

OLD SAINT MARY



THE ORATORY *of* SAINT PHILIP NERI



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The Heavenly and Earthly Trinities, circa 1675–1682, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo

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Old St. Mary office hours are Mon.-Thurs., from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. - noon.
Sacred Heart office hours are by appointment.

MASSES

Sunday

7:30 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
 9:30 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin
 11:30 a.m. | German
 1:00 p.m. | English

Monday-Friday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
 12:10 p.m. | English

Saturday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
 9:00 a.m. | English

First Friday Mass

6:30 p.m. | Traditional Latin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. &
 12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Monday-Friday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Evening Masses

45 minutes before Mass

EUCARISTIC EXPOSITION

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - noon & 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. with
 Holy Hour with Benediction beginning at 7:30 p.m.

First Friday – All Night Vigil

Following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

MASSES

Sunday

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

Friday

9:00 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin Mass

First Saturday Mass

9:00 a.m. | Traditional Latin Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Friday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

First Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

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GENERAL SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Holy Day Masses

Please check bulletin.

Baptisms

If possible, please contact the parish office one month prior to due date to start planning.

Weddings

Contact the parish office at least six months prior. Must be an active parishioner, attending Mass, for at least one year before scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact a parish priest as soon as possible.

*When there is no Mass, please note that there will be no confessions beforehand. Check the bulletin for any other changes.

NOTE *from the PASTOR*



The month of January opens for us beneath the bright, yet gentle light of the Epiphany. After the quiet of Bethlehem and the hidden years of Nazareth, the Church now lifts her voice to proclaim that the Child born of the Virgin is not for Israel alone, but for all nations. The Magi, guided by the star, represent the long pilgrimage of the Gentile world toward Christ. They arrive not by accident, but by providence, for God Himself draws the searching heart to His Son.

The Epiphany reminds us that Christ is revealed as King, God, and Sacrifice. Gold confesses His kingship, frankincense His divinity, and myrrh foreshadows His saving death. The Wise Men kneel, not merely before a lovable Child, but before the Eternal Word made flesh. Their worship teaches us that true wisdom ends on one's knees. In an age so confident in knowledge yet often forgetful of God, the Epiphany calls us back to humble adoration.

For this reason, I invite you to join us for our High Mass of the Epiphany on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary's. The solemnity of the liturgy, the beauty of sacred music, and the ceremonial richness of the Church's prayer all serve the same purpose: to manifest Christ to us, just as He

was manifested to the Magi. We will also hear from the Solemn Proclamation of the date of Easter during this Mass. In the Sacred Liturgy, the same Lord whom they adored is truly present upon the altar, offering Himself for our salvation. To attend this Mass is to stand mystically beside the Magi and to offer Christ not gold, frankincense, or myrrh, but our hearts.

January also brings before us the great figure of St. Francis de Sales, whose feast we celebrate on January 24 and 29. He is the primary patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and a secondary patron of the Cincinnati Oratory, and rightly so. Known for his gentleness, patience, and deep charity, St. Francis reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a few heroic souls but is possible in every state of life. His teaching that we should "be who you are and be that well" harmonizes beautifully with the mystery of the Epiphany: each of us is called to reflect the light of Christ in the particular circumstances God has given us.

As we begin this new year, may the star of the Epiphany guide our parishes ever more surely to Christ, and may St. Francis de Sales intercede for us, that our faith be marked by truth spoken in charity.

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Women's Oratory

Our next Women's Oratory is on Saturday, **January 10** at Sacred Heart at 10 a.m. We will be making rosaries. We'd appreciate an RSVP to get a general headcount. Please reach out to Lisa Bloomfield lisamariebloomfield@gmail.com

Catholics United for Faith

Catholics United for the Faith is an international lay apostolate founded in 1968 to support, defend, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church. The St. Francis of Assisi chapter in greater Cincinnati meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month on the first floor of the school building at Sacred Heart Church, Room 202. Upcoming meeting will be on **January 12** and will feature Lou Judd, Executive Director of Virtue=Strength and author of *Greater Than the Game: Stories of Grit, Grace and God*. For more information, please go to: www.cufcincinnati.org or www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati

Conversion Class

Our Conversion Class is in full swing. Please keep them all in your prayers!

Fezziwig Ball 2026

We are excited to invite parishioners 13 and older to attend the annual Fezziwig Ball on January 16, 2026, at the Ft. Thomas Mess Hall. As always, a professional historical dance caller will be teaching and leading fun dances while we are whisked back in time with the sounds of a live quartet of talented musicians! Follow the link below or scan the QR code for more information and purchase your ticket at: <https://thefezziwigball.my.canva.si>



Men's Secular Oratory meeting will meet next on Saturday, January 24 at 8 a.m.

Adorers Needed!

Could you not spend but one hour with

Me? Please contact the parish office if you are interested in signing up for an hour, or to substitute. Adoration is on Tuesday and First Fridays. See our hours under the parish schedule. You may call the parish office or visit adoration.oldstmarys.org to sign up. The minimum is two adorers per hour, but our goal is nine hundred! Everyone is welcome at any time during Exposition, even if you can't take a scheduled hour or be a substitute. Please help us keep adoration at Old St. Mary alive!



Sorrowful Mother Novena

Pray with the Sorrowful Mother Adoration group on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of each month during all night Adoration. Eucharistic Exposition and devotions to our Sorrowful Lady start after 7:00 p.m. Mass, and continue until 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning, concluding with Benediction and Mass at 7:15 a.m. For more information or to be included in our communication list, contact Mark Sharps-hair mesharpshair@fuse.net.

Learn about the Faith

Just a reminder that the parish has a **FORMED** account that you can use to access Catholic videos and resources to learn about the Faith. To register, visit formed.org and click sign-up. Register as a parishioner and search for Oratory Parishes or use 45202 as the zip code. You will then have access to these resources!

Cold and flu season is upon us. If you or a member of your household has a fever, chills, or are just feeling poorly, give health the priority and please stay home. Thank you for your charity in caring for others.

Annual Statements

Please contact the parish office if you would like an annual statement and letter of your charitable giving. For those who donate directly to The Oratory, they will automatically be sent this out by the end of the month.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate, clean, and prepare our churches for Christmas! Without you, we could not have done it!



Feast of the Epiphany

There will be a High Mass at Old St. Mary on at 6:30 p.m. on **January 6** for the Feast of the Epiphany.

Please note: Evening Adoration and Confession along with Catechism Class is cancelled on January 6.

Doughnut Social

There will be a doughnut social at Sacred Heart on Sunday, **January 11**, after 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacred Heart Potluck Social

Join us in the church hall at Sacred Heart for a potluck-style social on the second Sunday of every month (**January 11**) after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Bring your favorite food or beverage and get to know the members of our church.



St. Francis De Sales

St. Francis de Sales is the principal patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and one of the secondary patrons of Cincinnati Oratory. St. Francis de Sales in many ways, took the spirituality of St. Phillip Neri and put it into writing. He was also

the founder of an Oratory as a bishop, so we claim him as one of our own! We celebrate his feast on **January 24** on the revised calendar and in **January 29** on the traditional calendar.

Please note: the parish office will be closed for Martin Luther King Day on January 19.

Purification Masses

Candlemas falls on Monday, **February 2**, this year. The High Mass at Old St. Mary will begin at 6:30 p.m. You may bring your own candles to blessed at this Mass. If you have candles to be blessed, please arrive no later than ten minutes before Mass and bring them to the communion rail, where a server will take them and place them on the altar. Please label them with your name.

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Our annual Blessing of Throats will be after Masses on Tuesday, **February 3**. We will continue to bless throats after the daily Masses that week and again on Sunday, **February 8**.

Snow Removal Help

If anyone is willing to help clear snow, especially on Sundays, please contact Dave Wimmel (dwimmel@osmshcincinnati.com) in the office to develop a list to call on when needed. A few able-bodied individuals from both Old St. Mary and Sacred Heart would be a big help to make sure our steps and sidewalks are ready for those coming to Mass!

Parking

This is a reminder that we need to be considerate and charitable when it comes to parking for Mass. We have grown lax and uncharitable when it comes to parking. While we have been tolerating double parking in the big Old St. Mary's lot, double parking is NOT to take place in any other parking lot. If we continue to see this, we will begin to tow. Please also do not take any spot that otherwise has a reserved parking sign on it or a parking cone in it. These spots are reserved for specific people. Unless you are that specific person, the spot is not being saved for you. If you block someone in, in ONLY the main Old St. Mary's lot, you should be the first person out to start letting people out. Parking in the Salvation Army lots is only allowed on Sundays and certain evening Masses when James is present to ensure you have a parking pass. Please do not just park there outside of Sunday or when it isn't clear you can park there. We do not own those lots. Remember on Sunday until 2 p.m. and major holidays like Christmas and New Year's, you can park in metered spaces for free.



Weather Cancellations

Please keep an eye on both the web page and our social media pages for any cancellations. As a general rule, if there is at least a Level 2 snow emergency, non-Obligation Masses (Masses other than Sunday or Holy Days) at Sacred Heart, and all other events at either parish will be cancelled. We will continue to have Mass at Old St. Mary, but use your prudent judgement. We will try to diligently keep the webpage and social media updated when bad weather arrives. If the weather looks frightful, please be sure to check before leaving home.

Carmelite Corner

Praised be Jesus Christ!

A happy and blessed New Year to you and your family! What a blessed season we are in; one of light and hope as we rejoice in such a Savior! We were blessed with a wonderful Advent retreat for the younger girls which began with the Rorate Mass. The girls prayed together, made ornaments, had other fun activities, and were able to throw some good snowballs with the snow that fell that day. It is such a grace to work with the children. We want them to truly know the Love of God and that each one has a gift and mission in life. Each year the reality of the mystery of Christ's Incarnation should become more personal and go deeper. God loves each one of us so much that He came down in pursuit of our hearts and souls and gave everything for us. How can we not but wish to give all for Him? All of our hearts, our lives, and our love. As the saints remind us, "love is repaid by love alone." To hear the children sing at Mass raises the soul up to heaven and brings it back down to remind us that we were made for something more than this brief life here below. Let us not only adore Him but run after Him as little children and wish to take with us as many as possible. For the little ones, it is so simple, and it is for little ones that Heaven awaits. To all the families of the parish, thank you for all that you are and do. It is a blessing.

Catechism classes resume on January 13, at 7 p.m. for First Communion–high school children. On January 4, the little ones (K-1) resume their class following the 9:30 a.m. Mass as Old St. Mary as well. Please see our newsletter and flyers in the back of both churches for upcoming events and more information.

Pax et gaudium!



Musical Notes

Although the holiday of secular Christmas ended promptly at midnight on December 25, we are just getting started with the real thing. Daily morning Masses in the Christmas octave will featuring singing by the Carmelite Daughters, and the churches will continue to echo this great feast and the arguably even greater Feast of Epiphany,



at least historically speaking, until we finally completely leave Christmas' last vestiges on Candlemas, February .

Although January can be something of a slow month in music, mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 14 at 7 p.m.! That day, in the Sacred Heart Auditorium, the Oratory Singers will present a unique concert program highlighting the relationship between sacred art and music on behalf of the Anerio Institute, and the winner of our Sacred Art Essay Contest will be announced! Thanks to all who participated!

We are incredibly proud of the progress that the children of the Laudate Pueri Schola Cantorum and the St. Philip Neri Choristers have been making this season. In addition to a greatly expanded role within Advent Oratory, the Choristers have sung for Midnight Mass, Sunday Vespers, and the trebles now sing for first Friday Masses, propers, and ordinary, and motets, on their own. About twice a month, you will hear the choristers augmenting the choir on Sunday at the High Mass, and from my place at the stand, it is a thrilling experience to conduct polyphony with the eager voices of children carrying the top line.

You might want to start thinking about whether you want to have your children take part in this incredible program next year. If you have any inquiries, reach out and let me know — I am happy to help! Students receive practical vocal instruction from professionals, and gain practical experience singing for the sacred liturgy at an extremely high level alongside seasoned professional and auditioned volunteer vocalists. It is an irreplaceable opportunity.

Finally, as we leave the Christmas season with its familiar carols, a word of encouragement to keep singing in the pews, even through the seasons when the hymns aren't such fixtures of childhood.

Singing the Ordinary, the hymns, the responses, is a significant part of what makes our community so special. It is also a tremendous example to the young, and taking part of these responses and singing from a young age, even just in the pews, is one of the, most important ways to get and keep people singing, and to keep the music alive in a vital way, and not just as the preserve of a few experts.

– Sean Connolly, MCM - Director of Sacred Music / Organist

Pray for Our Sick

Jeannie Bayer, Vincent Latorre, Mary Ann Ridenour, Kathleen M. Campbell, Andrew Finck, Lynn Strasser, Kate Schneider, Bill Otteson, Jeannie Mueller, John Paul Downes, John & Erin Hays, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Wilma & Gary Brown, Bob Gruber, Gale Campbell, Richard Buettner, Mary Gardner, Bob Ball, Mary Frances & Sophia Sharpshair, Tom & Maria Grow, Julie Dietrich, Steven Marsh, Steve Fiest, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Tom Franz, Becky Fairchild, Joseph Downes, Noelle Polisso, Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, and Carlos Latorre

Baptisms

Francis Gennaro Egan

Funerals

Kathleen Campbell

“To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.”
 - Saint Pope John Paul II



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-Pastoral Letter of the First Provincial Council of Cincinnati, 1855

Please take advantage of the free Ohio tax credit to support The Oratory School for Boys. Funds raised will help with Phase I of establishing the School. For more information or to donate online, please visit OratoryBoysSchool.org or text 513.655.0116 with questions.

Ohio taxpayers may claim a tax credit of up to \$750 (for single filers) and up to \$1,500 (for married filers) on their 2025 Ohio income taxes for donations made to Ohio Christian Education Network (ohiocen.org/ocen-sgo/) and designated for the “Oratory School for Boys.” To claim the credit for tax year 2025, donations must be made on or before April 15, 2026.





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