

**J.B. DIDINGER & CO. (1897)**; presumably opened on Sunday morning, September 19, 1897

St. Michaels' Church, R.C.  
Second and Jefferson Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"The New Organ Opened / Interesting Ceremonies in St. Michael's Catholic Church..." *The (Philadelphia, Pa.) Times*  
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**THE NEW ORGAN OPENED**

**Interesting Ceremonies in St. Michael's  
Catholic Church—Many Musicians Present.**

One of the most important events of St. Michael's Catholic Church in recent years was the grand celebration given there yesterday in honor of the opening of the new organ. In order that the whole congregation might take part in the celebration, it was held at each of the Masses, every member in the parish being thus able to be present at some portion of the programme.

At the 6.30 A. M. Mass the organ was opened by Miss Agnes Ashe, who rendered "Gloria," from Mozart's Twelfth Mass. The Intermezzo, "Cavalleria," by Mascagni; "Flower Song," by Taage, and the march, "In Hoc Signo Vincas," were played later during the service by Professor A. J. Seeger.

At the 7 A. M. Mass, James F. Munce, organist of St. Edward's, showed the beauties of the new organ in the following selections: "Serenata," by Brage; "Improvisation," solo selected, and the grand march from "Aida." Mr. Ignatius Kavanaugh, of the Cathedral, performed at the 8 o'clock Mass. He rendered "Toccata," by Dubois; "Nun's Prayer," Wily; "Andante," Calkin, and "Triumphal March," by Beethoven. The 9 o'clock Mass was distinguished by the performance by Professor F. J. O'Brien, organist of the Gesu choir. His selections were: Overture, "Raymond," Thomas; "Prelude and Fugue," Bach; "Nocturne," Chopin; "Schiller March," Meyerbeer.

The music of the Mass at 10.30, which was the grand service of the day, was played by the organist, Mr. Weber, under whose management the entire performance was placed. The entire programme was an unusual success, and was a treat to the many musicians who were present in the audience from various parts of the State.

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**The new organ at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Second and Jefferson streets, was dedicated yesterday, with appropriate religious exercises.**

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