

Tridentine Community News

September 4, 2011

St. Hyacinth Church to Host Special Tridentine Mass

Another historic Detroit church will hold a special Tridentine Mass, on Sunday, September 25 at 1:00 PM. The celebrant will be Orchard Lake Seminary's Fr. Louis Madey. A reception will follow the Mass.

St. Hyacinth Church is another parish of Polish origin, located just a few blocks northeast of St. Josaphat and St. Albertus, at 3151 Farnsworth, at McDougall. The clean exterior and immaculately maintained grounds contain an ornate, well-preserved interior, complete with High Altar, High Pulpit, and Communion Rail. Elaborate artwork adorns the ceiling, shown in the adjacent photo. A flyer including a map to St. Hyacinth is available at the missal tables at St. Josaphat and Assumption-Windsor.

A little-known fact about St. Hyacinth is that it hosted a monthly Ordinary Form Latin Mass for many years. Visitors were handed a customized copy of St. Joseph Parish's homemade Latin Missal.

Special thanks to Chris Stuckey for serving as the liaison between St. Hyacinth and St. Josaphat and co-coordinating this Mass.



Flint Anniversary Mass on October 9

October is shaping up to be a busy month for special Tridentine Mass events: The annual Solemn High Anniversary Mass and Dinner for the Flint Tridentine Community will be held at All Saints Church on Sunday, October 9 at 4:00 PM. This year's celebrant will be Fr. Jeffrey Robideau, administrator of Michigan's first evolving fully Tridentine Parish, the Blessed John XXIII Community at Lansing's St. Mary Cathedral. Fr. Robideau is breaking new ground as the only diocesan priest in the state of Michigan to celebrate exclusively the Extraordinary Form.

Bravo, Wassim & Company

"Wassim Sarweh must be one of the most brilliantly innovative yet underrated organists and choirmasters in the English-speaking world." So begins the report by Jeffery Tucker of the Church Music Association of America on the music program he and fellow CMAA leader Arlene Oost-Zinner witnessed at Windsor's Assumption Church on August 28. The story is impressively entitled "Vigor, Energy, Freshness in the Extraordinary Form".

Jeffrey recognizes the coordinated team effort that goes into our Masses, a point often made in this column. The Tridentine Mass is such a beautiful and full expression of our Holy Catholic Faith that it deserves to be offered in the best means possible, with the finest music, vestments, altar supplies, and talents that can be assembled. Far from being something nostalgic, it is actually a gift for our present age, offering transcendence and a glimpse of the heavenly liturgy to a materialistic world.

Read Jeffrey's full report at:

<http://www.chantcafe.com/2011/08/vigor-energy-freshness-in-extraordinary.html>

Special thanks to former Windsor Tridentine Mass Music Director Matthew Meloche for arranging the CMAA's visit to Assumption.

Next St. Albertus Mass

The next Tridentine Mass at St. Albertus Church will be held in two weeks, on Sunday, September 18 at noon.

The Sanctus Candle

A reader asked the purpose of the single candle that is placed upon the altar at some of our weekday Masses at the beginning of the Canon. This "Sanctus Candle", so named

because it is moved onto the altar during the Sanctus, represents the Light of Christ made present upon the altar. It takes the place of the torches, the candles enclosed in glass which are used at High Masses. A minimum of two and a maximum of six torches are used when sufficient altar servers are present. The Sanctus Candle is a laudable option used at all Low Masses as well as at High Masses when the minimum of two torchbearers are not available. The torches recess and the Sanctus Candle is removed when the tabernacle is closed after Holy Communion, at which point Christ is no longer present on the altar table.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 09/05 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop & Confessor)

Tue. 09/06 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Assumption-Windsor* (Daily Mass for the Dead: Requiem Mass with Absolution at the Catafalque)

Thu. 09/08 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)