

Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Mass



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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 Days: As noted 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.

JUNE 27 – JULY 5, 2026



**MASS INTENTION /
MASS OR SERVICE**

Saturday	June 27	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	June 28	8:30 a.m.	Anniversary Blessings for Barb and John
Sunday	June 28	10:00 a.m.	†Maria Guerrero, †John Stumpf, and †Michael Basta
Domingo	28 de Junio	11:45 a.m.	†Antonio Pérez Legión de María
Sunday	June 28	4:00 p.m.	†María Penalbert and †Efrain Barrios
Monday	June 29	12:10 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Mike
Tuesday	June 30	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Dr. Francis Murray
Wednesday	July 1	12:10 p.m.	†John, †Walt, †Bert, †Gi, †Lo, †Vicky and †Caz
Thursday	July 2	12:10 p.m.	
Friday	July 3	12:10 p.m.	
Saturday	July 4	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	July 5	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	July 5	10:00 a.m.	†Joe Dowd
Domingo	5 de Julio	11:45 a.m.	†María del Carmen Rodríguez
Sunday	July 5	4:00 p.m.	

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

- 2nd Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Readings for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Gospel According to Matthew,
Matthew 10:37-42, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062826.cfm>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

JUNE 20-21, 2026, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Masses (\$3,436.00); Fuel (\$340.00.00)

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.

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

Someone asked me the other day – Did our Blessed Mother have other children? The short answer is “no.” The only child that Mary ever gave birth to is Jesus Christ. Mary’s perpetual virginity is something that we are obligated to believe as Catholics. This belief is often challenged by Protestants and they often use Scripture to argue their point. But... Scripture actually proves Mary’s perpetual virginity. Protestants will point to the following passage from Matthew: *“He (Joseph) had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.”* Some will claim that this implies that he did have relations with her after the birth of Jesus. On the contrary, what Matthew is trying to tell us here is that Joseph is not the biological father of Jesus, the use of the word “until” (heos in Greek) doesn’t imply that he had relations with her at that time or later. Consider the same word in 2 Samuel 6:23: “Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child until (heos) the day of her death.” Would we be correct to assume that Michal had a child the day she died or after? Clearly, this is saying that she never had a child her whole life long. The word “until” should be understood similarly in Matthew as well. Some point to where Luke identifies Jesus as Mary’s firstborn Son (Luke 2:7). But, being designated as the “firstborn son” doesn’t imply that Jesus had younger brothers. Any male child that lived his whole life as the only child or with only younger sisters would have been known as the “firstborn son” because the firstborn son had, according to Jewish law, certain rights and responsibilities. Then, we see in the Bible that there are men who are referred to as Jesus’ “brothers.” What are we to make of this? Simply put, these were Jesus’ cousins. There are a few reasons as to why we believe this. First, the Aramaic language had no word for cousin. Those whom we term “cousin,” the Jews would have called “brother” or “sister.” This is further supported by the fact that Jesus, while on the cross, entrusted Mary to John. It was the duty of the eldest son to care for his mother once his father had passed and if a woman’s oldest son died before she did, then her next oldest son would have to care for her. But... Jesus entrusts her to John which implies he had no brother to leave her to. Then, in Acts (1:14-15), we see that Jesus’s brothers are more than 100 men! This should put each objection firmly to rest, but there is one more fact that points to Mary’s perpetual virginity: the fact that she is the new Ark of the Covenant for being pregnant with the Son of God, she became the dwelling place of God. We see further that there are very clear parallels between the Ark being brought into Jerusalem and the Visitation. The Ark of the Covenant was the dwelling place of God in the Old Testament. And because of God’s holiness, it could not be touched. In fact, a man was smitten for doing just that (2 Samuel 6:6-7). With this knowledge, would Joseph have dared to have relations with Mary? Certainly not! We see very clearly that Mary had no other children besides Jesus and remained a virgin her entire life.

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL: This weekend we welcome to our Cathedral Parish, Fr. Pradeep Abraham, O.S.S.T for the annual Mission Co-Op Appeal. Your generosity during this Mission Appeal will directly support these efforts: the formation of seminarians, the care of vulnerable communities, and the mission of bringing God’s mercy and redemption to places where it is needed most. The Trinitarian Fathers work in part of the Middle East as well as Northeast India. We prayerfully ask you to consider making a donation during our second collection this weekend. If you are not prepared to make a donation this weekend you may write a check to St. Michael’s Cathedral and in the memo write MISSION APPEAL, place it in an envelope marked Mission Appeal and we will forward this money to the Propagation of the Faith who will in turn send the money directly to the Trinitarians. Let us stand in solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters and help keep the light of Christ burning brightly in the darkest corners of the world.

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PICNIC DONATIONS:

We are looking to obtain some gifts for a raffle table so that we can offset any costs of the parish picnic. Very popular has been the SCRATCH TICKET TREE. If you would like to purchase scratch tickets in any amount, we would be very grateful. Hopefully we get enough to make one or two trees. If you prefer not to purchase them yourself, you may make a monetary gift and we will purchase the tickets for the tree. Please place your gift in an envelope and place it in the collection basket by July 15TH. If you have anything that would be good for a raffle table, please drop it off to the rectory. Thank you so much.

A HUGE THANK YOU AND A BIG WELCOME:

We want to thank and acknowledge the services of **Joseph Griffin** who has played the piano at the 8:30 Mass for about 10 years. Joseph is a gifted pianist and assisted our Gospel Choir over the years. His final Mass at the Cathedral was last weekend June 21st.

We welcome to our Gospel Choir our new Catholic **Jeremy Liddell** who will be replacing Joseph. Jeremy played the piano and sang in his former Protestant church before becoming a full initiated member of the Catholic Church and a member of the Cathedral Parish. His talents will be of great value to our Gospel Choir and parish. Thank you to all!

EASTHAMPTON BETHLEHEM HOUSE:

Bethlehem House in Easthampton is looking for dedicated volunteers to assist their ministry and outreach to young families. They are also interested in recruiting new volunteer members of their board. Please call 413 262-8517 and make the difference in the lives of young families and their children.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

Join Fr. Michael Twohig and fellow parishioners for an all-inclusive religious and cultural pilgrimage to Italy, October 14 - 23, 2026, featuring visits to St. Peter's Basilica, an audience with Pope Francis, the Roman Colosseum, and more; for details, contact Durgan Travel Service at 781-438-2224 or the Italian Cultural Center of WMA at 413-784-1492.

GROWING IN FAITH

WORD SEARCH

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Previous Hidden Message:

NOTHING IS CONCEALED.

APOSTLES	MOTHER
DAUGHTER	PROPHET
DISCIPLE	RECEIVE
FATHER	RIGHTEOUS
GOD (3)	SON
LOVE (3)	WORTHY