

Tridentine Community News

December 29, 2013 – Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

2013 Year in Review

At the end of each year, it is beneficial to look back and review the noteworthy developments on the local Extraordinary Form front of the previous twelve months:

St. Benedict Tridentine Catholic Community: The top local development in 2013 was the elevation of the Windsor Tridentine Mass Association to Community status by Bishop Fabbro. This is the first Tridentine community (small “c”) in metro Detroit to be given the right to its own chaplain, its own Sacramental records, and its own Sacramental preparation.

Juventútem: The secular press – with good reason – cannot stop covering Dan Gilbert’s continuing takeover of much of downtown Detroit. Paul Schultz has become the Tridentine version of Dan Gilbert: Just as Gilbert has become arguably the most valued franchisor of the brand name Quicken, Paul has aggressively expanded the Juventútem franchise throughout Michigan and southwestern Ontario. Congratulations are also due to Paul for having recently been appointed secretary of the Juventútem International Federation, based in England.

Special Masses: Special Tridentine Masses continue to be held at more churches. We are beginning to exhaust the potential sites, a situation unimaginable a few years ago. In 2013, the Traditional Liturgy was held at these five sites for the first time in 44 years. Masses organized by Juventútem and Prayer Pilgrimages are so designated.

1. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth (J)
2. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit (J)
3. Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue, Ohio (PP)
4. St. Alphonsus Church, Dearborn (J)
5. St. Hugo Stone Chapel, Bloomfield Hills

Oakland County Latin Mass Association: A special commendation for persistence must go to Cia Lakin, whose continued efforts to establish a new Tridentine Mass site in central Oakland County were rewarded in two ways this year: First was the special Mass on All Souls Day at St. Hugo, which filled the Stone Chapel to capacity. Second was Archbishop Vigneron’s assignment of Msgr. Ronald Browne as the Chaplain to this nascent organization, a sign of diocesan commitment to this initiative.

Please pray that 2014 will continue to bring advancement to the Metro Detroit and Windsor Tridentine Mass Communities, and that our efforts will expose an increasing number of people to the beauty of the Church’s Traditional Latin Liturgy. Please also keep in your prayers the priests who celebrate the Extraordinary Form for us: Fr. Lee Acervo, Fr. Ross Bartley, Fr. David Bechill, Fr. Patrick Bénéteau, Fr. Mark Borkowski, Msgr. Ronald Browne, Bishop Donald Hanchon, Fr. Matthew Hincks, Fr. Peter Hrytsky, Fr. John Johnson, Fr. Ben Kosnac, Fr. Louis Madey, Fr. Robert Marczewski, Fr. James Roche, Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, Fr. Clement Suhy, OSB, Fr. Greg Tokarski, Fr. Pieter van Rooyen, Fr. Charles White, and Fr. Michael Zuelch.

Thanks to Our Volunteers

It takes a significant amount of effort to run our local Tridentine Masses. Special thanks to the below volunteers, who help out at one or more of our local Extraordinary Form sites:

Altar servers: Michael Alvarez, Tommy Alvarez, Matthew Bombardier, Matthew Charbonneau, Frank De Donatis, Jim Eatmon, Edward Kotulski, Matthew Lacey, Kaisar Marogi, James Murphy, Jonathan Ozorak, Michel Ozorak, Barry Rafferty, Luke Rzczkowski, David Schmick, Paul Schultz, John Tome, and Mitchell Witteveen. Not only do these gentlemen serve Holy Mass with careful attention to the rubrics, but they also invest significant additional time before and after Mass with the necessary set-up and take-down of the sanctuary.

Our seminarians: Kaisar Marogi, James Murphy, Brother John Tonkins, and Deacon Joe Tuskiewicz

The volunteer members of the St. Benedict Choir: Laura Hurajt, Anne MacDonald, Lina Wagner

St. Benedict Parish Council members: Ted Jankowski, Ron Parent, and Barry Rafferty

Our ushers: Alex Foley, John Foot, Ted Jankowski, Bob Kujawa, Ismael Lebron, and Frank O’Reilly

Rosary leader Mary Strahorn

Special thanks are due to five key volunteers: Sharon Moody, St. Benedict’s longtime volunteer bookkeeper and secretary, whose timely and detailed financial reporting continues to draw commendations from the Diocese of London.

Barry and Susan Rafferty, who arrive early to set up and clean Assumption Church, and stay late to put things away after Mass. Barry also repairs and maintains our candles and metalwork.

Frank De Donatis, who diligently serves at the altar and works behind the scenes at virtually every local Tridentine Mass site

Diane Begin, for assisting with set-up and take-down, tutoring new visitors to the Latin Mass, and for doing the laundry of liturgical linens for Assumption Parish

- Alex Begin, *Tridentine Community News* editor

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 12/31: No Mass at *St. Benedict/Assumption-Windsor*
Wed. 01/01 9:30 AM: High Mass at *St. Joseph* (Octave of Christmas/Feast of the Circumcision)
Wed. 01/01 2:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Benedict/Assumption-Windsor* (Octave of Christmas/Feast of the Circumcision)
Sat. 01/04 9:00 AM: Low Mass at *St. Hyacinth* (Immaculate Heart of Mary) – First Saturday, with Rosary and Confessions