

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

Mon. - Fri.: 7:30am

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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March 1, 2026-2nd Sunday of Lent



Mass Intentions

Mass for Sunday, March 1, 2026

Sat. Vigil 02/28 4:30 pm

Fred & Anette Bovosa

Sun. 03/01 18 am

Marguerite Stephanie

Daily Mass 7:30 a.m. Mon – Fri

Mon 03/02 Joseph Bernard

Tues 03/03 Nicholas Visco

Wed 03/04 Deceased Phila Priests

Thurs 03/05 Josephine Rettig

Fri 03/06 Christina Tomson

Next Sunday, March 8, 2025

Sat. Vigil 03/07 4:30 pm

Melissa Porco

03/09 25 am

Margaret Maguire

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.

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 Feb. 22 was \$5837, with \$942 in loose and 59 envelopes. Last year the collection was \$4788, with \$838 in loose and 52 envelopes.

.Thank you for all your generous support.

Stations-Monday at 12 Noon

Confessions-Mon., March 30 3:30-4:30

For the structural changes the Archdiocese is planning check out www.trustandhope.org It contains the purposes, plans, listening session, etc. The diocese wants you to take the survey there.

Tax Time-To get a tax letter, call 215-923-7930 and leave the amount of your 2025 contributions so I can verify it and send you a letter.

Thank you all for your constant presence, support, loyalty and generosity. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor with you to church, Your presence keeps us going and growing. Welcome to all the people who joined OSM in the last months.

Sometime in the next month or so the lights/fixtures in the church ceiling are all going to be replaced. They probably date back to the 1978 renovations and now they are deteriorating. Plus ,we will be replacing stage lighting bulbs with LED bulbs.

St. Edmund's Senior Center, 215-790-9530 is under the church at 21st and Snyder.

Several of their programs have changed. Call them for any help or check out the website at www.chcsphiladelphia.org/senior-centers

Check out the Phila. Corporation of Aging with all sorts of programs to help seniors with almost anything from illness, meals, nursing, housekeeping and much more.

www.pcacares.org

Check out the Office of Faith Formation for Youth with all sorts of activities and programs

offyva.org

Catholictv.org has interesting programming. Check it out.

Church opens 30 minutes before mass.

Communion will be distributed in the hand. If you do not feel well, if you have any illness, if you have any fear or if you have other serious conditions, please do not come to mass.

Please have concern for each other.

DAILY MASS IN OSM CHURCH

MON-FRI 7:30 AM



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