



OLD SAINT MARY

THE ORATORY *of* SAINT PHILIP NERI



FEBRUARY 2025



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Descent From the Cross triptych, right-side panel of Simeon, 1612–1614, Peter Paul Rubens



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Old St. Mary office hours are *Mon.-Thurs., from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. - noon.*

Sacred Heart office hours are *by appointment.*

MASSES

Sunday

7:30 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:30 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin
11:30 a.m. | German
1:00 p.m. | English

Monday-Friday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
12:10 p.m. | English

Saturday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:00 a.m. | English

First Friday Mass

6:30 p.m. | Traditional Latin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. &
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Monday-Friday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Evening Masses

45 minutes before Mass

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - noon & 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. with
Holy Hour with Benediction beginning at 7:30 p.m.

First Friday – All Night Vigil

Following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

MASSES

Sunday

9:00 a.m. | English Mass
11:00 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin Mass

Friday

9:00 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin Mass

First Saturday Mass

9:00 a.m. | Traditional Latin Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Friday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

First Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.



GENERAL SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Holy Day Masses

Please check bulletin.

Baptisms

If possible, please contact the parish office one month prior to due date to start planning.

Weddings

Contact the parish office at least six months prior.
Must be an active parishioner, attending Mass,
for at least one year before scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact a parish priest as soon as possible.

*When there is no Mass, please note that there will be no confessions beforehand. Check the bulletin for any other changes.

NOTE *from the* PASTOR



It has been a while since I have updated everyone regarding Beacons of Light and the parish merger. We have continued to make progress to find the best solution for our unique churches. While I had hoped it would have moved faster, the time and thought that has gone into this process will bear better fruit. The issue has to be presented to two other parishes who have to discuss accepting the territories of the current parishes as they exist. Remember, almost all churches in the Archdiocese are territorial parishes, which means one becomes a parish member based upon where they live. There are no parishes, otherwise known as personal parishes, in which membership is determined by heritage, language, or some other defining characteristic. While people are always free to attend any Catholic Church they choose, one gains their pastor based upon their residence. This has effects most generally on marriages, as well as the general authority structure of the Church. Unlike with other denominations, we don't get to choose who our pastors and bishops are.

We have been working to resolve this discrepancy, as the vast majority of people who attend our parishes live outside the parish boundaries. Most of the changes will be felt in the background rather than any noticeable difference from the pews. The most noticeable change would be a new parish name.

As I have already said, the recommendation to the Archbishop is St. Philip Neri Parish. The names of the churches themselves, however, remain unchanged.

It is hoped that the two other parishes that need consultation will do this by the end of February. Assuming all goes well and stays on schedule, our proposal can then be formally presented to the Archbishop and the Presbyteral Council in March. If approved, a decree will be issued establishing the new parish and the date it goes into effect. Once this is finished, people will be able to register and join the new parish.

Beacons of Light gave us the opportunity to correct an issue that many downtown parishes across the country have: they draw from many different places for various reasons. The Archdiocese has been supportive of our plan and finding the best solution for us, so that we can maintain our unique identities in service to the wider local Church. So please be sure to keep this process in your prayers. Again, if you have been waiting patiently to register, please continue to do what you have been doing: attend Mass, participate in parish life, introduce yourselves to us, and contribute.

Be assured of my prayers in the coming month, and please keep all the priests and brothers in your prayers!

Fr. Jon Paul Bevak

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Devotions at Old St. Mary

Perpetual novena in honor of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal is on Tuesdays at 8:10 p.m. before Benediction. Perpetual novena to St. Joseph is on Wednesdays after the 7:15 a.m. Mass and at noon before the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Veneration of the relic of the cloak of St. Joseph is available.

Conversion Classes

Our Conversion Class is in full swing. We have about a dozen catechumens, candidates, and confirmandi. Please keep them all in your prayers!

Catholics United for the Faith

Catholics United for the Faith is an international lay apostolate founded in 1968 to support, defend, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church. The St. Francis of Assisi chapter in greater Cincinnati meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month on the 1st floor of the school building at Sacred Heart Church, Room 202. On **February 10**, Fr. Martin Pitstick will discuss *Fruitfulness: Good Trees Bear Good Fruit*. For more information, please go to: www.cufcincinnati.org or www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati.

Women's Oratory

Please join the Women's Oratory for their March 1 meeting at Sacred Heart. This spring's topics will include the history and devotion of relics in the Church; a testimony about the practice of American healthcare; and the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. More details to come. Please contact Lisa Bloomfield at lisamarielbloomfield@gmail.com. for more information.

If you would like to send a card or note to any of the brothers or our seminarian from the parish, you can find them at these addresses:

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CANADA

Adorers Needed!

Could you not spend but one hour with Me? Please contact the parish office if you are interested in signing up for an hour, or to substitute. Adoration is on Tuesday, and First Fridays. See our hours under the parish schedule. You may call the parish office or visit adoration.oldstmarys.org to sign up. The minimum is two adorers per hour, but our goal is nine hundred! Everyone is welcome at any time during Exposition, even if you can't take a scheduled hour or be a substitute. Please help us keep adoration at Old St. Mary alive!



Parents' Holy Hour & Tuesday Play and Pray Group

Join our Pray and Play group! This is a group of parents who meet on Tuesdays from 9:30 until 11:30 in Fr. Felten Hall. Children get to play, and parents take turns covering the Adoration hour from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the church. This allows parents some quiet time alone in Adoration or the chance to take children into Adoration for a shorter time period. This is a good opportunity to introduce Children to the idea of Adoration. For more information or questions, contact Fatima Spoor through the parish office.



Mater Dolorosa, 1470-75, Dieric Bouts

Sorrowful Mother Novena

Pray with the Sorrowful Mother Adoration group on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of each month during all night Adoration. Eucharistic Exposition and devotions to our Sorrowful Lady starts after 7:00 p.m. mass, and continues until 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning, concluding with Benediction and Mass at 7:15 a.m. For more information or to be included

in our communication list, contact Mark Sharpshair mesharpshair@fuse.net.

Sacred Heart Monthly Potluck Social

Please join the Sacred Heart church community for a potluck-style social after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **February 2**. Bring your favorite food or beverage and get to know the members of our church family.

St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats

Our annual Blessing of the Throats will be after Masses on Monday, **February 3**. We will continue to bless throats after the daily Masses that week and again on Sunday, February 9.

First Friday

Join us for our First Friday Low Mass on **February 7** at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart or our Sung Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary. The evening High Mass will be followed by our all-night Eucharistic Vigil on Friday, February 7.

Catechism and Evening Adoration

There will be no Catechism or Evening Adoration/Confession on Tuesday, **February 25**. Father Jon-Paul will have a Solemn Requiem Mass for the one-year anniversary of his father's passing at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary.

Forty Hours of Adoration

Forty Hours of Adoration at Old St. Mary will begin on **February 28** after the morning Mass and continue until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night, resuming after Masses on Sunday and concluding with a solemn closing at 3:30 p.m.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday (**March 5**) and Good Friday (**April 18**) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence, that is not eating meat, are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Ash Wednesday is **March 5**. Please remember that this is not a holy day of obligation, but it is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses at Old St. Mary will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin), 12:10 p.m. (English) and 6:30 p.m. (Sung Latin). Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin). Please join us for Mass to begin the Lenten season.

Stations of the Cross

Please join us this Lent for stations of the cross at Old St. Mary. The devotion will begin at 5:30 p.m. on each Friday during Lent, beginning Friday, **March 14**.

Annual Statements

Please contact the parish office if you would like an annual statement and letter of your **charitable giving**. For those who donate directly to The Oratory, they were automatically sent out by the end of January.

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Carmelite Corner

Praised be Jesus Christ! We hope that your new year has been filled with much joy and many graces thus far! We have been busy with finishing our second building in Over-the-Rhine and have just completed our second barn in Bethel! We look forward to becoming self-sufficient and to being city nuns/country nuns!

On February 2, our new postulant, Sr. Kathleen joins us from St. John Cantius in Chicago. On May 1, we will welcome the arrival of our second vocation from Cantius, Miss Elizabeth Wojcik. As we work on building deep and strong foundations in our buildings, we are likewise working to foster these in our community as well. Slow and steady wins the race! Thank you for all of your support and for your friendship.

Miss Maria Haacke received the Habit of Our Lady on January 10, taking the name Sr. Jacinta Grace of Jesus Crucified. Please keep her in your prayers as we enter into the next step of her formation and discernment process.

Thank you to all those who have helped us with our building projects and with our apostolate. We have been able to pass out a lot of hot soup and warm sleeping bags to those in Over-the-Rhine with your help. The sisters enjoy teaching catechism to children 3-4 days a week and are moving forward in their own studies. Please visit give.cornerstone.cc/carmelitedaughters for financial donations. We also accept stock donations through Wells Fargo. Contact us for details.

You are in our daily prayers! *Pax et gaudium!*



Music Ministry

After a somewhat quiet and snowy January, this month is getting off to a spectacular musical start with Solemn Vespers for Candlemas on February 2 and the *Laudate Pueri* Schola singing for the First Friday Mass on February 7 at OSM at 6:30 p.m.

The month ends with a very special event. On a Saturday in February of 1945, in the priest's block at Dachau concentration camp, where thousands of Catholic clergy who had opposed the Nazi government were imprisoned and martyred, the clergy held musical and spoken devotions to the Passion of Our Lord. On Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. to commemorate the 80th anniversary of this event, the Oratory Singers and *Laudate Pueri* will present selections from this event in concert. A freewill offering will benefit the scholarship fund for *Laudate Pueri*. Stay tuned for the final location.

As we enter Septuagesima, the Church invites us to be mindful of Lent's approach. Solo organ music is still heard, flowers and relics remain on the altars, and the music is not yet that of the Lenten fast. The violet vestments and the loss of the joyful *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* remind us to take heed of what is to come.

The coming of Lent invites a return to the basics in both our spiritual and musical lives. The foundation of sacred music in the Latin Rite is Gregorian Chant, and in Lent, more of it will be heard at all Masses, Latin, German, and English, throughout this season.

In addition to the Proper, sung by the choir or schola, this body of chant includes the Ordinary which, in our churches, fulfilling the desire of Pope St. Pius X, calls for the congregation to alternate their voices with the choir's, a practice commonplace in Italy, Germany, and France — we are being faithful both to our churches' Old World roots and our common Catholic heritage.

If perhaps you have grown shy in lifting up your voice, or been timid about joining in, I hope the simple melodies of Mass XVII may be an opportunity for you to reclaim and take personal ownership of this beautiful heritage and carry it on throughout the year.

As a musician, I often receive comments that a particular piece of music was very moving. I want to return the compliment — as a musician, there is no musical moment at Mass more edifying to me than the heartfelt singing of the people, whether at Mass in Latin, German, or English. Whether you are already enthusiastic, have found yourself growing quieter, or have never had the courage to take part, I warmly encourage you to join in with devotion!

Pray for Our Sick

Mary Ann Ridenour, Kathleen M. Campbell, Andrew Finck, Lynn Strasser, Kate Schneider, Bill Otteson, Jeannie Mueller, John Paul Downes, John & Erin Hays, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Wilma & Gary Brown, Bob Gruber, Gale Campbell, Richard Buettner, Mary Gardner, Bob Ball, Mary Frances & Sophia Sharpshair, Tom & Maria Grow, Julie Dietrich, Steven Marsh, Steve Fiest, Callie, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Terri Huwel, Tom Franz, Becky Fairchild, Joseph Downes and Noelle Polisso, Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, and Carlos Latorre

Baptisms

Gemma Therese Ballard
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John Paul Alexander Mahon

Weddings

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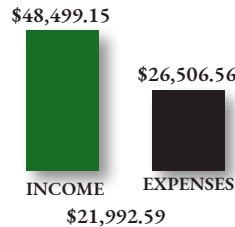
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\$1,430.10 (Candles)
\$5,416.73 (Miscellaneous)
\$90,646.27 (TOTAL)
\$43,694.39 (Expenses)



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