

# Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



Our Christmas Mass Schedule and a Christmas Message are located inside.

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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

## DEC 21 - 29, 2024

## MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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

Saturday Vigil	December 21	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 22	8:30 a.m.
Sunday	December 22	10:00 a.m.
Domingo	22 de Diciembre	11:45 a.m.
Sunday	December 22	4:00 p.m.
Monday	December 23	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday	December 24	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 25	12:00 a.m.
Wednesday	December 25	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	December 25	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	December 25	11:45 a.m.
Thursday	December 26	12:10 p.m.
Friday	December 27	12:10 p.m.
Saturday Vigil	December 28	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 29	8:30 a.m.
Sunday	December 29	10:00 a.m.
Domingo	29 de Diciembre	11:45 a.m.
Sunday	December 29	4:00 p.m.

†Luis Daniel Rodríguez  
Birthday Blessings for Linda Tryba  
†James Chartier  
†José Torres

†Mary Rose Geiger  
†Anna Pereira

### Christmas Eve Mass with Bishop Byrne

†Guillermina Cotto

### Midnight Mass

†Deceased Members of the Ladizki & Malone Families  
†Norma Esther Ortega

†Sister Margaret McNaughton, ssj (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)  
†Aloysius John Geiger

Health and Healing for Margarita Falcón  
†Dorothy Geiger

### Mass of the Opening of the Jubilee Year

†Michael Sebastian Orengo Valle

†Deceased Members of the Ladizki & Malone Families

*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**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass (English). All are welcome. Todos son bienvenidos.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Chapel (Spanish). All are welcome. Todos son bienvenidos.

**Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Lk 1:39-45,  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122224.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122224.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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### Christmas Masses at the Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel

#### Christmas Eve Mass with Bishop Byrne, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

- 4:00 p.m. (Televised\*)

\*This Mass will air on WWLP/22News at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas morning

#### Midnight Mass, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

- 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*)

## From the Rector's Desk

We are on the threshold of Christmas as we celebrate and commemorate this awesome event that happened over 2,000 years ago.

It all started in Nazareth with Mary's "yes" and in Bethlehem in that humble manger.....  
where heaven and earth embraced and kissed.....

The glory of Christmas is that a gracious God became one of us to tell us that He loves us.....

### ***At Christmas we celebrate Incarnation!***

The eternal God comes into the flesh and blood of humanity. The Good News is that the God of Mercy has come into the history of humanity to bring us perfect peace. For the peace of mind and heart and soul that the world cannot give, follow Jesus. And when you follow Jesus, do not be surprised to see others following you. After all, the spirit of Christmas is contagious.

My greatest gift to you as priest and friend is in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. As I pray before the manger at Mass I will lay all your intentions before the Christ Child. I pray that Jesus will abide in you forever and give you His peace and joy.

Next Sunday, December 29th, Bishop Byrne will open the Jubilee Year 2025 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Come and join us. Jubilee is a time of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. It is for this reason Jesus came to us in Bethlehem as a baby and the reason he died for us on Golgotha.

A Blessed Christmas and a peace and joy filled Jubilee New Year 2025

*O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie.....  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight*



**The place where Jesus was born in Bethlehem.**



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**Bishop William Byrne will formally inaugurate the Jubilee Year with a special liturgy on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral.**

Parishioners from parishes across the diocese are welcomed to attend.

This Mass will be televised live on WWLP 22News as part of "The Chalice of Salvation" program that day.



### The Star of Bethlehem: What did the Magi see?

You are cordially invited to join Fr. Douglas McGonagle as he walks us through the science, ancient astronomy/astrology and clues to what the Magi saw in his fascinating presentation and book signing on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Parish, 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick, MA, 01077.

The star has been a source of fascination to many, was it simply a bright light in the sky? A planet or comet? How did it lead the Magi to a tiny village in Judea? Do the clues lie in the ancient coin? Join us to find the answers to the many questions we all have wondered about. There is no cost for this event but if you would like to bring a food donation for the Open Pantry or a Free Will Offering, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Deb Briancesco at 786-9131.



### KWANZAA

We are excited to announced that on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> The Knights and Ladies of Saint Peter Claver will be celebrating Kwanzaa after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration of African and African-American heritage and culture that takes place from December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. It honors history, family, community and culture. Kwanzaa has seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective works, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Join the celebration!!!



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

We cordially invite you to join with us in the celebration of Our Lady of Altagracia, Patron Saint of the Dominican Republic. 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

### Contribution Statements

If you would like an end of year financial statement of your 2024 contributions for tax reporting purposes, please contact our parish office (413) 781-3656 / [stmichaelscathedral@diospringfield.org](mailto:stmichaelscathedral@diospringfield.org) to request a copy. The statements will be available from Our Sunday Visitor at the end of January 2024.

### ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MASS AND MARCH FOR LIFE

Mass with Bishop Byrne at the Cathedral of Saint Michael  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Mass at 10:00 a.m. and a march down to city hall immediately following the Mass.

