



THE CONGREGATION OF THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI IN CINCINNATI

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Laudetur Jesus Christus! Praised be Jesus Christ!

In just a few days, we will celebrate the important feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. At the end of her earthly life, God assumed Our Lady, body and soul, into the heights of heaven. Her body was not going to know the decay that one day awaits us. This Feast is the culmination of the Marian teachings, and God awarded her this favor because she generously said yes to God and became His mother. May we strive to allow our yeses to be as generous as our Blessed Mother's. If only more were as generous. St. Philip Neri had the right reason to believe that he could convert the world with just ten men who were detached from the world. Imagine what he could do with more souls who strive to be as faithful and generous as Our Lady!

May this be our commitment because the world and the Church need more generous and faithful souls. Throughout both the world and the Church there are those who are not faithful and generous. Those who think only of themselves, their needs, their wants, and their desires. And how scandalous it is when this occurs even in the Church, even to some of the highest offices. By those who are supposed to shepherd, guard, and protect.

But this Feast of the Assumption gives us hope, even in the face of great adversity, challenge, and weakness. For this poor girl from Nazareth has become the glory of Jerusalem, the pride of Israel, and the highest honor of our race (Judith 15:9). She calls us to greater faithfulness and has given us a model in herself. Unlike Eve, who thought only of herself, Mary thought of everyone but herself. And because of the humility of this handmaid, all generations now call her blessed (Luke 1:48). We know that we have a powerful intercessor in Heaven now, and hopefully, this gives us great consolation!

As I conclude, I am happy to announce that our annual fundraising dinner will be on October 29. This year, we will welcome Judge Amul Thapar, of the Sixth Circuit Court here in Cincinnati. Judge Thapar was on the short list for the Supreme Court in the two most recent vacancies. We are very honored to have him, and we hope you can join us. See inside the newsletter for more information.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers, and please also be assured of our daily prayers for each of you!

I remain humbly in Christ,

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, C.O.

Provost



Fr. Jon-Paul with Mr. Ed Whalen, long time Oratory supporter, on his 90th birthday!



Corpus Christi at Old St. Mary's



Fr. Adrian & parish children at the Feast of St. John the Baptist reception



The work progresses on the chapel

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION BY FR. LAWRENCE JUAREZ, C.O.



The May Altar at Old St. Mary's

Many among the clergy and laity conclude their prayers with a hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are four such hymns, the fourth among these being said from Trinity Sunday until Advent, the *Salve Regina*.

It is during this time that we celebrate the Assumption—the fourth Marian dogma—declared and defined by Pius XII, in the constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, to be a divinely revealed dogma. “The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary,” wrote the pope, “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” At her assumption, Mary was glorified and crowned Queen of heaven and earth. Exalted above angels and saints, she intercedes effectively for us.

Writing of Mary’s glorification, the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council says, “In the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven, Mary is the image and beginning of the Church.” And John Paul II wrote, “The Mother of Christ is glorified as ‘Queen of the Universe.’” Mary’s reign is universal, and its essence is service to her Son’s mission. Her mediation is so great that she is called “omnipotent suppliant.”

Mary’s assumption and glorification are the organic development of her motherhood, perpetual virginity, and immaculate conception. These privileges flow from her deep faith and radical obedience. By her entire life, she becomes the model of the Church; and, by her Assumption in particular, she is the model of Christians, who hope for the eternal life Christ promises.



May Crowning at Sacred Heart

THE MUSIC RETREAT BY BRO. BRENT STULL, C.O.



The Schola singing at Sacred Heart

This summer, The Cincinnati Oratory co-hosted a sacred music retreat in conjunction with The Oratory Parish, Old Saint Mary’s in Over-the-Rhine, and Sacred Heart Parish in Camp Washington. The retreat was directed spiritually by Msgr. Andrew Wadsworth of the D.C. Community-in-Formation of the Oratory and directed musically by Messrs. Kevin Allen and Nick Lemme. Mr. Allen is a well-known Catholic composer from the Chicago area and Mr. Lemme is the Director of Music at the F.S.S.P. Seminary in Denton, Nebraska. The retreat was organized by Mr. John Schauble, Director of Music for the Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Parish.

The retreat was centered around the liturgy and music associated with the *usus antiquior*, or “old Latin Mass,” and addressed the spirituality inherent in participating in a parish choir—the desire to seek the glory of God through music and to draw souls to Christ. In addition to daily Mass and holy hours, the participants at the retreat had the opportunity to sing hours of the Divine Office to the ancient melodies of the Church.

The retreat was held at the Saint Anne Retreat Center in Melbourne, KY, the former site of the Sisters of Divine Providence. The retreat culminated in two pontifical Masses, one held at Old St. Mary’s on Saturday, August 11, and the other at Sacred Heart on Sunday, August 12. Both pontifical Masses were celebrated by the retired Bishop of Tulsa, His Excellency, Edward J. Slattery. The retreat was an event with profound spiritual and musical growth. Saint Cecilia, pray for us!



Bro. Brent conducting the choir

PONTIFICAL LITURGIES BY BRO. HENRY HOFFMANN



Fr. Jon-Paul and Bro. Henry with Bishop Perry, Auxiliary of Chicago, after a Solemn Pontifical Mass in Dayton

A pontifical Mass differs in several ways from a Mass celebrated by a priest. The bishop in his own diocese sits upon a throne; outside of his diocese, as at the Sacred Music Retreat, upon a faldstool. The name “faldstool” derives from the German word for folding stool. In medieval culture, any personage of importance brought a faldstool with him on journeys and that practice is carried on in the Church by the bishop’s use of a faldstool when traveling outside of his own diocese.

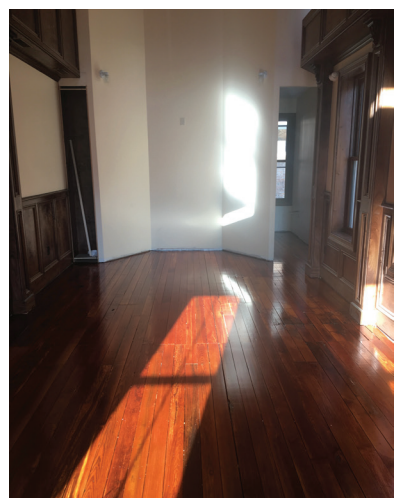
The rite of the pontifical Mass is very traditional, preserving unchanged many of the medieval ceremonies which were suppressed by the Council of Trent. The privileges of a bishop include a personal assistant who is a priest; this priest wears a cope for the duration of the Mass. The bishop wears not only a chasuble, but also the dalmatic of a deacon, and the tunicle of a subdeacon, to show that as the

successor of the apostles, he possesses the fullness of Holy Orders. He wears a mitre on his head as a symbol of Christ’s power over evil and a gremial on his lap to emphasize his dignity and to preserve his vestments. He is vested at the faldstool (or throne in his own diocese), in a manner reminiscent of the way in which medieval kings were vested by their knights in preparation for battle. He never genuflects, and the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the high altar in his presence. The bishop represents the presence of Christ at the pontifical Mass.



Bishop Slattery offers a Pontifical Mass at the National Shrine in Washington D.C.

RECENT HISTORY



ANNUAL BANQUET 2018



Join the Cincinnati Oratorians for our annual fundraising banquet on Monday, October 29 at The Phoenix. Our guest speaker this year is the Honorable Amul Roger Thapar, Judge on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Thapar was nominated to the Sixth Circuit by President Donald J. Trump on March 21, 2017. He was also on the shortlist of those considered to replace both Justice Antonin Scalia and Justice Anthony Kennedy on the United States Supreme Court. Judge Thapar is the first Federal Judge of South Asian descent. Judge Thapar is a convert to the Catholic Faith and is a member of St. Pius X parish in Edgewood, Kentucky.

Join us in welcoming Judge Amul Thapar to our banquet this year!

Where: The Phoenix

When: Monday, October 29

Social at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Program at 6:45 p.m.

Cost: \$60 if purchased by October 13

Visit www.cincinnatioratory.com for more information

Evenings with the Oratory

Join us every Tuesday, *beginning September 18*, with children's and adult catechism at 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There is the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance between 7:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is at 8:30 p.m. Please check the parish bulletin for any schedule changes.

Upcoming Events

August 15 - Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven, Holy Day of Obligation

- Old St. Mary's Schedule: 7:15 a.m. (Low Traditional Latin), 12:10 p.m. (English), & 7:00 p.m. (Sung Ordinary Form)
- Sacred Heart Schedule: 9:00 a.m. (Low Traditional Latin), 12:00 Noon (English), & 7:00 p.m. (Sung Traditional Latin)

September 14 - Solemn Traditional Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross @ 7:00 p.m.

October 3 - Solemn Traditional Mass for the Feast of St. Therese with Blessing of Roses @ 7:00 p.m.

October 7 - Musical Oratory of Mary @ 4:30 p.m.

October 9 - Solemn Traditional Mass for the Feast of Blessed John Henry Newman @ 7:00 p.m.

October 25 thru October 28 - Forty Hours Devotion

October 29 - Annual Oratory Fundraising Banquet

November 1 & 2- All Saints' Day, Holy Day of Obligation; All Souls' Day

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- Sacred Heart Schedule: 9:00 a.m. (Low Traditional Latin), 12:00 Noon (English), & 7:00 p.m. (Sung Traditional Latin)

WISDOM FROM ST. PHILIP NERI

*Let us think of Mary, for
she is that unspeakable
virgin, that glorious lady.*

Events are at Old St. Mary's Church unless otherwise noted

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WITHOUT YOU, THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE!

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