

Tridentine Community News

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St. Albertus To Host Second Tridentine Mass

On Sunday, June 29 at noon, the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, historic St. Albertus Church will host its second Extraordinary Form Mass since the publication of the *Motu Proprio, Summórum Pontificum*. The celebrant will be Fr. Peter Hrytsyk of Windsor's Assumption Church. Music will be provided by a joint St. Josaphat-Assumption choir, under the direction of Wassim Sarweh.

Over 200 faithful attended the first Tridentine Mass at St. Albertus on February 17. St. Albertus leaders hope that the Extraordinary Form Mass will be a regular part of their church's schedule in the future, reflecting its mission to preserve historic Polish culture in Detroit.



Ss. Cyril & Methodius Polish Seminary was originally located nearby St. Albertus Church, as was the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse. As a result, St. Albertus was constructed in expectation of hosting regular special occasion Masses, with a sanctuary wider and deeper than its neighbors Sweetest Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, and St. Josaphat. The high altar at St. Albertus has a wider *mensa* (table) and larger *predella* (top platform), to accommodate the additional sacred ministers required by the frequent Pontifical and Solemn High Masses that were part of parish life. Today, these features make for an ideal liturgical setting for the Extraordinary Form Mass.

St. Albertus Organ Restoration



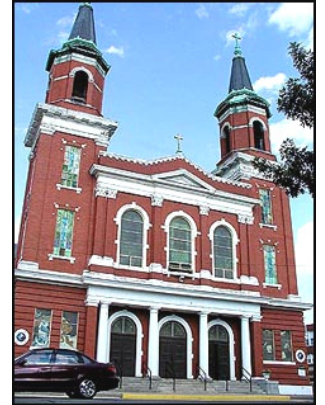
Those of you who have attended Mass at St. Albertus may be aware that the church's organ has not functioned for many years. An organ restoration project has begun recently, and the organ will soon be

playable once again. St. Albertus leaders hope that the June 29 Tridentine Mass will be first public use of the instrument, though at press time, work has not yet been completed.

Further work will remain to be done to completely restore the instrument, which will depend on the generosity of donors.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Debuts Wednesday TLM

This Wednesday, June 18, at 7:00 PM, Wyandotte's Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish will debut a weekly Extraordinary Form Mass. If the Wednesday Masses prove popular, there is a possibility that a Sunday Mass will be added. This is the ninth Tridentine Mass site in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Only the Archdiocese of Chicago, with eleven sites, surpasses the Archdiocese of Detroit in number of Extraordinary Form Masses.



The Mass will commence as a Low Mass accompanied by hymns. Our own Deacon Richard Bloomfield is based at this parish and has been the prime organizer of this Mass. The celebrant will be pastor Fr. Walter Ptak. The organist will be ubiquitous Tridentine music director Wassim Sarweh.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is a historically Polish parish, with its own grade and high schools. Known for maintaining many Catholic traditions such as an annual Forty Hours Devotion, the church retains most of its traditional architecture. The high altar is intact, and Deacon Bloomfield hopes to have parts of the Communion Rail restored.

Our region is fortunate to have this and so many other historic churches in excellent, mostly untouched condition, making them ideal settings for the Traditional Latin Mass.