



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!

A few weeks ago, the Oratory held its annual fundraising Gala. This year was one of our biggest! Over our last fundraising year, which we define as July-June, we raised over \$500,000 for the benefit of the Oratory. This was well over the goals we stated at the Gala in 2021. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and continued support!

We continue to fundraise for the work of the Oratory, in particular for the education costs of our future priests. We continue to have many guests come to visit, so we continue preparing for the future education costs of our prospective seminarians and priests. Just in the past few weeks, we have had six guests. We will have another five between now and the end of the year. We also welcomed five young men to our Vocation's Dinner evening. So please continue to pray for and support vocations to the Oratory!

We are also working on beautifying the chapel. In addition to finishing our library, this is one of the final remaining projects to complete. Fr. Adrian explains in his article in this newsletter why we are doing this and the plan.

If you haven't made your 2022 contribution yet, there are still a few weeks to count this for this tax year. You can mail in a donation with the included envelope, donate online at <http://donate.cincinnatiatoratory.com/>, and donate stocks or cryptocurrency (please contact me directly). I would also ask that you consider us in your final will!

As we enter the Advent Season and prepare ourselves for the birth of Our Lord, amid so much confusion and discouragement in the world, may we remind ourselves that Our Lord became flesh for us. In taking on flesh, He has offered us the ability to enjoy the blessing of eternal life. Christ never promised that the path would be easy and without disappointment. He faced much disappointment and sadness in His own life. However, even with the many evils, He endured in His life, He still loved us enough to make the ultimate sacrifice of His own life. So may we never lose sight of the fact that we have a God who loved us enough to become one of us and allow Himself to die for us. Through that sacrificial act, He has offered us something greater than we can imagine. Through our own disappointments and sufferings, He provides us with the ability to become more like Him and join Him in the world's salvation.

In remain humbly in Christ,

Fr. Jon Paul Bevak

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, C.O.

Provost



All Saints' Day costume party 2022



Fr. Henry administering a baptism



Fr. Jon-Paul speaking at the Annual Gala 2022

ON THE CHAPEL BEAUTIFICATION**BY FR. ADRIAN J. HILTON, C.O.**

At our annual fundraising banquet this past month, we introduced the initial artistic concepts for beautifying our Oratory Chapel. This is the final process in its renovation, and stenciling and paint will beautify the walls making our chapel truly a house of prayer. This final step has been in process for some years now,

and it is a joy to see it nearly completed.

Beauty has always been a profound way to find and experience God. It has helped many in their search for prayer and contemplation. The Oratory chapel is the heart of Oratorian life. As such, we have paid particular attention to its renovation. We strive to make it a place that not only honors God ever present in the tabernacle but also a place where the priests of the Oratory can spiritually prepare to serve our two parishes, the sick and dying at the hospital, and the imprisoned. It is also a place where one can seek to be restored after serving the souls of those entrusted to our care. With this twofold purpose, this final process of beautifying our chapel benefits both the souls of those serving and being served. Finally, it has been impossible to make a lasting Chapel and Pious House without your kind assistance and generosity. We cannot thank you enough, and we look forward to sharing with you the final work.



Our Lady's statue in progress



St. Joseph's statue in progress

CHAPEL BEAUTIFICATION 2022

Stenciling around where the Stations of the Cross are placed



The beginning of the back wall painting



The working rendition of what the final product may look like

STAINED GLASS WINDOW REFLECTION: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**BY FR. HENRY O. HOFFMANN, C.O.***The St. Catherine window in the chapel*

On the rear wall of the Oratory chapel, facing the street, a stained glass window depicts St. Catherine of Siena comforting the family of a deceased victim of the bubonic plague. St. Catherine is famous for her courage during the bubonic plague; at one point, she even mustered the courage to drink a bowl full of the blood and pus from the wounds of one of her patients. The next day, the Lord gave her a vision in which she drank mystically from His pierced side. This vignette illustrates the spiritual power of self-discipline and self-denial; a power that St. Catherine yielded far beyond the bounds of her convent and her native city. She convinced the Pope to return to Rome, thus ending the Avignon papacy. She was renowned for her prudence and political sagacity during her lifetime, and has since been declared a patroness of Europe. Her book *The Dialogue* contains the highest mystical wisdom. Her presence in the chapel reminds us, as she said, “Be who God wants you to be, and you will set the world on fire.” May our hearts burn with the same intensity as hers, and may we do good as she did.

OUR LIFE IN PHOTOS*Police officer kneeling at the Eucharistic Procession**The annual Eucharistic Procession in October 2022**Fun at the Oratory Fundraising Gala**Father Adrian (St. Philip) with the many “priests” at the All Saints’ Party**At the Ohio March for Life 2022*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT THE CINCINNATI ORATORY

Solemn Rorate Mass
Saturday, December 10
6:45 a.m.

Musical Oratory of Advent
Wednesday, December 14
6:30 p.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.

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.



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CHRISTMAS AT OLD ST. MARY'S

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

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

7:30 a.m. - Low Traditional Latin Mass
 9:30 a.m. - Sung Traditional 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 Traditional Latin Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT SACRED HEART

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

Upcoming Events

December 8 - Regular Daily Mass Schedule & Sung Mass @ 6:30 p.m. - *Holy Day of Obligation*
 December 10 - Solemn Rorate Mass @ 6:45 a.m.
 December 14 - Musical Oratory of Advent @ 6:30 p.m.
 December 25 - Christmas Day (Mass Schedule above)
 January 1 - New Year's Day (Mass Schedule above)
 January 6 - Epiphany Mass @ 6:30 p.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

*WELL! when shall we have a
mind to begin to do good?*

THE CINCINNATI ORATORY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT

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THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

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Through their commitment to making an annual donation of \$250 or more, our Society of Friends helps contribute to the annual cost of operation for the mission of The Cincinnati Oratory. With their annual support, and hopefully yours, our mission to sanctify and teach moves forward. Without you, this would be impossible!

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