



# 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!*

On November 16, the Oratory held its annual gala. Thanks to your generosity, this event continues to be a big success and helps the Oratory achieve financial security. Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored a table, or assisted in any way to make this gala another success. If you couldn't join us this year, here are some of the highlights.

Over the past year, we have completed the stenciling of our chapel, had our ordinary Apostolic Visitation, accepted three novices, and had the most vocational inquiries in our existence. We have often had to remember that we only have room for nine members, but these are good problems to have! The churches entrusted to our care continue to grow and remain financially solvent. Things could not be better in the house and with our churches!

I also highlighted several fundraising needs and goals over the next year. With three new novices, our expenses have certainly increased. We are also preparing to send them away to seminary next fall. As the house ages, we have begun to need to make improvements and updates to ensure it remains in good condition for generations to come. We also continue to fundraise to meet our annual basic budget to operate the house.

Without your generosity and support, we couldn't fulfill our mission. So, I thank you for your prayers and friendship over all these years. I ask for your continued support in the coming years as we continue to strive to do great things for God and the Church! If you have not already done so, please consider donating again to our mission. If you are looking to maximize your annual tax write-off, there are still a few weeks left. Remember that we can also accept stocks and crypto-currency. Most importantly, please continue to pray for us and pray for potential vocations. Ultimately, it is our and your prayers that are most beneficial.

Lastly, I remind you to look through these pages for all the upcoming events during Advent and Christmas. I pray that the coming of the Christ child brings all of us much peace and graces. Please continue to pray for us, and always be assured that we pray for you. We especially prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord!

I remain humbly in Christ,

*Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak*

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, C.O.  
Provost



*All Saints' Day costume party 2023*



*Fr. Jon-Paul speaking at the Annual Gala 2023*



## ON THE CHAPEL BEAUTIFICATION: THE STATUES

BY FR. ADRIAN J. HILTON, C.O.



*The statues will go in the niches on either side of the altar*

One of the last remaining parts of the Oratory chapel is the completion of the two statues for either side of the altar. These statues are in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her spouse, St. Joseph. The sculptor, based in Sevilla, Spain, is very nearly complete in his work. An interesting vision for these two statues is that each will simultaneously serve as a reliquary. Within the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be a relic of her veil, and within the statue of St. Joseph, there will be a relic of his cloak.

The Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary is believed to have been worn during the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and foretold that she was to have a Son, Jesus. The veil is said to be a sign of Mary's meekness and humility as well as symbolizing her submission and obedience to God the Father. This veil, in its most intact portion, can be venerated at the Chartres Cathedral in France. It is said to have been in the possession of Charles the Bald until 876, when Charles gifted the veil to Chartres. It is a very small piece of this same veil that will be included within the breast area of our Lady's statue.

The Cloak of St. Joseph is believed to have been brought from the Holy Land to Rome by St. Jerome in the 4th Century. The most intact portion of this relic can be venerated in the Church of St. Anastasia in Rome. It is in this church where the body of St. Anastasia is venerated as well. The Cloak of St. Joseph is not only special on account of its connection to St. Joseph, but we can easily imagine the Foster Father of Jesus keeping the Divine Infant warm and lovingly protected in his arms. It is a very small piece of this same cloak that will be included in the breast area of the statue of St. Joseph.

Thank you so much for your generosity and, most especially, for your prayers!



*The statue of St. Joseph and Our Lord and where the relic of his cloak will go*



*The outlines for the painting of the statues*



*The Statue of Our Lady and the relic of her veil*



## OUR LIFE IN PHOTOS



*A parishioner dinner*



*Blessing those going to inform voters on Issue 1*



*Eucharistic Procession 2023*



*The annual Eucharistic Procession in October 2023*



*With the pastor of one of the novices*



*Annual Gala 2023*



*Marching for Life 2023*



*Fun at the Oratory Fundraising Gala*



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT THE CINCINNATI ORATORY

**Musical Oratory of Advent**  
**Wednesday, December 13**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Musical Oratory of Advent is an evening of choral reflection of the anticipation we have for Christ with meditations on Sacred Scripture and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The evening includes congregational hymn favorites.



**Solemn Rorate Mass**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
**6:45 a.m.**



The Rorate Mass is a Solemn Traditional Latin Mass, only by candlelight. It derives its name from the opening Introit 'Rorate caeli' - 'Drop down ye heavens.' This is a votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and has been called a mini-Christmas.

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### CHRISTMAS AT OLD ST. MARY'S

Midnight Mass - Sung Latin Mass  
 7:30 a.m. - Low Latin Mass  
 9:30 a.m. - Sung Latin Mass  
 11:30 a.m. - German Mass  
 1:00 p.m. - English Mass

### CHRISTMAS AT SACRED HEART

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

### NEW YEAR'S DAY AT OLD ST. MARY'S

9:00 a.m. - Low Latin Mass  
 11:00 a.m. - English Mass

### NEW YEAR'S DAY AT SACRED HEART

10:00 a.m. Sung Latin Mass

### Upcoming Events

December 8 - Regular Daily Mass Schedule & Sung Mass @ 6:30 p.m. - *Holy Day of Obligation*  
 December 13 - Musical Oratory of Advent @ 6:30 p.m.  
 December 16 - Solemn Rorate Mass @ 6:45 a.m.  
 December 25 - Christmas Day (Mass Schedule above)  
 January 1 - New Year's Day (Mass Schedule above)  
 January 6 - Epiphany Mass @ 9:30 a.m.  
 February 2 - Candlemas Mass @ 6:30 p.m.

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

### **WISDOM FROM ST. PHILIP NERI**

*Do not let a day pass without  
doing some good during it.*

## THE CINCINNATI ORATORY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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