

Old St. Mary Church & Holy Trinity Church

Old St. Mary Church

Located on 4th Street above Spruce



Established in 1763 as "Mission No. 1" of Old St. Joseph chapel, Old St. Mary's became the prestigious Catholic Church of colonial Phila. Close to the State House (Independence Hall) where the Founding Fathers declared independence and fashioned a new nation. St. Mary's was chosen as the site for the official observance of the 3rd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1779 the Founding Fathers of the Continental Congress gathered here for the solemn TE DEUM service. From 1810 - 38 Old St. Mary's was the first Cathedral for the Diocese of Phila. In 1832 a theological training center was started at Old St. Mary's rectory; it grew to become St. Charles Seminary. In 1979 the church was remodeled.

BAPTISM

Call Rectory for registration

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00pm

Paul A. DiGirolamo, J.C.D., Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 10:00am

Daily: 7:30am (Chapel - 5th & Locust Sts.)

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAY

Vigil: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 12:00 Noon

Holy Trinity Church

Located at 6th & Spruce Streets



Holy Trinity parish was formed in 1784 at the initiative of German-speaking Catholics, the first German national parish in the U.S. The Church appears today almost exactly as it did in 1789 when built. (The interior has been renewed several times.) In 1797 the parish established America's first Catholic orphanage for children left homeless by the yellow fever epidemics.

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October 14, 2018-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Mass for Sunday, October 14, 2018

Sat. Vigil 10/13 4:30 pm

Anne Boucher

Sun. 10/14 10 am

Mrs. Moorhead

Daily Mass 7:30 a.m. Mon – Fri

(At the St. Mary Convent Chapel, 5th & Locust Sts. Please knock for entrance)

Mon 10/15 Guiseppe Giuliani

Tues 10/16 Sal Barbuto

Wed 10/17 Helen Green Murphy

Thurs 10/18 William Kralle

Fri 10/19 E. Heffron/B. Gurnieri

Next Sunday, October 21, 2018

Sat. Vigil 10/20 4:30 pm

Dennis Ledwith

Sun 10/21 10 am

Miles J. Murphy Jr.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 pm

Ask the priest who is inside or outside of church if you wish to go to confession.

All who attend here are welcome to register at OSM. There are forms on the tables in the back of church. Just fill the form out and place it in the collection or give it to the priest. If you register, it is your choice if you want to receive envelopes. If you are leaving the parish, drop me a note or a phone message to that effect. Thank you.

Do not leave anything of value in the pew when you go up to Communion or back to the restroom.

There is a simple web site for the parish. The address is www.OLDSTMARY.COM. You can also read the weekly bulletin there.

While there is no Archdiocesan Newspaper, you can keep up on all sorts of Catholic events, news, etc at www.CatholicPhilly.com. Check it out. It is a great resource to keep up with the church in Philly, the US and the world. Archbishop Chaput's letters are there also.

Parking is available for Sat. and Sun. Masses only in front of the church on 4th St., between Walnut and Spruce Sts. You can also park on the north side of Locust St. between 5th and 4th Sts. Just pick up a parking notice in the back of church to place on your dashboard.

The restroom is located in the North Vestibule of the Church, which is the entrance next to the cemetery entrance. Feel free to use it when needed. Chairs are also available in the South Vestibule, which is close to the rectory, for anyone who wants to have some play or quiet time with their child during mass.

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Report to the parish:

The collection for October 7 was \$4316, with \$886 in loose and 68 envelopes. Last year, the collection was \$3916 with \$894 in loose and 79 envelopes

Thank you for all your generous support.

Last Sat. was a great day here with pets being blessed and people blessing themselves afterwards at the parish social. Thanks for all the participants who came out.

OSM is collecting all sorts of food, perishable items, etc for the Food Pantry at St. Joan of Arc in Kensington. So anything that is not fresh is good. See what is on sale at your local supermarket. Just bring it to church when you come and leave it in the back of church. We will probably do this for the next several weeks.

In regards to Holy Trinity, the diocesan consulters could not reach any conclusions over the request concerning the church and property. So, I will be addressing the consulters at their next meeting in November to clarify some things and answer their questions. Meanwhile there has been some talk that I have let Holy Trinity deteriorate so that it would have to be torn down. **I have always kept up the HT property and it is not being torn down!** When I got here 10 years the metal roof was already rusted out because it had been coated with a water based solution. I have had it coated in latex twice already to stave off the expense of \$150,000 for a new metal roof. The first time it was coated was in 2009 for \$18,500, which included some new gutter and downspout work. The heater is just old. It has never been replaced. I did not put the asbestos tile down on the floor nor did I put the present padding and carpeting that is causing problems. The lighting around the property has been improved. The school has been reroofed. There have been plumbing issues at the school that have been handled. Now someone else wants to maintain the property for very specific reasons. But there is no guarantee that the diocese will agree to part with the property. That remains to be seen. And when I have some decision, I will let

you know. Also, some people have approached me for view HT and I have been gracious, until I found out that 2 different groups visiting the church have gone there to foto the heating plant, the electrical service, etc. I do not know what is going on but if people are being duplicitous to me I am not happy. No one gets in except people I know and only with me from now on.

OSM is now on Facebook. Please feel free to make comments and post pictures that are church related. Celebrate our joint religious and faith history.

At St. Charles Community Center, 1941 Christian St, 215-732-1140 there is a wonderful program paid for by the Corporation for Aging but run through Catholic Housing and Community Services. It is called IHSP, In Home Support Program. Anyone, regardless of income, who needs assistance for up to 6 months due to a temporary setback such as surgery, accident or a medical condition, can receive it free of charge. It includes home-delivered meals, housekeeping, personal care and shopping assistance, an escort to medical appointments, help with accessing benefits and more. Please call them for help for your family friends and neighbors.

AN EXTRA PARKING STREET. If you drive by OSM and can't find parking on 4th St, go down to Pine, make a left, go to 3rd, make a left and go to Spruce St and make a left. NOW you can park in Spruce St between 3rd and 4th St. Just make sure you don't park near the bus stops and that you display the Parking Permit sign on the dashboard.

Upcoming Weddings

Oct. 12-Candice Shaffer-Tony Spigonardo
Oct. 13-Maggie Ebbott-Patrick Haviland
Oct. 20-Erin Delaney-Evan Guignet
Oct. 27-Caitlin O'Toole-Christopher Smith
Oct. 28-Jennifer Bisicchia-Dermot Farrell

Beautiful Baptismal Babies

October 14-Nathaniel Bonser
October 21-Eloise Paul
October 28-Luke O'Neil
Lydia Dobbins
November 4-Eleanor Joyce
November 24-Scott Guttridge
December 2-Chase Fleming
December 9-Mia Fahncke, Reese Neilson

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