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MARCH 2024



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OLD ST. MARY CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

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. & 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

> Saturday 8:15 a.m – 8:45 a.m.

Evening Masses 45 minutes before Mass

EUCHARISTIC 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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday 8:30 - 8:45 10:30 - 10:45

Friday 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 for at least six months 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Send to bulletin@oldstmarys.org or bulletin@sacredheartcincinnati.com by the 10th of each month.

NOTE from the PASTOR



First of all, I want to thank everyone who signed up for an hour or more of Adoration during our annual Forty Hours. This year, we had over 300 Holy Hours, which makes this the largest Forty Hours since I have been here by

far. Thank you to everyone who also promoted sign-ups and those who helped organize the parish potluck after the closing. These are always meant to be grace-filled moments in the life of a parish. Hopefully, this also helped to focus us during what is so often such a noisy world. The Blessed Sacrament is the life of the Church. Toward the end of the month, we will celebrate Holy Thursday, the day on which Our Lord instituted the Most Holy Eucharist and the priesthood. May the graces we gain from the Holy Eucharist enable us to face the struggles and difficulties of living in this world and truly be our strength and guide towards Eternal Life.

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. St. Joseph is an important figure in the life of Our Lord, the Church, and certainly the Oratory. On March 19, 2017, the Holy Father established our house, and so we will celebrate our seventh anniversary this year. Please pray with us daily to the patron of the Universal Church for all the intentions of the Oratory, and ask him to be a dutiful protector of our families, our priests and brothers, the sisters, the parishes, and certainly the Oratory. It was certainly no coincidence that March 19 was the date chosen for us by the Holy Father. May we ever fly to St. Joseph!

I also encourage you to pray for all of our Catechumens and Candidates who will be baptized or enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. We will have four baptized and seven received into the Church. Entrust them also to St. Joseph during this last month of their preparation to embrace the Faith and as they progress closer to the Altar to receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. Pray also for all those who will be confirmed. They have all studied and prepared diligently this past year, and I know they will appreciate your prayers these final weeks!

Lastly, join us for the Old St. Mary's Fish Fry this year and the Sacred Heart ravioli sale. Both fundraisers support our churches and help to keep these special places going. Most importantly, be sure to join us for Holy Week. You can find the Holy Week schedule in the March newsletter.

I pray that we each have a fruitful remaining Lent and Holy Week and a beautiful celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!

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SACRED HEART

John Schauble – TLM Music Director, *schola@sacredheartcincinnati.com* JaeEun Lee – Organist Blake Callahan – Organist Please remember the church is the House of God. Please try to maintain a prayerful spirit while also being respectful of others who come for quiet prayer. There is much noise and talking in the world, the church is our refuge into silence, to which Cardinal Robert Sarah calls us. Please keep talking and distractions to a minimum and talk to the Lord in the silence of your own heart.

Good Friday Fast and Abstinence

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence, that is not eating meat, are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Easter Vigil Sacraments

Please keep all those who are preparing to receive a Sacrament at the Easter Vigil in your prayers. This includes all of our Catechumens, Candidates, and those who will receive Confirmation.

Catholics United for the Faith

The St. Francis of Assisi chapter of Catholics United for the Faith 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. **Upcoming meetings will feature these speakers:**

March 11: Mother Seraphina of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary speaking on "Trusting in God"

May 13 – Fr. Roland Dessine, exorcist of the Archdiocese of Kingston, Jamaica

Questions? Please visit www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati/ or www.cufcincinnati.org.

Inquiry Class

Please call the parish office for more information or to be added to the list for next year if you wish to become Catholic or are an adult in need of Confirmation.

Women's Oratory

Ladies of the parishes, you're invited to grow in faith and community with your fellow sisters each month at our women's oratory meeting. The next meeting is Saturday, **March 2**, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Questions? Contact Suzan Sammons at suzan@poverellos.com or Lisa Bloomfield at lisamariebloomfield@gmail.com.

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!

Parents' Holy Hour & Tuesday Play and Pray Group

Join our Pray and Play group! This is a group of parents who will soon begin meeting on Tuesdays from 9:30 until 11:30 in Fr. Felten Hall. Children get to play and parents take turns covering the Adoration hour from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the church. This allows parents some quiet time alone in Adoration or the chance to take children into Adoration for a shorter time period. This is a good opportunity to introduce children to the idea of Adoration. For more information or questions, contact Fatima Spoor through the parish office.



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 at Old St. Mary. 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 Sharpshair at mesharpshair@fuse.net.

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Please join us this Lent for Stations of the Cross at Old St. Mary. The devotion will begin at 5:30 p.m. each Friday during Lent. Please note that there will be no Stations on Friday, March 1.

Potluck after Stations

Join your fellow parishioners for potluck soup and salad dinners each Friday evening after Stations of the Cross beginning **March 8 at Old St. Mary**. Please bring a dish to share. Dinner will be in Fr. Felton Hall. Someone will be at the hall 30 minutes before Stations to receive the food and to set up.

Please note the cancellation of the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart on Friday, March 1. Tuesday evening Holy Hour and Confessions will be cancelled on March 5, March 19, March 26, and April 2. There will be no Sunday Vespers on March 24 and March 31.

It's once again time for Bockfest, the centuries old German custom that has come to symbolize Cincinnati's great German and brewing heritages. When heading out to this year's Bockfest, don't forget to stop by the **Old St. Mary's fish fry**, which is right along the route of the Bockfest Parade. Sandwiches, sides, and drinks (pop, water, and beer) will be available starting at about **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1**, until they are gone. All proceeds go to Old St. Mary's Church, so it's good food for a good cause! Flyers will be posted soon with more details. Also, there will be no First Friday Mass, Stations, or overnight adoration due to Bockfest and the parking situation that has become so problematic that night.

Musical Oratory of Lent, featuring Dieterich Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu nostri*, a sung meditation on the Passion will be on **Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m.** at Old St. Mary. **Please note that there will be no Catechism that evening.**



Feast of St. Joseph Mass There will be a Solemn Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph on **Tuesday**, **March 19**, at Old St. Mary. Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. The Feast of St. Joseph is the anniversary of the establishment of the Cincinnati Oratory. So please pray for the Oratory on this our seventh anniversary! **Please note that there is no evening Holy Hour on March 19**.

Palm Sunday Mass Times

Please note that Masses on Palm Sunday (March 24) at Old St. Mary will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin) & 8:45 a.m. (Sung Latin). There will be no confessions between the Low and Sung Mass. German Mass will still begin at 11:30 a.m. and English Mass at 1:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Masses will be 9:00 a.m. (English) and 10:30 a.m. (Sung Latin). The schedule will be very tight — thank you for your understanding.

Sacred Heart Ravioli Sale

We will be selling frozen ravioli, sauce, meatballs and cheese on **Palm Sunday (March 24**) beginning at 9 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. Prices will be: ravioli: \$15, meatballs: \$10, sauce: \$10 and cheese: \$8

Triduum Schedule: March 28-30

The Triduum will be held at Old St. Mary. Holy Thursday Sung Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by watching at the altar until midnight. On Good Friday, the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified will begin at 12:00 noon. Confession will be heard from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and Stations of the Cross will be at 11:00 a.m. The procession with the recumbent Christ will follow the noon liturgy. Tenebrae will take place at 6:30 p.m. and last about two hours. On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please remember that the Easter Vigil lasts between 4 and 5 hours.

Please note that we are following the Traditional Holy Week this year, in effect before 1955. The times for these Masses and Liturgies are reflective of the rubrics of the time.

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday, March 29, and Monday, April 1.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter Baskets will be blessed on **Holy Saturday (March 30)** and following the Easter Vigil at Old St. Mary. See the flyer found in church for information on how to put together a basket, but any Easter food will do!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Confessions will be heard on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7) from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Old St. Mary. Devotions to the Divine Mercy will be recited at 3:00 p.m. Please join us on this day that the Church grants a plenary indulgence to all who participate in the devotions. The Lord also has promised the renewal of the soul to baptismal purity for all who confess and receive Communion on this day and place their trust in His Divine Mercy.



Even after the Dobbs decision, our vigilance to protect babies and mothers is critical. Planned Parenthood is still in business in our community.

By the grace of God, through prayers of the Faithful in cities around the world, 24,242 babies have been saved, 256 abortion workers have converted, and 148 abortion centers have closed!

Old Saint Mary and Sacred Heart Parish Vigil: Tuesday, March 12, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. On the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood 2314 Auburn Avenue 45219

Please sign up today by contacting Pam Bucher through the parish office at 513-721-2988 or parish40days@gmail.com.

Oratory Parishes Networking Group

We are working to build connections that enable parishioners to buy more from and work more with other parishioners. Email Riley Kane at rkane@KaneElswick.com with questions or to be added to our email list.

Parish Dance

All are welcome to attend a dance at the Sacred Heart Auditorium on Saturday, April 20, from 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m. The theme is *The 70s*, so put on your best platform shoes! Those who wish to may bring food and beverages. This event is free courtesy of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.





Pregnancy Center Plus

Jennifer O'Neill Hyatt Regency | April 11, 2024

RSVP at SupportPCPlus.org or call 513-321-3100.

Sacred Music Youth Choir Open House

Carmelite Corner

Thank you to the parishioners who have helped us in 1209 Clay Street— the second building of our convent! We are in the process of sanding and soon — painting! If you would like to volunteer for work in either OTR or in Bethel, please email us and you will be put on our volunteer list. We will resume working out in Bethel as well as the weather becomes more

On Tuesday, February

pretzels made by the Sisters

to celebrate afterwards. It is

such a joy to work with all of the children and families

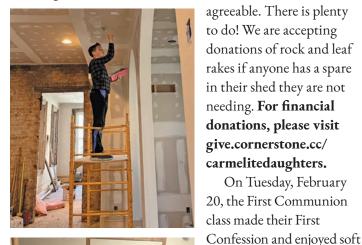
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On Saturday, March

at the parishes.





12-18) will be palm braiding with the Sisters in preparation for Palm Sunday. This will not be in the way of the Confirmation retreat which begins after the 7:15 a.m. Mass as we will be in another location in the school. Please pray for all of the children who are preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation this year.

Check flyers in back of church for upcoming events for children and young adults!

Two up-and-coming Catholic children's chorister programs in our area, the Oratory parishes' own Laudate Pueri Children's Schola Cantorum & the Schola Cantorum of St. Gertrude in Madeira, will be hosting a joint open rehearsal and brief presentation on Catholic children's choirs on Wednesday, March 20, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. All are invited, even those not attending the open rehearsal, to join us for Vespers sung (in English) by choristers from both groups, which will begin shortly after 6 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

If you have children age 8-14 who might be interested in serious formation in Catholic sacred music, or if you just want to see Catholic music education in action and hear beautiful singing, we warmly encourage you to come — and to invite a friend who may not receive this newsletter! RSVP to Sophia Decker, sdecker@osmshcincinnati.com so we can prepare for all our guests. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the directors, and light refreshments will be served.

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Baptisms Oakley Elaine Gleason Naomi Rapien Gleason Evelyn Clare Knochelmann

The true way to advance in holy *virtues* is to persevere in a holy *cheerfulness*. - SAINT PHILIP NERI

Pray for Our Sick

Viktor Wilhelmy, 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, Paul Bevak, Callie, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Terri Huwel, Regina Albers, Tom Franz, Becky Fairchild, Joseph Downes and Noelle Polisso, Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, Carlos Latorre, and Christine Marshall

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OLD ST. MARY \$55,227.91 (Offertory) \$12,414.30 (Online) \$1,394.83 (Candles) \$3,489.05 (Miscellaneous) \$72,526.09 (TOTAL) \$72,329.30 (Expenses)



SACRED HEART \$26,145.20 (Offertory) \$4,855.00 (Online) \$296.50 (Candles) \$5,176.00 (Miscellaneous) \$36,472.70 (TOTAL) \$16,591.89 (Expenses)

EXPENSES INCOME \$196.79

> *Keep in mind some months are more expensive to operate than others, such as winter months. Thank you for your generosity! Please consider an estate gift to the Oratory, Old St. Mary, or Sacred Heart.

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