

Tridentine Community News

October 6, 2013 – External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary

*Oakland County Latin Mass Association
to Host All Souls Day Masses
at St. Hugo Stone Chapel, Bloomfield Hills*



As the Tridentine Mass has expanded across metro Detroit and Windsor, one area that has so far escaped having a regular Mass is Oakland County. In part this is because Oakland County has relatively few historic churches that are architecturally suited for the Extraordinary Form.

One church that has long attracted the speculation of Latin Mass enthusiasts is St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. St. Hugo is one of the area's largest and most successful parishes. It has long been comprised of two churches on one campus. Today most of the Masses are said in the new, modern main church, built in the late 1980s to replace the St. Walter's Chapel, an edifice the parish had outgrown.

Also on the campus is the original church, now known as the Stone Chapel. Nestled into an idyllic park-like setting, the Stone Chapel is historically intact from its 1928 construction. Built in English Gothic style, the chapel seats around 250 and contains Side Altars and a Communion Rail. The original High Altar was pulled away from the reredos so that Mass could be celebrated facing the people, however the *predella* (altar platform) was extended so that Mass can still be celebrated *ad orientem*.

The Stone Chapel is one of very few churches in the world to incorporate a private family crypt in the lower level of the church. The church was originally built by Mr. & Mrs. Theodore MacManus, of D'Arcy MacManus Advertising, as a memorial to their late sons, Hugo and Hubert. They obtained Vatican permission to establish the crypt, which includes a traditional wall-mounted altar on the lower level ideal for private Masses.

Today the Stone Chapel is used for weekday Masses, funerals, and weddings. It is open for adoration until 9:00 PM daily. Holy Hours with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament are offered every Wednesday at 7:00 PM and on First Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, followed by all-night adoration. No worries about discomfort: The chapel is one of the area's few historic churches

to be heated – and air conditioned – year-round to a comfortable temperature, during all of its open hours.

Over the past two years, St. Hugo parishioner Cia Lakin has painstakingly organized the many details necessary to establish a new Tridentine Mass Community in Oakland County. Her hard work is finally bearing fruit; the Oakland County Latin Mass Association will be holding its first Mass:

On All Souls Day, Saturday, November 2, there will be two Low Masses simultaneously celebrated at the side altars of St. Hugo's Stone Chapel starting at 4:00 PM, followed by a Solemn High Mass at the Main Altar at 5:00 PM. The choir of Windsor's St. Benedict Tridentine Community at Assumption Church will provide the music. Please mark your calendars to join us for this historic event. There will be no comparable event at Assumption Church this year.

[Photo by Patricia Drury. More information and photos of the Stone Chapel are available at www.sthugo.org.]

Main Celebrant & Chaplain: Msgr. Ronald Browne

Archbishop Allen Vigneron has assigned Msgr. Ron Browne as Chaplain of the nascent Oakland County Latin Mass group. Longtime readers may recall Msgr. Browne (not to be confused with fellow Tridentine Mass celebrant Msgr. George Browne) as one of the celebrants of St. Josaphat's Mass in the early years.

A civil attorney before becoming a priest, a few years ago then-Fr. Browne was temporarily assigned to the Diocese of Marquette as Moderator of the Curia. There he assisted then-Bishop Alexander Sample to set up a weekly Tridentine Mass in Marquette's St. Peter Cathedral. He was named a Chaplain to His Holiness in January, 2013. Recently, Msgr. Browne returned to the Archdiocese of Detroit, where he has been assigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal.

St. Hyacinth High Mass Next Sunday, October 13

In honor of Pope Francis consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Hyacinth Church will hold a special Tridentine High Mass next Sunday at 1:00 PM, followed by Benediction. Music will be led by Joe Balistreri.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 10/07 3:00 PM: High Mass at *Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue, Ohio* (Our Lady of the Rosary) – for bus tour registration, call (248) 250-6005

Mon. 10/07 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Our Lady of the Rosary)

Tue. 10/08 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Assumption-Windsor* (St. Bridget, Widow)

Sun. 10/13 1:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Hyacinth* (Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost) – Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows Mass