

NEWS & EVENTS

Let us reflect that the Word left heaven, and stooped to become man for us.

- ST. PHILIP NERI



Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate and clean Old St. Mary and Sacred Heart for Christmas. Your work and devotion to the parishes is very much appreciated.

Carmelite Daughters of Elias Fundraising

There will be a **second collection on Sunday, December 26** for the Carmelite Daughters of Elias. The Sisters have run out of room for more vocations. This collection will be used to help complete the second building on Clay Street. Flyers about their mission and work can be found by the bulletins. If you would like to donate your time or materials, please email Mother Marie-Cecile at mccile@oldstmarys.org.

The Sisters will also be hosting a fundraiser which will include **dinner and a play** based on a short story by Tolstoy on **January 5**. More information on this event coming soon.



Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are being accepted for January, February and March of 2022 only. The general offering for a Mass intention is \$5 and there is a limit of 3 Masses per household for the first quarter. Mass intentions must be given in writing. Please keep in mind there is limited space to enter the intention. Beginning 2022 only the intention will be listed, not the person giving the intention. Contact the parish office for more information or questions.

No Evening Adoration

There will be **no** evening Adoration or Confession at Old St. Mary on **Tuesday, December 28 and January 4**.

No Vespers

There will be **no** Sunday Vespers at Old St. Mary on **December 26 or January 2**. We will resume with Solemn Vespers on January 9.

Parish Office Holiday

Old St. Mary's parish office will be **closed Thursday and Friday, December 30 and 31**.

20 New Year Holy Hour

There will be a Holy Hour on **Friday, December 31 at Old St. Mary from 11:00 p.m.** until midnight to welcome the New Year. Benediction will occur at midnight.

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 1 **Masses at Old St. Mary** will be at 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin), and 11:00 a.m. (English). Confessions will be heard from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. There is no 12:10 p.m. Mass or Confessions at 11:15 a.m. **Mass at Sacred Heart** will be at 10:00 a.m. (Sung Traditional Latin). Confessions will be at 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.



THE BRESLAUER EPIPHANY, Don Simone Camaldolese, 1390s

Epiphany Mass

There will be Solemn Mass for the Epiphany at Old St. Mary at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, January 6**.

Epiphany Water Blessing

If you would like Epiphany water blessed (blessed only on the day before the Epiphany), please have your clearly labeled (with your last name) water jugs at Sacred Heart on Wednesday,

January 5, by 9:00 a.m. Mass time. You may drop them off starting Sunday in front of the St. Joseph altar. You can start picking them up on Thursday. Please have them picked up by Sunday, January 9. A limited supply will otherwise be available in the holy water dispensers while it lasts.

OLD ST.
MARY

SACRED
HEART

FELICEM DIEM
NATIVITATEM

THE ORATORY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

Merry Christmas! Frohe Weihnachten! Buon Natale!
Felicem diem Nativitatem!

NOTE from the PASTOR



On behalf of the Fathers of the Oratory and the parish staff, I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas! Furthermore, I pray that the newborn king brings many blessings and much peace to each of us in the new year to come. We can't grasp the immense gift the Incarnation, that is, the assuming of flesh by God, is for us. In the 4th century, St. Athanasius declared boldly: "For the Son of God became man so that we might become God." In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas affirmed: "The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods."

They did not mean this in the sense that we become our own gods. What they mean is that through Christ's coming and assuming our human nature, He was offering to us a share in His divine nature. That we would become so intimately linked and connected to God, even beyond the fact that we were created in His image and likeness. This reality is brought out clearly within Mass as the water is blessed and mixed into the chalice during the offertory. The traditional prayer said during this act, which was modified to be just slightly shorter in the revised Mass, says: "O God, who, in creating human nature, didst wonderfully dignify it, and still more wonderfully restore it, grant that, by the Mystery of this water and wine, we may be made partakers of His divine nature, who vouchsafed to be made partaker of our human nature, even Jesus Christ our Lord, Thy Son, who with Thee, liveth and reigneth

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God: world without end. Amen."

By His Incarnation, the Lord was already laying the groundwork for His Church. The mode by which we, through our baptism, are linked to God more intimately. As St. Paul teaches us, within the Church, we are all many parts, making up one body, with Christ as the head.

We celebrate at Christmas not only the gift the Lord Himself on that first Christmas over 2,000 years ago. We also celebrate the gift that He offered us through His nativity, the ability to elevate our human natures above this world, above our vices, above our old selves. We can then cleave so closely with God that he gives us a share in his Divine Nature.

May we give thanks to God for this gift because He offers it to us freely. We have done nothing to deserve this, but "God so loved the world that He gave to us His only son." Therefore, the gift that we can offer to Him is to rid ourselves of our vices, our sins, and all those things that separate us from him. Every human being has some inclination toward something that offends God. But by His coming and His visitation with us, He shows us that we can make ourselves a more acceptable gift to the Father and work to perfect our natures and overcome its flaws.

This is my prayer for us in this upcoming year that we strive for the perfection of God so that we can each be made gods. May the Child of Bethlehem inspire us so, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary show us the way! Merry Christmas!

Fr. Paul Beach

OLD ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	The Feast of the Holy Family Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
7:30 a.m.	✠ Sean Clougherty - <i>Ezell Family</i>
9:30 a.m.	The Zlatic Family
11:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Anneken Family
1:00 p.m.	✠ Eric Wilke - Margaret Ellis
Monday	St. John the Evangelist, Apostle
7:15 a.m.	✠ Roger Kunkel - <i>Susan & Guy Huxel</i>
12:10 p.m.	Steven & Jessica Grosheim Anniversary
Tuesday	The Holy Innocents
7:15 a.m.	For all deceased Mothers - <i>Sandy Jones</i>
12:10 p.m.	✠ Michael Briggs - <i>The Hobbs Family</i>
Wednesday	Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:15 a.m.	Special Intention - <i>Anonymous</i>
12:10 p.m.	Brian Talley - <i>Tim Talley</i>
Thursday	Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:15 a.m.	✠ Colleen DeLuca - <i>The Hobbs Family</i>
12:10 p.m.	✠ Tom Anderson - <i>Dave & Terri Huwel</i>
Friday	Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:15 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Previous Year
12:10 p.m.	✠ Cherly Schrand - <i>The Hobbs Family</i>
Saturday	Mary, the Mother of God The Octave Day in the Nativity of the Lord
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
11:00 a.m.	✠ Martin McNeill
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord The Holy Name of Jesus
7:30 a.m.	Rebecca Maria Ann Fago - <i>Ronald & Rebecca Fago</i>
9:30 a.m.	✠ Carole Rogers - <i>The Hobbs Family</i>
11:30 a.m.	✠ Edward V. Whalen - <i>Pat Whalen</i>
1:00 p.m.	Pro Populo

OLD ST. MARY
WEDDING BANNS
Aaron Springer & Alexandra Rabon (II)

DECEMBER 19, 2021
OLD ST. MARY'S MASS COLLECTION
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SACRED HEART MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	The Feast of the Holy Family Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
11:00 a.m.	Intention of the Zinser Family
Tuesday	The Holy Innocents
9:00 a.m.	Conversion of hearts to end abortion - <i>K. Simon</i>
Wednesday	Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
9:00 a.m.	✠ Gene Cameron - <i>Michael & Gwen Ewing</i>
Thursday	Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
9:00 a.m.	✠ Helen Henz - <i>Pam Grosardt</i>
Friday	Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
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10:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
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9:00 a.m.	✠ Wilbert Peter - <i>Karen Mondro</i>
11:00 a.m.	✠ Helen Henz - <i>Don Henz</i>

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✠ - For the repose of the soul of...
Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
Per Annum - During the Year
New Calendar (first) and Traditional Calendar (second)

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WEDDING BANNS
Vincent Athas & Mary Kunkel (II)

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