



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!

It is undoubtedly with great joy to relate to each of you that we accepted three new novices this past August. They were formally clothed in the habit of St. Philip on September 14. Thank you to all those who pray for vocations and the Oratory. Keep up your prayers, as the Lord is hearing them. You can read more about the new novices on the next page.

Included also in the envelope is information regarding the annual All Souls' Day Novena of Masses. Please make sure any names for these Masses are submitted to us by October 31.

Our next Oratory Gala will be on November 16, and information is also included in this newsletter. Please be sure to get your reservations to us by November 6. This is the only major fundraiser we do during the year, and it is also a good time for all of us to get together. With three new novices and the potential for more next year, it is all the more important for us to fundraise to secure the future. So please be sure to attend!

The cross and struggles always find people. Sometimes, the crosses are light, and other times, they are heavier, but the Lord never asks more of us than we are capable of. Through these struggles, the Lord refines us into more perfect instruments to more completely do His work. So may we never be discouraged by the cross or our own crosses, as they are meant to make us a more acceptable offering to God. The cross, disappointment, and sacrifice are all part of life. The Lord intersperses those moments with joy and peace, but these are merely imperfect images of what awaits us in eternal life. As St. Philip Neri teaches us: "We must seek Christ where Christ is not, that is, in crosses and tribulations, in which truly He is not now, but we shall find Him in glory by this road." So may we each trod down the royal road by which Christ trod, the Way of the Cross.

I remind each of our Ohio residents about the importance of voting on November 7 to help defeat the abortion amendment on the ballot. **So please remember to vote NO on November 7!** We must do all we can to work toward a more just society, and this starts by protecting the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn.

Please be sure to pray for us and be assured of our daily prayers for you!

In remain humbly in Christ,

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak

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Provost



The clothing of the new novices



Blessing the fire for the Feast of St. John the Baptist



The Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil

MEET THE NEW NOVICES



BR. STEPHEN

In the past few weeks, I have been blessed to meet many of the faithful here at the Oratorian parishes and am very grateful for the warm welcome which has been extended to me. By way of brief introduction, I am originally from New Jersey. After spending some time in the Army as an Intelligence Analyst, I settled in Maryland. It was during my first visit to Rome, in 2015, that I began to sense that our Lord was calling me to the Holy Priesthood. I have spent the past seven years as Sacristan at the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales in Benedict, Maryland. My interests include art and architecture—particularly, but not exclusively, that of the Italian Baroque—travel, and cooking. My special patrons, after Saint Philip, include Ss. Philomena, Mary Magdalene, Therese of Lisieux, Anthony of Padua, and Leopoldo of Castelnuovo. May God reward you all for the kindness with which I have been surrounded since my arrival here.



BR. CONNOR

I was born and raised in Cleveland, the youngest of three children. I graduated from the University of Bristol and it was in England where I discovered the Oratorians and spirituality of St. Philip from my chaplain who is now at the Oxford Oratory. Evident from my university of choice, I very much enjoy traveling. The top cities I've been to are London, Vienna, Rome, and Westport, Ireland (where my family immigrated from). I'm also fond of the outdoors, especially hiking and kayaking. Aside from Ss. Philip Neri and John Henry Newman, I have particular devotions to Ss. Ignatius of Loyola, Francis de Sales, and Pius X. Before joining the Oratory, I worked for various nonprofit organizations in DC and England. I am thrilled to be in Cincinnati, and look forward to my future at the Oratory. Please pray for me!



BR. BENJAMIN

I was born and raised in Northern Kentucky and came from a Catholic family of eight children. I am nineteen and I finished my final year of homeschooling earlier this year. My parents and three younger sisters are parishioners of OSM as well as my two oldest siblings and their families. We have been parishioners since we started going to the 9:30 am Latin Mass in 2021. With my new family, the Oratorians, I begin to imitate the life of St. Philip while preparing for the priesthood. The Oratory Fathers' examples have influenced me significantly by showing me what it means to consecrate one's life, as a priest, to God and His Holy Church. As I set out to imitate Christ and His mother I hope to create a firm foundation in prayer and studies so that when I am ordained I will be able to give myself completely to the Church as St. Philip has done.

OUR LIFE IN PHOTOS



The great buffalo chicken dip cook off



The Parish Picnic 2023



Wood chip carpets for Corpus Christi

THE CHAPEL

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



The Main Altar of the Chapel

Recently, we were able to complete the final phase of the Oratory Chapel. This involved painting the ceiling, the space behind and above the altar, and around the Stations of the Cross.

A combination of blues was used on the ceiling to imitate the day sky. In this imagery, many references to scripture emerge - the Son of Justice, to walk in the Armor of Light, to act and live as in the daylight, the dispelling of the darkness – all of these come to mind and contemplation reminding us that in all that we do, we must act as men and women living constantly in the light of Christ for our Lord tells us that nothing will remain hidden.

Behind the altar, we have a deep red color interspersed with crosses. In the Western Tradition, there is often found the use of a “Dorsal Curtain,” and the artistic work conveys the importance of this tradition. The red reminds us of Christ’s blood and that we are redeemed only through our Lord’s Precious Blood. The crosses throughout call to mind the manner in which our Lord gave His life for sinners and the cost of our salvation. The deep and rich red also brings to mind the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is flaming with love for us, always seeking us out in order to find Him in the deep recesses of His heart.

The artistic work around the stations does not provide any particular symbolism, but rather, the artist employed various designs and accents so as to bring out the beauty of the stations themselves. The stations are oil on canvas framed in hand-carved oak from Belgium. The varied use of color and design draws the eye and, thus, the heart to consider the mystery in each station more deeply.

This project was made possible only by your kindness and generosity. The chapel, as the focus of Oratorian life, has been made into a place conducive to prayer and contemplation as well as a fitting house for the Most Holy Eucharist, which is contained in the Tabernacle. Having this sacred place is increasingly important as we find the encouragement and comfort of our Lord so as to go to our duties and apostolates with renewed vigor and generosity to the people we serve in the Name of Christ.

THE CHAPEL



*Virgo et Mater - Virgin & Mother
St. Philip's Favorite Phrase*



Wide view of the Chapel and the Stations



*Caritas et Humilitas - Charity & Humility
St. Philip's Virtues*

ORATORY GALA 2023

Annual Fundraising Gala
for the Oratory

Thursday, November 16, 2023

5:30 p.m. - Social

6:30 p.m. - Dinner and Program

Donauschwaben Reception Hall

4290 Dry Ridge Rd.

Cincinnati, OH 45252

R.S.V.P. by November 6, 2023

\$60 Per Person



Sponsorships for a table of eight:

\$480 - Bronze

\$1,000 - Silver

\$1,500 - Gold

For online reservations:

<http://gala.cincinnatioratory.com/>

or mail your reservation and guest list to the
address above.

Checks can be made out to:

"The Society of St. Philip Neri"

For more information or reservations please call: (513) 721-2988

Upcoming Events

October 9 - Feast of St. John Henry Newman Sung Mass @ 6:30 p.m.

October 21 - Annual Men's Eucharistic Procession from Cathedral to Old St. Mary's @ 9:00 a.m.

November 1 - All Saints' Day - **Holy Day of Obligation**

November 2 - All Souls' Day

November 3 - 11 - All Souls' Day Novena of Masses

November 7 - Election Day - **Vote No on Issue 1**

November 18 - Annual Oratory Gala @ Donauschwaben Reception Hall

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

WISDOM FROM ST. PHILIP NERI

*Perfection cannot be attained
without the greatest toil.*

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