

Tridentine Community News

January 11, 2015 - The Holy Family

Series of Talks Scheduled

by the Oakland County Latin Mass Association

The Oakland County Latin Mass Association has lined up a series of speakers for talks to be held during the monthly receptions held after the 9:45 AM Sunday Mass at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. The first talk will be held next Sunday, January 18. All are invited to attend; refreshments will be served.

The list of topics and speakers is as follows:

Sunday, January 18: “An Introduction to the Tridentine Mass” – Alex Begin

Sunday, February 22: “Young Adults and the Extraordinary Form” – Paul Schultz

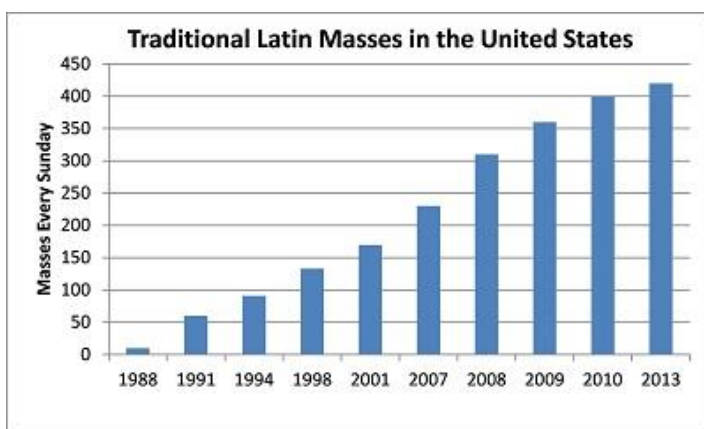
Sunday, March 22: “Sacred Music and Gregorian Chant” – Wassim Sarweh

Record Set: Five Simultaneous Local Tridentine Masses

This past week, a record of sorts was set: On Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 PM, five simultaneous Holy Masses were celebrated in our region: Windsor’s Holy Name of Mary Church, Detroit’s St. Josaphat and Assumption Grotto Churches, Wyandotte’s Our Lady of the Scapular Parish, and first-time host Beverly Hills’ Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church all held High Masses for the Feast of the Epiphany. It is likely the first time since the liturgical reforms of the 1960s that so many Tridentine Masses have been held at the same time. This is a testament of liturgical vitality in our region, particularly the presence of sufficient priests, musicians, altar servers, and other volunteers to make these Masses possible.

Continued Growth in Latin Masses Across the U.S.

Additional good news: the number of Extraordinary Form Masses celebrated in the United States continues to grow. The traditional liturgy continues to attract newcomers and interested priests, despite the relatively small amount of coverage it receives in Catholic and secular media. [Chart from Regina Magazine / Una Voce USA]



Chicago Bus Tour Report

Prayer Pilgrimages’ annual tour to the historic Catholic churches of Chicago filled two buses this year, one containing pilgrims from the Diocese of Saginaw. As usual, two Tridentine Masses were offered during the trip, one at St. John Cantius Church and one at St. Mary of the Angels [pictured below].



Several new churches were visited this year. One standout was St. Michael in Old Town, with an attention-grabbing enormous, ornate reredos surmounting their High Altar.

In general, Chicago churches are of a grander scale than one sees in most other cities, some sporting unique architectural features such as double balconies, one above the other. Many churches are in very good shape, with even further restoration planned. For example, though to the casual visitor St. Michael appears to be in fine condition, it will nevertheless be undergoing a restoration led by North America’s dynamic duo of traditional architecture, architect Duncan Stroik and mural, furniture, and stained glass creator Conrad Schmitt Studios.

Liturgical Note: Special Ferias

In the majority of circumstances, a Ferial Mass celebrated during the week is a repeat of the previous Sunday’s Mass. This week, however, Ferial Masses, such as Monday’s, will not be a repeat of the Feast of the Holy Family, but rather of the never-celebrated-on-Sunday First Sunday After Epiphany. Likewise, during the week after Trinity Sunday, Ferial Masses are of the never-seen First Sunday After Pentecost. Yes, strange but true, these two “Sunday Masses” are never actually celebrated on Sundays, as they are always displaced by higher-ranking special Feasts.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 01/12 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Joseph* (Feria of the First Sunday After Epiphany)

Tue. 01/13 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Holy Name of Mary* (Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord)