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FEBRUARY 2022
NEWSLETTER

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The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, 1645, Charles Le Brun



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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. & 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 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



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MASSES

Sunday

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

Tuesday-Friday

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

First Saturday

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday

8:30 - 8:45
10:30 - 10:45

Tuesday - Friday

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

First Saturday

8:15 to 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 parish office at least six months prior.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact a parish priest as soon as possible.

Laudetur Jesus Christus! Gelobt sei Jesus Christus! Sia lodato Gesù Cristo! Praised be Jesus Christ!

NOTE from the PASTOR



The month of February will draw to a formal close the Christmas season, concluding on February 2 with Candlemas, historically known as both the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The East traditionally has considered this day a Feast of the Lord, whereas Rome has deemed it a Feast of Our Lady. The reason being it was a consequence of Our Lady having to observe the ritual purification rites that caused the offering of the two doves to be made on behalf of the Lord. Neither, of course, had to follow the rituals, for neither had sin. Yet, their humility shines forth by their faithful observance of these rituals even though they were of no use or meaning to them. Quite an example to us, who often lament doing things that we consider beneath our dignity. Quite an example to the world and the Church that often looks down upon ritual as unneeded or in constant need of reform. This is not the example that Our Lord or Our Lady provide to us on this Feast of Candlemas!

On this day, candles are traditionally blessed in reference to the Canticle of Simeon that says that Christ is a light of revelation to the Gentiles. Simeon uttered these words when

Mary and Joseph brought the child to the Temple on the fortieth day after His birth to complete the rituals. Candlemas is the fortieth day after Christmas and thus the day that we commemorate this important event.

These candles are blessed at the beginning of Mass. This is one of three blessings of this type, the other two being that of the Ashes on Ash Wednesday and the Palm on Palm Sunday. You are welcome to bring candles to be blessed at the evening Mass. They should be brought up to the Communion no later than ten minutes before the beginning of Mass, organized in some sort of box with your name on them. They will be set next to the altar for the blessing. The blessing of the candles is followed by a procession symbolizing Christ's procession to the Temple for the ritual offerings. The candle that the celebrant will use was a gift to us from one of the brothers of the Little Oratory in London, who hand-painted the candle with various Christian symbols of this feast. You will find a picture on page 5 of this newsletter. Following the procession, Mass will continue as usual.

Please be sure to join us for Mass on this important feast to bring to a close the important feasts of Christmas.

Fr. Paul Beach

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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.

The Mourning Virgin (detail), ca. 1530-40, Adriaen Isenbrant



Join the Sorrowful Mother Adoration group on the **2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of the month** for Mass and all night Eucharistic Exposition at Old St. Mary. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by the novena. All-night vigil goes until 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning, concluding with benediction followed by Mass at 7:15 a.m. Call Mr. Shannon Roblin at 513-502-8548 or Mrs. Dolores Brandstetter at 513-561-4155 for additional information.

Please remember the church is the House of God. It is important to remember that in church, we are in His presence. Please try to maintain a prayerful spirit while also being respectful of others who come for quiet prayer. There is much noise and talking in the world, the church is our refuge into silence, to which Cardinal Robert Sarah calls us. **Please keep talking and distractions to a minimum** and talk to the Lord in the silence of your own heart.

Discerning Homeschooling or Looking for a New Option?

Holy Family Catholic Home Educators is a community of Catholic families supporting parents who educate their children at home. They welcome families from across the Cincinnati tri-state area, including Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky. **Find out more at hfche.org.**

Learn about the Faith

FORMED is a Catholic web site that has resources for learning more about the Catholic Faith. **The code for registration is NFDBVP which can be done at www.formed.org/register.** Please take advantage of this great opportunity to learn more about our holy faith!

Conversion Classes

We have closed the classes to new candidates at this time. We have begun our list for the next set of classes that will begin this summer. **Please contact Fr. Henry at hhoffmann@cincinnatiatoratory.com for more information.**

Catechism Classes

Catechism classes for First Communion Prep–Grade 12 are meeting every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Kindergarten–1st grade classes will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at Old St. Mary. **Contact Mother Marie-Cécile at mcecile@oldstmarys.org for more information.**

Adorers Needed!

We are in need of adorers for the following days and hours: on **Tuesdays** we need adorers for the 10:00 a.m. hour, and on **First Fridays**, we need adorers for our 8:00 p.m. hour, 10:00 p.m. hour, 11:00 p.m. hour, 1:00 a.m. hour, & 4:00 a.m. hour. Please contact the parish office if you can take any of these hours. In order to have adoration, we have to guarantee at least two adorers per hour. Even if you can't take a regular hour, but can be a substitute, please contact the parish office. Please help us keep adoration at Old St. Mary alive! It would be very helpful if we had an overall coordinator for adoration, or even one for Tuesday and another for First Friday. This person or persons should be devoted to adoration, be highly organized, and able to work closely with the parish office. **Please contact Fr. Jon-Paul if able and interested!**



The tri-state's largest Catholic men's conference of 2022 is coming soon, featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd! The **2022 E6 Catholic Men's Conference** will be taking place on Saturday, February 26, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). Every man is invited to attend this 7th annual event for inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. The conference prides itself on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the man Christ calls them to be. Do not miss this! **Tickets are on sale now at www.e6cmc.com.**



Purification High Mass

Join us at **Old St. Mary on Wednesday, February 2**, at 6:30 p.m., for the Feast of the Purification High Mass. Candles will be blessed at this Mass and available for a donation following. You may also bring your own candles.

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

We will have the annual Blessing of Throats on **Thursday, February 3**, after Masses. We will bless again on **Sunday, February 6**. Confessions could be limited as a result—we apologize for any inconvenience.

First Friday and First Saturday — Friday, February 4 and Saturday, February 5

Join us at Old St. Mary for First Friday Mass at 6:30 p.m. (Sung Traditional). All-night Adoration will begin after Mass. Mass time at Sacred Heart for First Friday & First Saturday Mass (Low Traditional) is 9:00 a.m.

Women's Oratory

The Women's Oratory meets monthly on Saturday mornings at Sacred Heart to help all women of our parishes grow and to support them in their Christian walk. **Upcoming meeting dates are February 5, March 5, April 2, and May 7.** For more info, please contact Lisa Bloomfield at lisamarielbloomfield@gmail.com or Suzan Sammons at suzan@poverellos.com.

First Confessions

Our First Communion candidates will be making their First Confession on February 8. Please remember them in your prayers!

PLEASE NOTE: the parish office will be closed on President's Day, Monday, February 21 and there will be no evening Adoration on Tuesday, March 1.

Ash Wednesday is March 2

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.



Bockfest Fish Fry

It's once again time for Bockfest, the centuries-old German custom that has come to symbolize Cincinnati's great German and brewing heritages.

When heading out to this year's Bockfest, don't forget to stop by the Old St. Mary's fish fry, which is right along the route of the Bockfest Parade. **Sandwiches, sides, and drinks (pop, water, and beer) will be available starting at about 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4, until they are gone.** Due to new parking restrictions on Clay Street, please plan to arrive early. All proceeds go to Old St. Mary's Church, so it's good food for a good cause! Please see the attached flyer for more details. ***Please note that the fish fry will be canceled if the city cancels the Bockfest parade.**

Also, there will be no evening Mass on this first Friday in March, nor the overnight adoration due to Bockfest and the parking situation that has become so problematic that night. We will have our annual Forty Hours the next weekend...

Forty Hours

Forty Hours will open with Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11 at Old St. Mary. Adoration will continue until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night. We will resume Adoration following Masses on Sunday with the concluding procession and prayers at 3:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars! **You can find more information and sign up here: <https://forms.gle/dfbCvu5K3vBkvftZ7>.**

Pregnancy Center Update

Please pray for new two Pregnancy Center clients, a 15-year-old and a 42-year-old, that they choose life for their children! They were somewhat abortion minded when they came in for their test. We counselled them and prayed with them and we think they will be okay—but, please pray! Abortion was the leading cause of death worldwide in 2021, killing 42.6 million people.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Commitment Weekend will begin on February 6 for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with families in every parish throughout our archdiocese as witnesses through local, Catholic ministries for people in our own communities. These ministries depend on our help each year. **The goal for Old St. Mary is \$20,125. The goal for Sacred Heart is \$12,229.** Please watch for a mailing from the Archdiocese. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you placed your completed pledge card in the offertory, thank you! To make a gift online, visit www.CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

BAPTISMS

Welcome, child of God...

Kirsten May Eichhold (Sacred Heart)

NOTE: We have had many requests for baptisms over the past few months, which is certainly a blessing! However, scheduling them has led to some practical difficulties. Please note that while generally it will not be a problem, we can no longer guarantee that baptisms will not have multiple babies baptized at the same time. This will be especially true on weekends. Thank you for your understanding!

Pray for our Sick

... at Old St. Mary

Kate Schneider, Judy Benvie, Bill Otteson, Jeannie Mueller, John Paul Downes, Jennifer Borek, Noelle Polisso, John & Erin Hays, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Wilma & Gary Brown, Karl Fry, Bob Gruber, Gale Campbell, Richard Buettner, Margaret Lang, Mary Gardner, Bob Ball, Mary Frances & Sophia Sharpshair, Tom & Maria Grow, Julie Dietrich, Steven Marsh, Steve Fiest, Paul Bevak, Callie, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Terri Huwel, Regina Albers, Tom Franz, Marlene Riehle, and Jenny Welsh Desmond

... and at Sacred Heart

Paul Gallagher, Alexander Piening, Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, Carlos Latorre, and Christine Marshall

Old St. Mary's Parking

Having trouble finding a parking spot on Sundays or for special Masses? Just stop and ask James the security guard for help on where you can park!

PLEASE NOTE: you must be an active parishioner for at least three months before letters of good standing can be issued by the parish.

Join us at Old St. Mary in **un-decorating** from Christmas on at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 3 and at Sacred Heart at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 5. We will need help in taking the lights off the trees, putting the trees away, and storing other decorations. If you have an hour or two to spare, please join us!

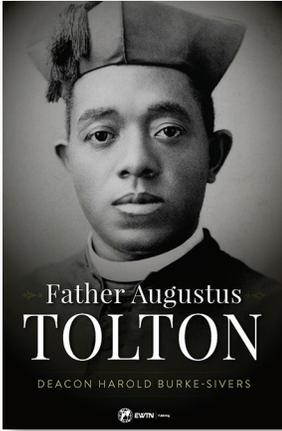
Convent Building Number 2 Fund

The Sisters are beginning work on their second building on Clay Street in order to make room for more vocations as there is currently no more room in the inn of building number 1.

If you would like to volunteer time or materials, please contact Mother Marie-Cécile at carmelitedaughtersofelias@gmail.com. If you would like to make a donation, the Sisters do have a 501C3 status. **Donations may be sent to:** Carmelite Daughters of Elias 123 E. 13th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, or sent to their paypal account [paypal.me/saintelias](https://www.paypal.com/saintelias). Stay tuned for their upcoming newsletter to see all that the Sisters are doing! *Zelo zelatus sum pro Domino Deo exercituum.*



CONFESSIONS: With the (blessed) growth of our parishes, confession lines have been overwhelmed. Only Fr. Jon-Paul and Fr. Henry have full-time assignments to the parishes. Fr. Brent is part-time on music and part-time assisting in the parish. Fr. Adrian's primary assignment is at Christ Hospital and the Hamilton County Jail and he helps out with Masses and other tasks as needed. So, we offer what we are able to right now. Confession times before 9:00 a.m. daily Mass at Sacred Heart and before Old St. Mary's 12:10 Mass are often not full. Saturday mornings are usually less crowded with two priests generally hearing confessions at that time. If you are able to make it to a less busy time, please do so for those who can't. Please always try to be concise, clear, and well prepared, especially when the confession line is long. If you need spiritual advice on any matter that requires more than a few minutes, please make a separate appointment—we're happy to be of service. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation so that we may make the Sacrament of Penance available to as many people as possible.



In these fascinating pages, popular author and speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers tells the gripping story of Augustus Tolton, who valiantly overcame a series of seemingly insurmountable challenges: birth into slavery, his father’s death, abject poverty, and even being denied acceptance by every Catholic seminary in America to become the first black American priest. His cause for sainthood has been opened and is progressing in Rome.

Despite the hardships placed on Fr. Tolton by a culture rooted in racial hatred, he became a tireless messenger of the Gospel, plunging into the Deep South where segregation was decreed by harsh laws, penetrating even the hardest of hearts with the richness, beauty, and truth of the Catholic Faith.

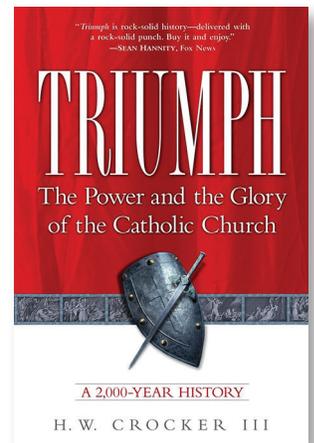
He was a beacon of hope to black Catholics in the 19th Century who were trying to find a home in the American Church. He was a visionary who saw beyond race and politics, teaching that the Catholic Church wants to free us not just from slavery, but from slavery to sin.

Amidst great persecution, Fr. Tolton showed us that being configured to Christ means emptying ourselves so that God can fill us, exposing the weakest parts of who we are so that God can make us strong, becoming blind to the ways of this world so Christ can lead us, and dying to ourselves so we can rise with Christ. – www.ignatius.com

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BY THE NUMBERS

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – *Matthew 6:21*

Financial breakdown for December 14, 2021 - January 13, 2022



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\$50,303.86 (Offertory)
 \$12,178.96 (Online)
 \$1,187.32 (Candles)
 \$13,296.50 (Miscellaneous)
\$76,966.64 (TOTAL)



SACRED HEART

\$20,221.73 (Offertory)
 \$4,020.25 (Online)
 \$302.55 (Candles)
 \$7,231.80 (Miscellaneous)
\$31,776.33 (TOTAL)

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