



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!

On November 14, the Oratory held its annual gala. Thanks to your generosity, this event continues to be a big success and helps the Oratory achieve financial security. Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored a table, or assisted in any way to make this gala another success. Our next gala is scheduled for November 6, 2025. Mark down the date now!

At this year's gala, we highlighted the importance of funding the seminarians' education at the Toronto Oratory. A fund has been established, the St. Francis de Sales Seminary Fund, to help assist our seminarians and novices during their formation. I announced a challenging gift of \$40,000 in which every dollar raised will be matched up to that amount, a goal we hope to obtain by the end of the year.

I also mentioned that the building requires some brickwork, which is estimated to cost around \$35,000. In addition to our usual general expenses and running the house, this was another item highlighted at the gala as one of our needs this year.

As I explained at the gala, I wish to state that without your generosity and support, we couldn't fulfill our mission. So, I thank you for your prayers and friendship. It takes everyone to make the Oratory and the two churches operate. A lot goes on behind the scenes, with people generously giving their time, talent, and treasure. I ask for your continued support in the coming years as we strive to do great things for God and the Church! If you have not already done so, please consider donating again to our mission. If you are looking to maximize your annual tax write-off, there are still a few weeks left. Remember that we can also accept stocks and crypto-currency. Most importantly, please pray for us and pray for potential vocations.

The brothers are doing well at St. Philip's Seminary at the Toronto Oratory. They will be home in a few weeks to celebrate Christmas with us and their families. They made a video that we played at the gala. You can view it here: https://youtu.be/_NBj1s_ezps

Lastly, look through these pages for all our events during Advent and Christmas. I pray that this Advent and Christmas seasons bring us much peace and grace. Please continue to pray for us, and always be assured that we pray for you. Especially as we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord!

I remain humbly in Christ,

Fr. Jon Paul Bevak

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, C.O.

Provost



The Blessed Karls and Zita at the All Saints' Day costume party 2024



Presenting the St. Philip Neri Award at the Gala

OUR NEW NOVICE

BY FR. MICHAEL HINTERSHIED

In the past few months, I have been fortunate to meet many of the faithful who attend the Oratorian parishes and am most grateful for the welcome I have received. I am a priest of the Diocese of Columbus, and was given permission earlier this year by my Ordinary to enter and discern the Oratorian life. I have been ordained for over twelve years and have previously ministered in a variety of parochial assignments as both a vicar and pastor. I obtained a Master of Divinity degree from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.



Fr. Michael's Clothing in the Oratory Cassock with the Community and Priests of the Diocese of Columbus

I grew up in Granville, Ohio, the eldest of two children, and in my leisure enjoy reading, traveling, and Alfred Hitchcock films.

May God bless you for your support for vocations to the Oratory and I look forward to celebrating my first Christmas here.



Fr. Michael celebrating Mass for the Feast of St. John Henry Newman

 A large, detailed portrait of St. Francis de Sales, a bearded man with a halo, wearing a blue and red clerical robe with a gold cross. He is holding a quill pen and looking upwards. The background is a dark, patterned wall.

**St. Francis de Sales
Novitiate Fund**

We are establishing the *St. Francis de Sales Novitiate Fund*. This fund will go to the support of the novices and seminarians of the Oratory during the time of their formation. We have received a challenge grant of \$40,000 to help get the fund established. All contributions up to this amount will be matched.

OUR LIFE IN PHOTOS



Candlemas 2024



The Bl. Karl of Austria Shrine



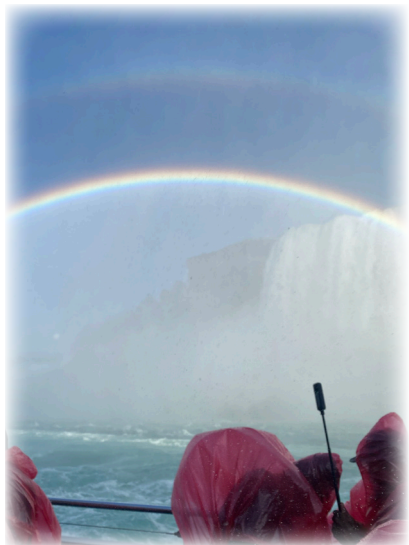
Christmas Mass 2023



The Brothers' Video at the Oratory Gala




Rose Petals fall on the Canopy as the Blessed Sacrament enters Old St. Mary's following the Men's Eucharistic Procession



The Brothers visiting Niagara Falls on a seminary outing

SHRINES & STEINS
A Pilgrimage to Germany, Austria, & Prague
 May 27 – June 6, 2025
 Register at stcharlespilgrimages.com/hilton




Forty Hours at the Toronto Oratory and St. Philip's Seminary

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT THE CINCINNATI ORATORY

Solemn Rorate Mass
Saturday, December 14

6:45 a.m.

The Rorate Mass is a Solemn Traditional Latin Mass, only by candlelight. It derives its name from the opening Introit 'Rorate caeli' - 'Drop down ye heavens.' This is a votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and has been called a mini-Christmas.



Musical Oratory of Advent
Wednesday, December 18

6:30 p.m.

Musical Oratory of Advent is an evening of choral reflection of the anticipation we have for Christ with meditations on Sacred Scripture and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The evening includes congregational hymn favorites.



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CHRISTMAS AT OLD ST. MARY'S

Midnight Mass - Sung Latin Mass
7:30 a.m. - Low Latin Mass
9:30 a.m. - Sung Latin Mass
11:30 a.m. - German Mass
1:00 p.m. - English Mass

CHRISTMAS AT SACRED HEART

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT OLD ST. MARY'S

9:00 a.m. - Low Latin Mass
11:00 a.m. - English Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT SACRED HEART

10:00 a.m. Sung Latin Mass

Upcoming Events

December 9 - Check parish bulletin for schedule - *Holy Day of Obligation*
December 14 - Solemn Rorate Mass @ 6:45 a.m.
December 18 - Musical Oratory of Advent @ 6:30 p.m.
December 25 - Christmas Day (Mass Schedule above)
January 1 - New Year's Day (Mass Schedule above)
January 6 - Epiphany Mass @ 6:30 p.m.
February 2 - Candlemas Mass (Sunday Mass Schedule)

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

WISDOM FROM ST. PHILIP NERI

*The great thing is to become
saints.*

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THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

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Through their commitment to making an annual donation of \$250 or more, our Society of Friends helps contribute to the annual cost of operation for the mission of The Cincinnati Oratory. With their annual support, and hopefully yours, our mission to sanctify and teach moves forward. Without you, this would be impossible!

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