



THE ORATORY *of* SAINT PHILIP NERI



OLD SAINT MARY



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MAY 2025

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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.*

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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. & 7:15 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



We were obviously surprised and shocked by Pope Francis's sudden passing on Easter Monday. May we continue to pray for the repose of his soul. This is our duty as Catholics and is also connected to the Corporal Works of Mercy. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!

Our attention also now moves to praying for the Cardinals who will choose our next Pope. Be sure to pray for them and to offer up fasting and penances. There is a prayer you can use on the pages that follow in this newsletter. We will also pray daily during the Conclave the prayer to the Holy Spirit that He will lead the Cardinals to a man who will shepherd the whole Church and be an example after Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart! Please join us in these prayers until the new Pope is selected.

This time of year, we have also celebrated many Sacraments. Congratulations to all those who received Sacraments at Easter and to all those who received First Communion. I also want to thank all those who helped to clean, polish, serve, sing,

and set up various things during Passiontide and throughout Holy Week. Our Holy Week went very well this year and was prayerful. This is only a testament to everyone who works behind the scenes to ensure we are ready and everything is in place. Thank you!

At the end of the month, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Philip Neri. The Feast will begin with First Vespers of St. Philip Neri at 3:30 p.m. on May 25 and the solemn Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. on May 26. Please join us on this important Feast for the Oratorians as we celebrate our saintly founder. We will also celebrate Fr. Adrian's tenth anniversary of ordination following Mass. Please join us.

Again, please be sure to pray for Pope Francis's soul and for his successor, as he is already known in God's mind. Join us in praying for the Cardinal electors that the next Pope will continue to lead the Church into greater holiness and lead us on the path of Heaven.



*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 7pm on the second Monday of each month on the 1st floor of the school building at Sacred Heart Church, Room 202. Upcoming meeting will feature Fr. Anthony Stoepel, on **May 12**. His topic will be Windows to Heaven. For more information, please go to [www.cufcincinnati.org](http://www.cufcincinnati.org) or [www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati](https://www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati).

## Women's Oratory

Please join the Women's Oratory for their **May 3** meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs classroom at Sacred Heart. Signs will direct you. The speaker will be Pam Bucher and she will be discussing Divine Mercy. All women are welcome. For more information, please contact Lisa Bloomfield at [lisamarielbloomfield@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarielbloomfield@gmail.com).

## Learn about the Faith

Just a reminder that the parish has a **FORMED** account that you can use to access Catholic videos and resources to learn about the Faith. To register, visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click sign-up. Register as a parishioner and search for Oratory Parishes or use 45202 as the zip code. You will then have access to these resources!

**Please remember the church is the House of God. It is important to remember that when 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.**

## 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](http://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

Our Pray and Play group will be on a short hiatus and will resume in May. Updates will be provided at that time. Thank you!

## 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 at [m-sharpshair@fuse.net](mailto:m-sharpshair@fuse.net).

## Pray for the Cardinal Electors

Please be sure to pray for the Cardinal electors as they prepare to select the next Pope...

*Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals. May the Princes of the Church listen attentively to Your Spirit during the conclave. Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints. Please Lord, protect and guide your Church during this time of transition. Amen.*

## 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 **May 4**. Bring your favorite food or beverage and get to know the members of our church family.

**Please note:** the last day of Catechism is **May 6**. Thank you to the Sisters and all our catechists!

**Please note:** There is no evening Confessions or Adoration on **Tuesday, May 7**.



## May Crowning

We will have our annual May Crowning on Sunday, **May 11**, following the 9:15 a.m. (note the time change from 9:30 am) Mass at Old St. Mary and both Masses at Sacred Heart. All children are welcome to process; please feel free to bring extra flowers to place before the Lady.

## Defend Life on Mother's Day

After Mass, you will have the opportunity to purchase a rose or carnation or two for the Mom in your life. (Please bring cash, or if you prefer, checks or Venmo). Tell her "thank you for being God's vessel — for your fiat!" All proceeds will benefit our very own Pregnancy Center, to give support where it is most needed. If you'd like to volunteer to help at one of the Masses, or if you have any questions, contact Lisa Bloomfield or Pam Bucher through the parish office.

## Oratory Second Collection

There will be a second collection on Sunday, **May 25**, at Old St. Mary and Sacred Heart for the Oratory. Thank you for your generosity.

## The Feast of St. Philip Neri

Join us for a Solemn High Latin Mass for the Feast of St. Philip Neri, the founder of the Congregation of the Oratory on Monday, **May 26**, at 9:30 a.m. Mass at Old St. Mary. A social will follow the Mass. Please note that, due to Memorial Day, there will be no 7:15 a.m. Mass or 12:10 p.m. Mass at Old St. Mary.

**Please note:** the parish office will be closed for Memorial Day, **May 26**.

## Feast of the Ascension

There will be a Solemn High Mass for the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, **May 29**, at Old St. Mary. Mass begins at 6:30 p.m.



## Corpus Christi Procession

As we have done the past few years, Old St. Mary will have the carpets of dyed wood chips for the Procession on **June 19**. We will need all the help we can get. Please email Derrie Edge at [kdedge2@gmail.com](mailto:kdedge2@gmail.com) if you can help.

## Carmelite Corner

*Praised be Jesus Christ!* We wish you a blessed Paschaltide! The sisters have been busy with First Communion preparations and finishing our work in our convent. The basement needed some work in 1209 and José and Rosa have been hard at work! It is such a blessing to see the transformation of two gutted buildings into a beautiful convent for the Sisters to work and to pray in. Thank you to all who helped make this dream and prayer a reality.

We began our girls Sodality — *Filiæ Mariæ* — in April. It is open to all girls ages 6-18. In May we will all meet again on the same day, on May 3 from 9:45-12:00 p.m. At our next meeting Mother Marie-Cécile will have the older girls, ages 14-18. The primary goal of the Sodality is to foster a deep devotion and filial love for Mary, the Blessed Virgin, while also promoting the spiritual growth and holiness of its members. The sodality aims to guide its members in becoming good Catholics who strive to live out their faith, imitate Mary's virtues, and serve others. We will be planning events and camp outs for the girls in the coming months and look forward to what this year holds for them.

Our final catechism class for the children is on May 6! We enjoyed working with your children and families and thank God for each one of you!

Ascend Carmel, young adult group will meet on the second Sunday of the month, May 11 after the 3:30 p.m. Vespers. Come and join us as we begin our first book and learn more about the love of God and how "love is repaid by love alone," in the words of St. Thérèse.

We will also be having some workdays out in Bethel. We have an email list and will begin to send out invitations to come and build something beautiful for God out in the country as well. *Pax et gaudium!*



## Music Ministry

This month, I would like to extend a special word of thanks and appreciation to Miss Sophia Decker. Collaborating with this incredibly gifted educator and visionary director for nearly three years, it has been a joy to watch the *Laudate Pueri* Children's Schola Cantorum grow from an idea into a group of skilled young musicians with a real passion and love for the work of God in the music of the liturgy, including my own children.

We are sad to see her leave, but Sophia will be moving to Arkansas to live closer to family. She departs with our immense gratitude and very best wishes.

When we learned of this development, we reached out and interviewed candidates to fill Sophia's role in the choir in the exact same way as she did, but this proved unworkable for a variety of reasons. After reflection, it was decided that, this coming year, I will be taking the reins as the new Director of *Laudate Pueri*.

To assist me, Mr. Alex Buiel, Director of Music at St. Mary in Hyde Park, will be joining the team as Assistant Director. Alex is an outstanding vocalist & capable organist, and, having attended the St. Paul Choir School in Boston, brings a winning mix of experience and expertise in the formation of young voices. I continue to be grateful to the rest of our leadership team, Mrs. Fatima Spoor and Mrs. Anna Little (our vocal coach), who will continue their role with the schola.

In addition to continuing to deepen the involvement of the schola as an integral part of the liturgical life of our parishes, I am particularly pleased to announce that members of *Laudate Pueri* who have a passion and the skill to go deeper will be given an opportunity this coming year to audition for a limited number of child chorister positions at Old St. Mary. The choristers will continue to sing with the rest of *Laudate Pueri*, but they will also attend additional rehearsals, and receive additional training, in order to sing with the Choir of the Cincinnati Oratory for the High Mass and Solemn Vespers on a regular rotation, multiple times per month.

Please consider enriching your children's and family's lives with the wonderful opportunities this program affords! We are now accepting applications for the 2025-26 *Laudate Pueri* season. The deadline to sign up for an audition is June 1. Auditions are for children who will be ages 8-12 on September 1. 13-15-year-olds may also audition if they have previous musical experience. Rehearsals are currently held on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:45 at Sacred Heart during the school year. The audition sign-up sheet can be accessed by visiting [laudatepuerischola.org/join](http://laudatepuerischola.org/join). Please email me at [sconnolly@oldstmarys.org](mailto:sconnolly@oldstmarys.org) with any questions about the program!

– Sean Connolly, MCM,  
Director of Sacred Music & Organist

### 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

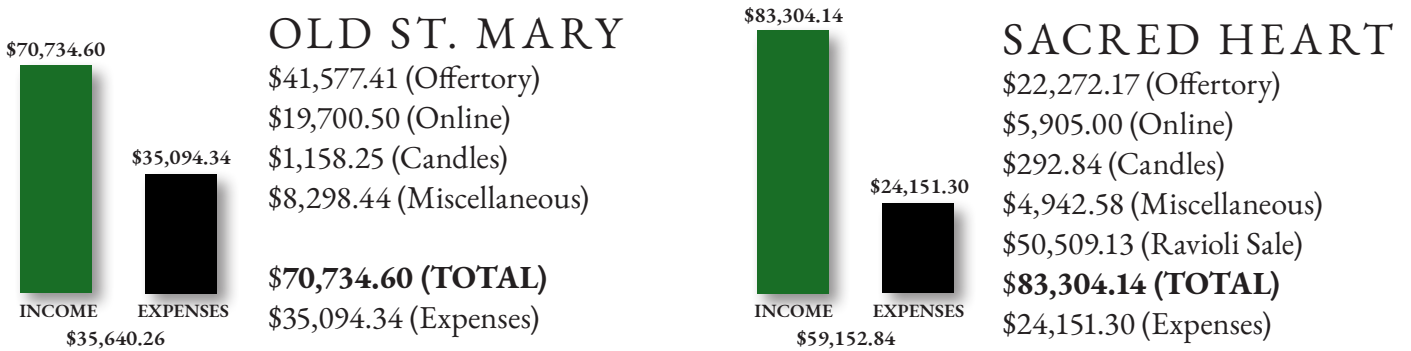
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### Funeral

Lawrence Edmund Mertens

“O Blessed Mary, whoever loves you honors God; whoever serves you pleases God; whoever invokes your holy name with a pure heart will infallibly receive the object of his petition.” - *St. Bernard of Clairveaux*

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