

**Jeff Moore**

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**From:** PAHRC <pahrc89@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2013 12:39 PM  
**To:** \*\*\*\*\*@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Genealogical Research - Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Dear Mr. Moore,

I am responding to the genealogical research request which you sent to me some time ago. You note that Mary McGauley was born about 1815 and may have been baptized at Old St. Mary's. Regretfully, Old St. Mary's pre-1831 sacramental registers are not extant. For quite a few years Old St. Mary's and Old St. Joseph's kept a joint sacramental register. It is my understanding that St. Mary's was used for weekend services and for larger gatherings, and St. Joseph's was used for weekday services. By about 1800 the parishes began keeping separate registers. Since you were able to search St. Joseph's published records only up until the year 1810, I searched Old St. Joseph's for the year 1815 and found Mary's baptismal record. The following is a full and complete transcription.

Mary McGauley  
born in Philadelphia March 25, 1815  
baptized June 6, 1815 - Old St. Joseph Church  
Parents: Peter McGauley and Mary Roe  
Sponsors: Nicolaus Ruff and Mary Ruff  
by Rev. T. McGirr, S.J.

So although Peter McGauley may have been a pew holder at Old St. Mary's, this child was baptized at Old St. Joseph's.

I do hope this information is helpful to you. If I can be of any further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

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