



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!

This past May 19, I celebrated my tenth anniversary of priestly ordination. To commemorate this, spearheaded by our Women's Oratory, I was gifted an Altar Frontal by members of the Women's Oratory and the parish at large. It has not been easy to show everyone who donated to this endeavor the final product, so I am putting a picture of the frontal next to this column. Thank you to everyone who helped to make that possible and for all the prayers, Masses offered, and support over these past ten years. They have been memorable and fast, and I am prepared for the next ten.

This has certainly been a momentous summer. With the celebration of St. Philip's 400th Anniversary of Canonization, the overturning of Roe vs. Wade, and continued economic issues and inflation, these are certainly times to live. God places each of us in the place and in the time He so desires. Just as the sixteenth century had its St. Philip, St. Teresa, and St. Ignatius, so God has also placed here in the twenty-first century comparable souls. God, in His wisdom, could make any of us the twenty-first century St. Philips and St. Teresas. But this can only occur if we are open to it, willingly embrace the crosses God sends to us, and remain close and faithful to the Church and her hierarchy. Pray that God uses you for His glory to the best of your ability. All it takes is a few saints to transform entire cultures, societies, and times. Our time is no different!

More information will be mailed out in the middle of September, but join us for our annual fundraising Gala on October 27. You can find more details on the back page of the newsletter. Please also be sure to check out the list of upcoming events. We especially call on men to join us for the Eucharistic Procession on October 15! This procession has grown more and more each year, and we hope this year is no different!

I thank each of you again for all your friendship and support. Know that you are in our regular prayers and Masses, especially in these difficult economic times!

I remain humbly in Christ,

Fr. Jon Paul Bevak

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, C.O.

Provost



The altar frontal gifted to Fr. Jon-Paul by members of the Women's Oratory and the parish for his tenth anniversary of ordination.



Painted wood chips depicting the Oratory coat of arms along the Eucharistic Procession route for Corpus Christi.



A picture with the catechumens, candidates, and adult confirmandi for Easter 2022

SUMMER AND THE CHANGE OF SEASONS

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



The garden at Old St. Mary's in the summer

With the passing of each season, we are given another opportunity to contemplate our mortality, but this is more beautifully shaped when we consider our advancement in virtue. At the beginning of Summer, we are given the beautiful feast of the Visitation to consider. Our Lady leaves the hiddenness and solitude of her Nazareth to go to Elizabeth. Having heard the words of the same magnificent Archangel Gabriel, Mary goes by the inspiration of Charity to assist her cousin. She goes not out of a strange curiosity to see if she's really with child in her old age or not, but rather a confident drive of charity to assist and fulfill what was told by God's messenger – that which she knows to be true because God has said so. In the hearts where Charity dwells, it burns like a furnace. And our Lady knew this so well as Love Itself was within her womb. Her fidelity to the inspirations of God is an inspiration for us, and we must constantly be listening for the voice of our Beloved, so that we can exhaust our charity and bring about our death to self for the service of the Glory of God. The brightest lights in heaven, are the ones who held nothing back for themselves.

Still more, Mary, motivated by charity, seeks to give her Son, and she brings Jesus to the little infant John, and, as is popularly believed by many saintly theologians, to free him, even while still in the womb, from Original Sin, so that he can be the brightly shining precursor, the forerunner of the Messiah, so that one day we will hear the attestation that, "Of those born of women, there is none greater than John the Baptist." We too, in our charity, must be resolved not to bring ourselves, or false hopes of being liked and preferred to others, but rather the image and face of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Mary. We are at His service alone, and we do this when motivated by humility...so that we can say with St. John Henry Newman, "and the light will be all from Jesus" and with the Seraphic Teresa that now we are His hands and feet in this world.

Let our lives always be governed by these two virtues, charity and humility. The crown that is forged by these is unrivaled, and they are worn by the highest heavenly souls. Let our contemplation bring Him within our hearts and souls so that we might love Him with all of our being and prove this love by loving our neighbor. May the change of seasons find us always moving closer to union with Christ.

OUR LIFE IN PHOTOS



Fr. Jon-Paul and Fr. Henry had the opportunity to meet the Holy Father in April in a private audience



Painted wood chips line the path for the Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi

STAINED GLASS WINDOW REFLECTION: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

BY FR. HENRY O. HOFFMANN, C.O.

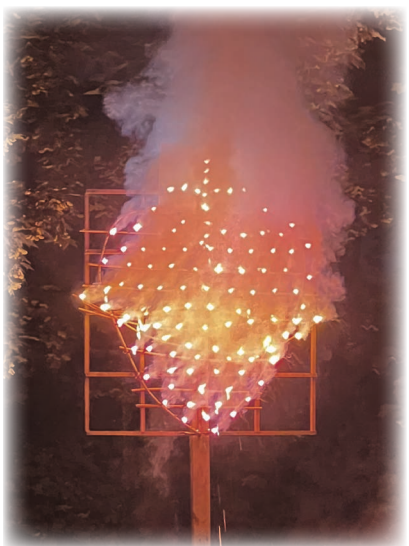


The St. Francis de Sales window in the chapel

The window in the Oratory chapel depicting Saint Francis de Sales shows the Pope sending St. Francis to convert the Calvinists in Geneva. St. Francis de Sales has always been connected with the Oratory of St. Philip. Saint Francis de Sales imbibed the spirit of Saint Philip, and his writings inscribe the spirituality that he learned from the Oratory, and which Saint Philip himself never wrote down.

The writings of St. Francis are gems of the spiritual life, and provide comfort and direction to weary and confused souls in the modern world. This saint taught that the greatest sin of the modern world was discouragement and sadness. Saint Francis counseled trust and gentleness, and taught his readers to learn how to grow in humility and confidence in God in all circumstances, even from their failings. He is the perfect advisor for souls struggling with sloth, doubt, sadness, or habitual sin. His writings glow with a warm love for souls and for the Good God. He does with ink and paper what St. Philip did with pilgrimages and songs in Rome: his teachings convert hearts, inspire holiness, and show us the peace, love, and joy of God.

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Fireworks for the Feast of the Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist



Happy 180th Anniversary, Old St. Mary's!



Ice skating for the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows on August 5



The First Communicants for Old St. Mary's for 2022



The First Communicants for Sacred Heart for 2022

THE ORATORY ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA



When: Thursday, October 27, 2022

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

Cost: \$60 per person

Table Sponsorships for Tables of 8

\$480 - Bronze

\$1,000 - Silver

\$1,500 - Gold

How: Visit <http://gala.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 'Gala' in the memo line!
Reservations accepted until October 13.

Why: To enjoy an evening of fun with our supporters, to review the past year, and look forward to the future.

Upcoming Events

September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Solemn Mass @ 6:30 p.m.

October 3 - Feast of St. Thérèse Solemn Mass & Social @ 6:30 p.m.

October 15 - Men's Eucharistic Procession through Downtown & Over-the-Rhine
Mass with the Archbishop @ 8:00 a.m. (Cathedral)
Procession to Old St. Mary's @ 9:00 a.m. (Cathedral)

October 27 - Fundraising Gala @ 5:30 p.m. (Donauschwaben Reception Hall)

October 30 - Solemn Vespers for Christ the King @ 3:30 p.m.

November 1 - High Mass for All Saints' Day @ 6:30 p.m.

November 2 - High Mass for All Souls' Day @ 6:30 p.m.

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

WISDOM FROM ST. PHILIP NERI

*Let us think of Mary, for she
is that unspeakable virgin,
that glorious lady, who
conceived and brought forth,
without detriment to her vir-
ginity, Him whom the width
of the heavens cannot contain
within itself.*

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