Thank you. 😊

### **The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver**

#### **Annual Hats and Mittens Drive**

Please donate hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for the Annual Hats and Mittens Drive hosted by the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver. The weather is getting colder and the children from our community are in need of our help once again to keep warm during this season. Thank you. 😊

### **ADVENT GIVING TREE 2024**

Please take a name card of one of our friends from the Advent Giving Tree, pray for that person throughout the Season of Advent, and purchase a gift (new and wrapped) that will be delivered to the person before Christmas.

You may bring your gift to the Rectory during the week or to church on Saturdays and Sundays.

All gifts should be received by **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you. 😊



The Cathedral of  
Saint Michael the Archangel  
**Christmas Masses**



**Christmas Eve**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Mass with Bishop Byrne**

- 4:00 p.m.  
(Chalice of Salvation Mass, Televised. Airs on Christmas morning at 11:00 a.m. on WWLP-22News)

**Midnight Mass**

- 12:00 a.m. (Tuesday night into Wednesday morning)

**Christmas Day**

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m.
- 11:45 a.m. (Misa en español)

**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL  
FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**



The Cathedral Choir is pleased to announce the Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols to be held on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, 260 State Street, Springfield.

This is a long-standing tradition in the Diocese for many and promises to enrich all who attend in their preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Please call Ashley Duplessis or Jacob Broer for further information (413) 452-0845.

The Parishes of the Springfield Deanery  
invite you to attend their

**ANNUAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield  
Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by Penance Service.  
Area priests will hear confessions in various languages.

**First Friday Prayer Breakfast**

Gina Mazza, president of Harmony House will be the guest speaker at the First Friday Prayer Breakfast at the Holy Spirit Chapel in the Bishop Marshall Center at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield on Friday, December 6. The morning begins with Mass at 7:30 a.m. followed by a free continental breakfast at 8 a.m. The guest speaker will begin at 8:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a friend, an associate or a family member. The event is being sponsored by Attorney Ted Brown. Please bring a wrapped children's Christmas gift for St. Michael's Parish.

Enjoy searching for the hidden word, name or phrase that is comprised of the remaining letters.

Last Week's Hidden Message is

**CHRIST IS KING OF THE UNIVERSE.**

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| BEWARE    | REDEMPTION |
| CAROUSING | ROARING    |
| CLOUD     | SEA        |
| COMING    | SIGNS      |
| HEAVEN    | VIGILANT   |
| JESUS     | WAVES      |

**GROWING IN FAITH**

**WORD SEARCH**

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