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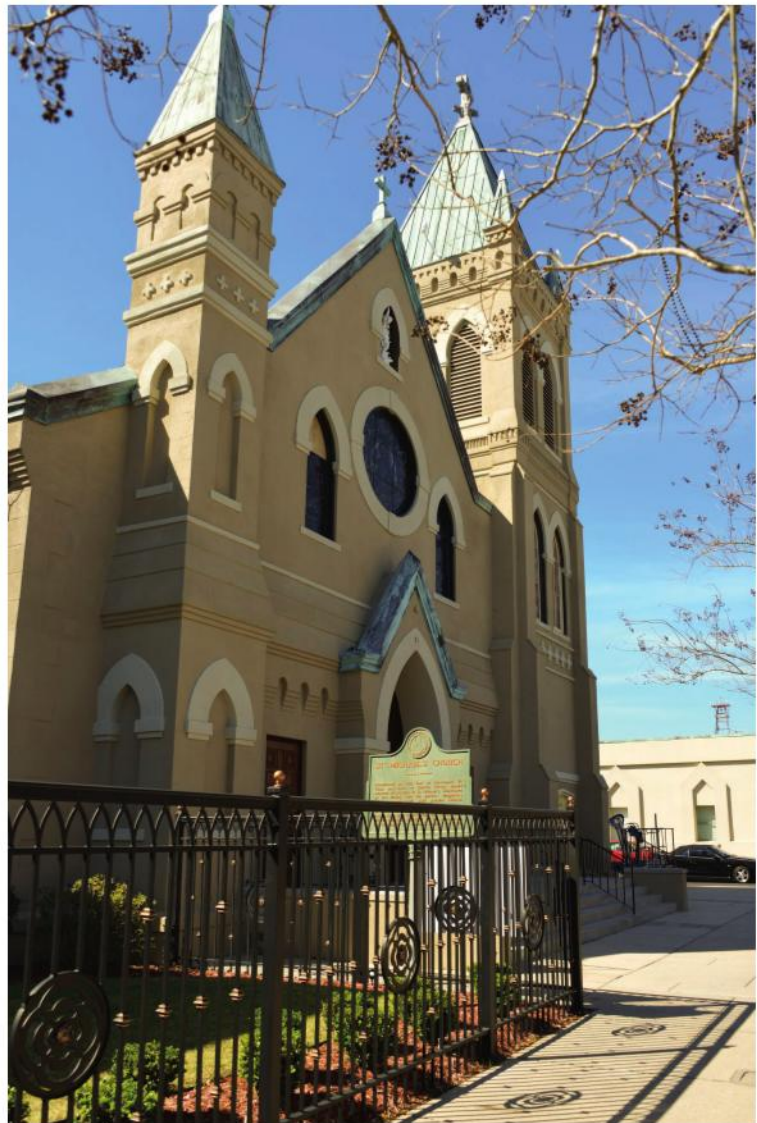
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*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

*December 29, 2024*



## MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

12:10 pm and 6:00 pm

## Basilica Open For Visitation

Sat.—10:00 am— 1:00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am

See usher for directions.

## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Wed., Fri.

9:00 am—2:00 pm

## Basilica Staff

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## SOCIAL MEDIA



**Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the  
Week of December 29, 2024**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 12/29 Sun. | <b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>                     |
| 9am        | John Myrick (+)                                     |
| 11am       | For the People of the Basilica                      |
| 12/30 Mon. | Patrick McDonald                                    |
| 12/31 Tue. | Most Rev. Martin Holley                             |
| 1/1 Wed.   | <b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>                 |
| 12:10pm    | For the People of the Basilica                      |
| 6pm        | Beverly Milsted (+)                                 |
| 1/2 Thur.  | Christine McGowan                                   |
|            | <i>Sts. Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</i> |
| 1/3 Fri.   | Lawrence Lingner, Jr.                               |

**☞ This Week at the Basilica**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 12/29 Sun. | ☞ Coffee Hour, 10 a.m.   |
| 1/1 Wed.   | ☞ <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> ,<br>Mass at 12:10 p.m. and 6 p.m. |
| 1/3 Fri.   | ☞ Holy Hour for Life, 11 a.m.                                      |

**Holy Day of Obligation**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is Wednesday, January 1. Masses will be offered at 12:10 p.m. and 6 p.m.

***Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!***

On behalf of Fr. Joe, Deacon Steve & the Basilica staff, we wish all our parish family and friends a blessed Christmas Season and a happy and healthy New Year.

**2025 Basilica Calendars**

The 2025 calendars are available in the vestibule THIS weekend. Please take one per family to ensure everyone is able to have one. If there are extras remaining after this weekend, it is first come, first serve until they are gone.

**CSA 2024**

**Updated as of December 18, 2024**

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Benchmark .....               | \$140,000 |
| Amount Given.....             | \$141,069 |
| Households Participating..... | 164       |

Stewardship of Treasure for December 22, 2024 will be reported next week due to an early bulletin deadline.

**FROM FR. JOE**

My dear friends, this Sunday the Church celebrates the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The celebration is such a good reminder for all of us of the gift that family life is. Our family experience, though so vastly complex and admittedly a different reality for each one of us, is meant to convey the truth that we are not designed for life alone. We are made for communion and for love. Of course, not everyone receives the love that they should from their family, and perhaps we are guilty too of not showing the love to our family that we ought, but for most, family is a place of safety, security, and love.

As I have shared many times before, much of my family is Italian, so there is no shortage of drama and conflict in our family gatherings. We are a lively bunch! Even the non-Italians leap into the fray every once in awhile. But no matter how upset or aggravated we can become with one another, it is so important to realize the gift that the people in our lives are to us. Not infrequently, someone will come to me for counsel regarding a family member who has wronged them or offended them in some way. We can all get caught up in the anger and resentment connected with such actions.

But my advice is almost always the same. Perhaps I have shared this counsel before, but no matter how upset we can become with someone, even justifiably so, it is good to imagine what life would be like without that person. Almost always, even with someone who has hurt us deeply, we would be saddened by totally losing them. We want them in our life. When we realize that truth, we come to a moment of gratitude and forgiveness. We can more easily forgive the person because we recognize their value. We can also give thanks to God for making the person a part of our life.

While this does not always fix everything, it goes a long way to keeping the communion of our family as it should be, one of love. Love is the binding force that unites our family life, not blood! Our family life is meant to be a manifestation of the communion that is the Holy Trinity. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one, divine unity and mystery. Can we not say the same of our families?

Hopefully, you have experienced the unity of family life, but have you considered the mystery of it? How is it that we love our family members as much as we do? Is it merely biological or the result of a shared experience of life? Or does the truth go much deeper than that? Is it not that God has instilled in us a love for one another that is born from grace? As with all of God's graces, we can reject them and betray them. We only lose when we choose this path.

This Sunday, as we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may we give thanks to God together for our earthly families, even those members of our lives who are bound to us more by love than by blood. They are God's gift to us and we to them. May we find strength, refuge, and love in the communion of the family that God has given to us.

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler  
Rector & Pastor





**Do You Have Questions About the Catholic Faith???**

Please visit the Basilica's website at ([stmichaelbasilica.com](http://stmichaelbasilica.com)). There you will find "Becoming Catholic" under the "Membership" menu for additional information about Catholicism, or to sign-up for classes.

**Basilica of St. Michael Veronica Guild****Bereavement Team**

The Bereavement Team is hosting Masses for our deceased loved ones on the 3rd Friday of the month. The names of loved ones who have died will be voiced aloud as we pray for them and the comfort of those who mourn their loss. If you know of someone from the Basilica of St. Michael who has passed away, please notify the office so we can pray for them. The next Bereavement Mass is Friday, January 17, at 12:10 p.m.

**Honoring Life Team**

Fridays for Life at the Basilica: Join us as we pray the Rosary at 11:30, the last Friday of each month for the protection and honoring of Life. Every Friday, Adoration and Confessions begin at 11 a.m. All are invited and welcome to "Fridays for Life."

**Military Outreach Team**

If you are or have been in military service, join us for cookouts and other activities for our military parishioners and friends. Make sure you pick up a **Welcome Aboard** letter in the church!

**Outreach to the Poor Team**

Please consider an offering to the Basilica's poor boxes or online. These funds are used to support local outreach to the poor including Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, the Alfred Washburn Center, the St. Joseph Medical Clinic and the Alpha Center.

**Parishioners at Home Team**

If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a phone call, card, or visit from one of the members of our Parishioners@Home team, please contact Mary Kay Bianchi ([mkb2375@gmail.com](mailto:mkb2375@gmail.com)).

**Prison Ministry Team**

The Prison Ministry Team is trained to provide in-person visits, video visits, letter writing, and spiritual retreats for inmates of local facilities. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Bob Beargie ([robertbeargie@yahoo.com](mailto:robertbeargie@yahoo.com)) or Morgan Rosas ([morganrosas@icloud.com](mailto:morganrosas@icloud.com)).

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**12/29**—Sharon Andrews, Kathyne Nosker; **12/30**—Alec DiLullo, Edward Walker; **12/31**—Bp. Martin Holley, Jody LeBlanc, Ngon Tran; **1/1**—Christi Eadler, Lucy Hac, Brenda Long, Jane McCloskey, Mary Murdock; **1/2**—Ohamys Donato-Gomez, Lana Ernde, Stephanie Womble.

**2025 Mass Intentions**

The 2025 Daily Mass Book is available for Mass intentions. Please email your request to Dennis Wren at [atoffice@stmichael.ptdiocese.org](mailto:atoffice@stmichael.ptdiocese.org).

**Our Lady's Sodality Giving Tree Project**

Our Lady's Sodality extends a huge thank you to all who supported this year's Giving Tree Project. We had a great response. The gifts were distributed on December 10 to 20 children and 30 seniors

**IN OUR CHARITY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Kay Andrews, Alexander Buchanan, Kenneth Burke, Margaret Burke, Candace Caprara, Mike Chuites, Brandon Del Castillo, Bob & Dennis DeVries, Greg Dziadon, Rene & Dion Edwards, Mary Jane Elliott, Scott Epley, Jane Felix, Ron Fromm, Michelle Garton, Catherine Hajcak, Diane Havard, Frank Hendrickson, Phyllis Hill, Jessica Hutchinson, Luke Karkheck, Kathy Kirk, Matthew Johnson, Tony & Brenda King, Kim LaFlamme, Jim Lee, Ron Livorno, Mary Ann Long, Karen Longhurst, Shaylee Lowery, Tom Marsh, Larry May, Christine McGowan, Dagen McVoy, Vann McVoy, Laurie Murdock, Martha Nealy, Tom & Donna Notaro, Denise Pfender, Casen Roberts, Morgan Rosser, Susan & Jay Sandlin, Mercedes See, Lori Shipman, Lurleyne Terry, Paul Ungerland, Joyce Vignolo, Pat Watkins.

**Please contact Dennis Wren at 850-438-4985 to add or remove someone from the prayer list.**

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2025****FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Thank you to all our parishioners who contributed funds for our Christmas flowers. Because of your generosity, the Basilica shown brightly to welcome the Christ Child.

**BASILICA ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones. The dates available are January 12, 19 & 26, 2025. Prices are \$45—\$65 per arrangement. Contact Louise Seitz [lseitz@panhandle.rr.com](mailto:lseitz@panhandle.rr.com) or call 850-780-0410 (No texts, please) to reserve flowers. Flowers can be paid by check payable to "Basilica of St. Michael," or online using the QR code to the right. If paying online, please include the amount for the credit card fee to ensure full payment.







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