



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 March 12, we celebrated the 400th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Philip Neri, alongside St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, St. Isidore the Farmer, and St. Teresa of Avila. To celebrate this event, we will be hosting a jubilee celebration on April 21. You can find more information about the event on the last page.

A local foundation is helping to cover about half of the costs to allow us also to celebrate the 27 catechumens and confirmation candidates we will be welcoming into the Church or confirming at the Easter Vigil. The foundation has also given us a \$25,000 matching gift, which I am announcing to you with this newsletter and will speak more about at the celebration in April. This foundation will match every dollar that we raise, up to \$25,000. Could you help us meet this match?

In addition to the St. Philip happenings of late, we also celebrated our fifth anniversary of foundation by the Holy Father on March 19. We are also well into Lent and preparing for Holy Week and Easter. If you have not had the opportunity yet to make it to confession, be sure to do so! If your Lent hasn't been so great yet, there is still time! Start today if you have some vice you yet want to work on!

The Lord is ever patient with us, has given us great opportunities for grace, and has given us His example of perfection to strive after. He wouldn't ask the impossible of us. So may we each finish Lent out with strength and be prepared to celebrate the great Feast of Easter more worthily!

Thank you to each of you for your continued prayers and support of the Oratory. Know that you are each in our daily prayers, and regular Masses are celebrated for all those in the St. Philip Society. Please continue in your support, especially by your prayers, so that the good work begun by the Lord here may be brought to completion!

I remain humbly in Christ,

Fr. Jon Paul Bevak

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, C.O.

Provost



The Confederation of the Oratories placed this bow, with a silver Lilly, on the heart of St. Philip Neri for the canonization celebration. The name of every founded Oratory is on this silver bow. Cincinnati is circled red.



An ornate candle gifted to us for Candlemas by a brother of the Little Oratory of London.

ON LENT

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

*The veils of Passiontide!*

“Hear me, O Lord, for thy mercy is kind; look upon me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, O Lord.” In the blessing of ashes on Ash Wednesday, these are the first words heard by the faithful. These words set the entire stage for the penitential days ahead in preparing for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Savior. In these words, the Lenten spirit is captured as they reveal an acknowledgment of sin and infidelity, a hope and confidence in the mercy of God, and a conversion of heart that is permanent, unselfish, and burning with charity. He who is forgiven much, loves much, and this season provides us with another opportunity to shed everything that prevents our hearts from enjoying and embracing complete union with Jesus Christ.

Taking up our cross daily is not easy, and it involves an heroic degree of suffering, but it is the path of Christ and it is the path that will bring us to true and lasting peace, true unity with God, and bring us to our place in heaven prepared for us

by the Father. The Church gives us yet another opportunity to see our selfishness in the many forms that it can take and to reject it. The Church gives us yet another opportunity to be completely transformed and made anew by the supernatural virtue of Charity, which is the evidence of the Presence of God, evidence of a truly repentant heart, and the evidence of a life lived to glorify God. With God’s grace, a resolute will, and the proven methods of self denial and penance, may this season bear much fruit in our hearts and souls, affording permanent change and growth that gives clarity of vision and clarity of affection so that our hearts might seek for Christ and Christ alone, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary helps us to surrender everything just as she did.

*Getting the Paschal Fire ready in 2021*

OUR LIFE IN PHOTOS

*Blessing a keg of bock beer for Bockfest celebrations at Old St. Mary's**The decree of Pope Francis founding the Cincinnati Oratory on March 19, 2017**Candlemas Procession on February 2, 2022 at Old St. Mary's*

STAINED GLASS WINDOW REFLECTION: THE SACRED HEART**BY FR. HENRY O. HOFFMANN, C.O.***The Sacred Heart window in the chapel*

The image of the Sacred Heart of our Lord reveals to us the Divine sentiments of the Heart of God. The modern world extols emotions which are merely shallow and superficial; they are expressions of the self, imposing oneself upon others, rather than an authentic response of the self encountering objective and meaningful reality. We can find a spiritual antidote to the modern shallowness and superficiality of sentiment in meditating upon, and cultivating devotion to, the Sacred Heart of the Lord. Here we behold true emotion: the expression of the purest and strongest Love. The Passion of the Lord finds echo in the passions of His Heart. It is ringed by thorns and burns with flames and upon It stands a Cross.

As He revealed to Saint Margaret Mary, the Devotion to the Sacred Heart ought to teach us to respond with love to the Love of Jesus represented by the image of His Sacred Heart. From it, we derive the strength to suffer well; to love, in this world, means to suffer. May our Hearts burn with the strength and fire of His Love. As fire leaps from branch to branch, may He communicate His love to our hearts.

OUR LIFE IN PHOTOS*Making pysanky eggs for Easter!**Annual Forty Hours at Old St. Mary's**The Annual Old St. Mary's Fish Fry**More pysanky eggs for Easter... This is a very delicate process to get the design and colors just right!**Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity!
Sign in our chapter room.*

ST. PHILIP NERI CANONIZATION JUBILEE!



When: Thursday, April 21, 2022

Where: Donauschwaben Reception Hall
4290 Dry Ridge Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45252

Cost: \$50 per person

Table Sponsorships for Tables of 8

\$400 - Bronze

\$700 - Silver

\$1,000 - Gold

How: Visit <http://jubilee.cincinnati-oratory.com/> for reservations. You can also mail a check back (Payable to the 'The Society of St. Philip Neri') but please include your guest list and put 'Jubilee' in the memo line! Reservations accepted until April 11 (but by April 7 would be appreciated!).

Why: To celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Philip Neri, celebrate our new Catholics, and to match a \$25,000 grant!

Tickets are limited to only 200 people!

Upcoming Events

April 10 thru April 17 - Join us for Holy Week & Easter Masses! Visit the web page for schedule.

April 21 - Canonization of St. Philip Neri Jubilee @ 6:00 p.m. (Donauschwaben Reception Hall)

May 26 - Feast of the Ascension Solemn Mass @ 6:30 p.m.

May 27 - Feast of St. Philip Neri Solemn Mass & Social @ 6:30 p.m.

June 5 - Solemn Vespers of Pentecost @ 3:30 p.m.

June 16 - Feast of Corpus Christi Solemn Mass & Processions @ 6:30 p.m.

June 24 - Feast of the Sacred Heart Solemn Mass & Social @ 6:30 p.m. (at Sacred Heart)

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

WISDOM FROM ST. PHILIP NERI

A virtuous life consists in mortifying vices, sins, bad thoughts, and evil affections, and in exercising ourselves in the acquisition of holy virtues.

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