Old St. Mary Church & Holy Trinity Church

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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.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 10:00am
Mon. - Fri.: 7:30am

BAPTISM
Call Rectory for registration

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:00pm

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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August 2, 2026-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Mass for Sunday, August 2, 2026
Sat. Vigil 08/01 4:30 **pm**
Anastasia Utkus
Sun. 08/02 10 am
Pat Gordon

Daily Mass 7:30 a.m. Mon – Fri
Mon 08/03 Peg Dunne
Tues 08/04 Marie Souque
Wed 08/05 People of OSM
Thurs 08/06 Nicholas Lacovara
Fri 08/07 Linda Press

Next Sunday, August 9, 2025
Sat. Vigil 08/08 4:30 pm
Gilbert Wood, Jr.
08/09 10 am
Nietta Borgia

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 July 26 was $3488, with $803 in loose and 49 envelopes. The Collection last year was $3100, with $787 in loose and 46 envelopes.
.**Thank you for all your generous support.**

Google EWTN OLD ST MARY CHURCH, Phila to watch a short video shot here for the 250th Anniversary. It is entitled "The church where George Washington worshipped"

HAPPY 250th Anniversary of these United States. Remember the role this church and its members played in those momentous events. Remember OSM was the site of the First public religious commemoration of the Declaration of Independence as well as the site of the celebrations after the Battle of Yorktown. OSM is the Catholic Church of the American Revolution.

For the structural changes the Archdiocese is planning, check out www.trustandhope.org It contains the purposes, plans, listening session, etc.

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.

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 https://chcsphiladelphia.org/senior-centers/ for senior programs of the Archdiocese.

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
offyya.org

Catholictv.org has interesting programming. Check it out.

Church opens 30 minutes before mass.
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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