



OLD ST. PATRICK'S CROSSROADS CIRCLE

Mass & Reception Recap for Crossroads Circle Members | Fall 2024

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE 2024 MASS AND RECEPTION



FR. PATRICK E. MCGRATH, S.J.

We are grateful for our Crossroads Circle members! Thank you for attending the mass and reception, and we hope that those who were unable will join us next year. The 2024 event was truly special with a record number of members, some of whom traveled four hours to get to Old St. Pat's! We were honored to share kinship, prayer, and stewardship.

CROSSROADS CIRCLE MASS

The annual Mass for Crossroads Circle is a treasured tradition for our members. After beginning the evening in prayer, Fr. Pat reminded us that the walls of our church are layered with nearly two centuries of prayers. His observation serves as a powerful reminder that Old St. Pat's is filled with the grace of those who worshiped before us and the prayers that we will carry forward for generations.

Fr. Pat reflected on his 2006 ordination, recalling how he led Bishop Carlos Sevilla on a private tour of Old St. Pat's. Moving slowly and silently, the Bishop took in the astounding beauty of our holy space—a reminder of the blessings we share every time we enter the church and why Crossroads Circle donations are important to care for Old St. Pat's. Fr. Pat later stood on the spot where he was ordained, making it the first one held at Old St. Pat's. He shared that he is truly honored to serve as pastor of our vibrant community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please put the following dates in your calendar. We look forward to seeing you at one or both of the events below!



Emerald Ball
OLD ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024
HILTON CHICAGO

SPECIAL GUEST, BOB RIGALI

We were thrilled to hear from interior renovation and restoration specialist Bob Rigali, who shared his family's lengthy history with Old St. Pat's. He recounted working with his grandfather and father in the 1970s on Saturdays at the family studios. Each day ended with Mass at Old St. Pat's. These three generations of craftspeople were among only a few in the pews.



Bob walked us through past restoration projects at Old St. Pat's and discussed our future needs. A highlight was the meticulous work on the original stencils by Thomas O'Shaughnessy. That process involved removing built-up grime using a cotton swab layer by layer. This painstaking work places Old St. Pat's among the first churches to restore its walls to their vibrant painted state.

Bob highlighted several areas, particularly the sealing and replacement of tiles for the marble floors. Restoration of the cherrywood pews involves stripping, sanding, staining, and resealing to ensure their longevity for generations of Old St. Pat's worshippers.

He also shared insights about the work done in the mid-1800s, when Daprato Rigali Studios created the statues of saints. Their craftspeople are known for using black marbles for the eyes. The next time you are at Mass, take a moment to look into the eyes of the saints!



Additionally, we enjoyed an up-close look at the restored 19th-century altar and tabernacle. The altar's antependium features a depiction of the Last Supper adorned with gold leaf. Each segment was meticulously replaced layer by layer by Bob's sister, Lisa Rigali.



Crossroads Circle Members receive two general admission and reception tickets and this year, you can select any night to attend.

Please watch for a separate communication to reserve your general admission tickets between October 25th and 30th before tickets open to the public. You will also be able to purchase additional general admission and reception tickets at that time.

Thursday, Dec 5th | Friday, Dec 6th
Saturday, Dec 7th

UPCOMING CHURCH RESTORATION FUNDING NEEDS

Over the past year in collaboration with Daprato Rigali Studios, we performed an extensive review of the church's preservation needs. Below is a list of proposed projects (as of September 2024). The restoration encompasses several areas of the church, including the balcony, altar, vestibule, floors, pews, and saint statues.

Restoration projects have been prioritized based on three key factors:

1. Risk of additional damage
2. Time required for each project
3. Securing the necessary funding for completion

In order to complete these projects, additional funding is needed. If you would like to learn more about a specific restoration project or are interested in contributing to these important initiatives, please reach out to Ann McNamara, Chief Development Officer, at 312.798.2355 or annm@oldstpats.org.



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CHURCH INTERIOR RESTORATION ESTIMATES AND PRIORITIZATION

RESTORATION EFFORT	ESTIMATE	PRIORITY
1 A - St. Joseph Shrine/Speakers	Complete	1
1 B - Chair Rail Protectant	TBD	1
1 C - Mary Shrine	\$5,280	1
1 D - Front Reredos - ornamental screen covering the back of the altar	\$12,320	1
1 E - Back Reredos	Complete	1
1 F -Original Altar Chapel Exterior Door Restoration	\$7,840	1
1 G - Two Choir Stairways	\$13,320	1B
1 H - Balcony Statue, Stencil back choir loft well/loft rail	\$8,780	1B
1 I - Balcony Stencil Repair and Area Adjacent to Photo	\$14,730	1B
1 Kneelers	\$4,300	1K
1 Lower Hall Area	\$19,820	1H
2 Front Main Entrance	\$9,650	2
2 Nave Main Area and Side Aisles	\$21,220	2
2 Pew Repairs	\$9,740	2
2 Rear Sacristy	\$4,430	2
2 Refinish Pew Repairs (102,000) Main floor	\$102,877	2
2 Replace Tile Front Door entrance	\$7,239	2
2 Sanctuary Floor	\$16,650	2
2 Restore the 11 Statues of Saints	\$85,723	2
Total	\$343,919	

CROSSROADS CIRCLE MEMBER SURVEY

Earlier this year, there was strong participation in the Crossroads Circle Members survey. Feedback confirmed the following:

- It is important for donations to remain at Old St. Pat's, specifically for the care for the church and its campus.
- Members are interested in learning about upcoming capital projects to make informed donation decisions.
- The benefits of the two complimentary tickets to Deck the Hall and the Crossroads Circle Mass and Reception are appreciated.
- Recruiting new members and promoting the group in church publications are tantamount to the success of Crossroads Circle.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your enthusiasm and generosity to Crossroads Circle. You are a vital and extraordinary part of our community. We appreciate your unwavering commitment to the preservation and care of the Old St. Pat's campus.

A Few Pictures from the Crossroads Circle Reception in the Rectory

