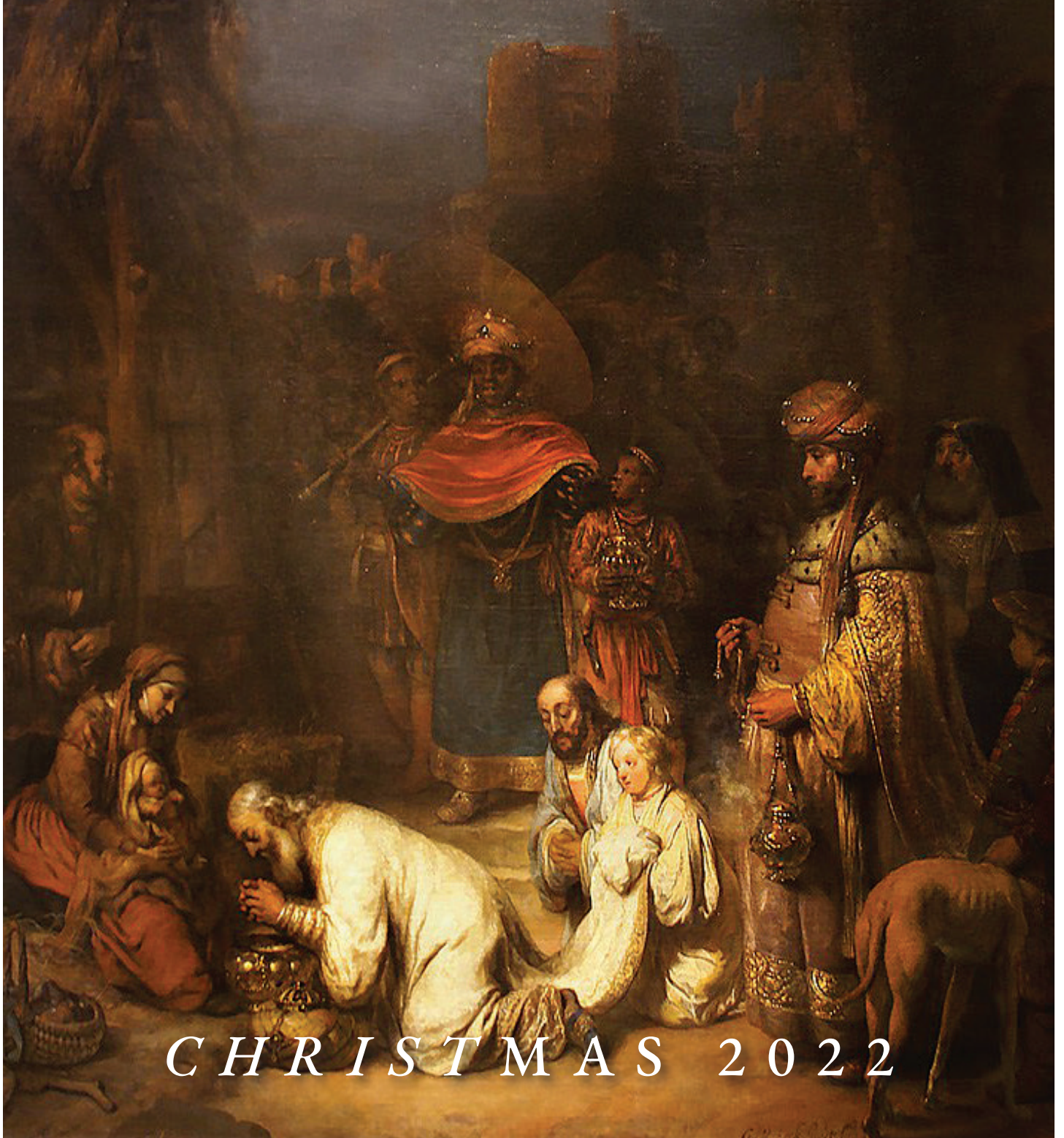


THE PARISHES OF
OLD ST. MARY & SACRED HEART

Served by The Oratory of Saint Philip Neri



CHRISTMAS 2022

The Nativity, Gerbrand van den Eeckhout

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*Merry Christmas! Frohe Weihnachten! Buon Natale!
Felicem diem Nativitatem!*

CHRISTMAS SERMON OF ST. LEO THE GREAT

Our Savior, dearly Beloved, was born this day. Let us rejoice. Sadness is not becoming upon the Birthday of Life Itself, which, now that the fear of death is ended, fills us with gladness, because of our own promised immortality. No one is excluded from sharing in this cheerfulness, for the reason of our joy is common to all men. Our Lord, the Conqueror of sin and death, since there was no one free from servitude, came that He might bring deliverance to all.

Let him who is sanctified rejoice, for he draws nigh to the palm. Let the sinner rejoice, since he is invited to grace. Let the Gentiles exult, for they are called to life. For the Son of God, in the fullness of time, has taken upon Himself the nature of our humanity, as the unsearchable depths of the divine counsel hath decreed, in order that the inventor of death, the devil, by that very nature which he defeated, would be himself overcome...

Unlike this Holy Nativity, is that of which we read of all men: No one is there free from sin, not even the infant whose life upon the earth is but a day. [Job 14:4] But of the concupiscence of the flesh, nothing has been transmitted in this unique generation; nothing of the law of sin has descended. A royal virgin of the house of David is chosen as the bearer of the Sacred Fruit, who had conceived her divine and human Offspring in her soul, before she conceived Him in her body.

And knowing not the divine purpose, and lest she be fearful at such unheard of tidings, she learns from the angelic colloquy of that which was to be wrought in her by the Holy Spirit; nor did she, who was about to become the Mother of God, believe that this betokened the loss of her virginity.

Why should she be fearful, to whom fruitfulness is promised through the power of the Most High? The faith of the believer is confirmed by the witness of the miracle that went before, when to Elizabeth was given unlooked for fruitfulness; that it might not be doubted, that He Who had given to the barren to conceive, would give it likewise to the Virgin...

Let us, therefore, give thanks, dearly Beloved, to God the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit; Who, because of the exceeding great love, wherein He has loved us, has had compassion on us. And even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together in Christ [Eph. 2:5], that in Him we might be a new creature, and a new clay. Let us strip ourselves of the old man with his deeds; for being made partakers of the Birth of Christ, let us renounce the deeds of the flesh [Col. 3:9].

Acknowledge, O Christian, the dignity that is yours! Being made a partaker of the divine nature, do not by an unworthy manner of living fall back into your former abjectness of life. Be mindful of Whose Head, and of Whose Body, you are a member. Remember, that wrested from the powers of darkness, thou art now translated into the Light and the Kingdom of God. By the sacrament of baptism you have become the temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not, by evil deeds, drive out from you such a One dwelling with thee, and submit yourself again to the bondage of the devil. Because your price was the Blood of Christ; because in strictness He shall judge you Who in mercy has redeemed you, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.



On behalf of the Oratory, I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas!
We pray that the Christ child blesses each of you during this Christmastide!

Fr Paul Beach

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

OLD ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
12:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
7:30 a.m.	Intention of AH
9:30 a.m.	For the Priests of the Parish
11:30 a.m.	Brunie Gerdes
1:00 p.m.	✠ Blair Duechle
MONDAY	ST. STEPHEN
7:15 a.m.	Special Intention of Fr. Henry Hoffmann
12:10 p.m.	Intention of Michael Rose
TUESDAY	ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, APOSTLE
7:15 a.m.	Intention of Christina Zlatic
12:10 p.m.	Intention of Nancy Kenny
WEDNESDAY	THE HOLY INNOCENTS
7:15 a.m.	Intention of Hector & Ana Rita Santaella
12:10 p.m.	✠ Gary Carstens
THURSDAY	DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:15 a.m.	Intention of Fr. Martin Bachman
12:10 p.m.	Intention of Sophia Sharpshair
FRIDAY	DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:15 a.m.	Intention of Christina Zlatic
12:10 p.m.	Intention of John Hemak
SATURDAY	DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:15 a.m.	In Thanksgiving of the New Year
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention of Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak
SUNDAY	MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
	THE OCTAVE DAY IN THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
9:30 a.m.	For Blessings on the Parishes & Oratory in the New Year
11:30 a.m.	✠ Christian James
1:00 p.m.	Pro Populo

OLD ST MARY WEDDING BANNS

No Banns

DECEMBER 18, 2022

MASS COLLECTION

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SACRED HEART MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
9:00 a.m.	✠ Helen Marshall
11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
TUESDAY	ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, APOSTLE
9:00 a.m.	No Mass
THURSDAY	DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
9:00 a.m.	No Mass
FRIDAY	DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
9:00 a.m.	No Mass
SUNDAY	MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
	THE OCTAVE DAY IN THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
9:00 a.m.	Intention of St. Edmund Campion Academy
11:00 a.m.	✠ Helen Pleiman

RIP

✠ - For the repose of the soul of...
Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
Per Annum - During the Year
New Calendar (first) and Traditional Calendar (second)

SACRED HEART WEDDING BANNS

No Banns

DECEMBER 18, 2022

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NEWS & EVENTS

Christmas Schedule Changes

There will be **no daily weekday Mass at Sacred Heart from December 26 until January 7**. There will also be **no First Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on January 7**. Sunday Mass schedule remains the same. There is **no evening Adoration or confessions at Old St. Mary on December 27 or January 3**.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are being accepted for January, February, and March of 2023 only. The general offering for a Mass intention is \$5 and there is a limit of three Masses per household for the first quarter. Mass intentions must be given in writing. Keep in mind we cannot guarantee specific dates or Mass times. Please do not submit more than three intentions. Contact the parish office for more information or questions.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **no Vespers on Sunday, December 25 or January 1**. There will be Sung Vespers on **January 8**. Also, There will be **no evening Adoration or Confession on Tuesday, December 27 or Tuesday, January 3**.

Parish Office Holiday

Old St. Mary's parish office will be **closed Monday, December 26, Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2, 2023**.

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Masses at **Old St. Mary** on Sunday, January 1, will be 7:30 a.m. (Low Latin), 9:30 a.m. (Sung Latin), 11:30 a.m. (German), 1:00 p.m. (English) Masses at **Sacred Heart** on Sunday, January 1, will be at 9:00 a.m. (English) & 11:00 a.m. (Latin). There will be no Holy Hour at 11:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve this year due to New Year's Day falling on Sunday.

Epiphany Mass

Join us on **Friday, January 6**, the Twelfth Day of Christmas and the Epiphany of the Lord, for a Solemn Mass, , at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary.

Epiphany Water Blessing

If you would like Epiphany water, please have jugs of water to Old St. Mary by the end of 7:15 a.m. Mass on **January 5**. Please ensure these are gallon jugs or bigger, no small bottles of water. Each container must be individually opened so that salt can go in. So please make this easy on Father! You may begin to pick up the jugs of water after the 12:10 p.m. Mass on January 5. Blessed chalk will be available on January 6.

Carmelite Daughters of Elias News

The Sisters have a new community email (**FlosCarmeli@carmelitedaughters.org**) and phone number (**513-658-8334**) at which they can be reached.

Many inquiries come from young women who would like to visit, but there is no more room in their current convent. Work on 1209 Clay Street will be underway as of January 2023! New windows will be installed, followed by insulation/dry wall, electricity, and plumbing, as the house is entirely gutted. All of the floors, stairs, and ceilings need to be redone.

If you would like to donate towards the Sisters' second phase of their convent, **checks may be made to the Carmelite Daughters of Elias** and addressed to 123 E. 13th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, or made on line via **paypal: @saintelias**. The Sisters are a 501C3 non-profit organization.

Their website — **carmelitedaughters.com** — will be up in January as well with a link to Cornerstone for donations.

If you have a child that is interested in the **Little Flowers**, girls ages 6-12, or the **Sodality of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**, young women ages 12-18, or the young adult Carmelite spirituality group, **Ascend Carmel**, please contact the Sisters via their new email address.

Catechism begins once again on Tuesday nights for First Communion-high school classes on January 10.

Finally, **Classes for K-1 children** recommence on the first and third Sundays of the month after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at OSM beginning on January 15.

Important Parking Update

We have not received any volunteers for the parking committee. For now, we ask for your cooperation with the following two requests: Please refrain from double parking in the 12th and Main Street parking lot. Double parking cannot be effectively managed in this lot and has caused issues on several occasions in the past. At this time, double parking is only allowed in our large Clay Street parking lot. If you decide to double park, please be respectful of other parishioners and have your vehicle out of the right-of-way immediately following Mass. Gates on the Salvation Army Clay Street parking lot will be locked at 2:00 pm each Sunday. Any vehicles remaining in this lot after that time will be towed at the owner's expense. It is imperative that we do not take advantage of the agreement in place for use of this lot. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate and clean Old St. Mary and Sacred Heart for Christmas. Your work and devotion to the parishes is very much appreciated.

