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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October 18, 2026-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Mass for Sunday, October 18, 2026
Sat. Vigil 10/17 4:30 **pm**
Janet Kaminski
Sun. 10/18 10 am
Ann Bucher

Daily Mass 7:30 a.m. Mon – Fri
Mon 10/19 Mary Lou Floyd
Tues 10/20 Joe Schlitzer
Wed 10/21 John B
Thurs 10/22 OSM Deceased
Fri 10/23 Deceased Phila Priests

Next Sunday, October 25, 2026
Sat. Vigil 10/24 4:30 pm
Andrew Lane
10/25 10 am
OSM Deceased

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 October 11 was $5060.65, with $897 in loose and 45 envelopes. The collection last year was $7497, with $1278 in loose and 47 envelopes

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Parish Social at Cavanaugh's is Oct. 24 after mass. All are invited.
The Christmas Social is Dec. 5.

The Red Mass (Lawyers Mass) is being held at St. John's on 13th St. on Mon., Oct. 19, 2026. Come and join us.

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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