

Tridentine Community News

July 2, 2017 – External Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul (U.S.), 4th Sunday After Pentecost (Canada)

Detroit Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Formation Assigned Our Lady of the Rosary Church

A story in the June 8 edition of *The Michigan Catholic* newspaper reported that the priests behind the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Formation have been assigned Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Detroit. Our Lady of the Rosary is a parish not known for conservative liturgy. A former Episcopalian church on Woodward at I-94, most of its traditional furnishings were removed many years ago; today it is a largely open space inside, with chairs instead of pews and a simple, rather bare altar. It is a puzzling choice for an Oratory, except for one thing: Its location on the new QLINE streetcar route gives it the potential to serve a resurgent neighborhood of young professionals as well as a possible role in campus ministry at Wayne State University. What it lacks in furnishings and a congregation that supports traditional liturgy, it makes up for in being positioned for future growth.

Fr. Dan Jones will serve as Pastor. Long a professor at Sacred Heart Seminary, Fr. Jones is not known for celebrating the Traditional Mass. Fr. Jones did, however, attend the Latin Mass-centric Fota Liturgical Conference in Ireland in 2012. Associate Pastor Fr. Ryan Adams is an experienced celebrant of the Extraordinary Form. Fellow Associate Pastor Fr. Marko Djonovic has not yet been involved in Latin Mass activities. Let us pray that this nascent Oratory in Formation will follow in the footsteps of so many other Oratories of St. Philip Neri – London, Birmingham, Oxford, Toronto, and Cincinnati for example – and will eventually make reverent liturgy in both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms a central part of their apostolate.

New Monastery for St. Michael's Abbey

Southern California's St. Michael's Abbey has been mentioned in this column many times. The regional base for the Norbertine order of priests, the abbey is home to the most reverent Ordinary Form Masses offered in Orange County. Norbertine priests also celebrate most of the Extraordinary Form Masses in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Participants in the Prayer Pilgrimages California bus tour earlier this year attended a Traditional Mass in the Norbertine Rite at one of the local parishes they administer, Ss. Peter & Paul in Wilmington. The abbey is also home to a private prep school for boys and is where Fr. Mark Borkowski and Dom John Tonkin received portions of their formation, so it has local ties to us here in Windsor and Detroit.



The problem is that the abbey is a very modest facility, with a small, stark chapel built in an era of limited funds. Now nestled in a wealthy neighborhood, and blessed with an abundance of vocations and strong enrollment in the school, the Norbertines have long been in need of a new, larger, more ornate monastery to

use as their home. Many prominent Catholics, including author Dean Koontz, have quietly been raising funds to enable them to acquire property and build a new abbey.

Recently the Norbertines put up a glorious web site with videos about the new abbey project, the role of Latin in the liturgy, and a touching background story behind the French architect hired to design the new monastery. The Hollywood-class production values behind this effort are both impressive and not that surprising, considering that the Norbertines serve some of the Hollywood elite. Take a look at: www.cityofsaints.com

New Traditional Women's Order: Filiae Labóris Mariæ

On June 9, Bishop James Vann Johnston of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri approved the establishment *ad experimentum* of a new traditional women's contemplative religious order, *Filiae Labóris Mariæ*. Based at St. Mary Parish in Independence, Missouri, they take part in parish life and pray the full Traditional Divine Office. Needless to say, the Traditional Mass is also offered at St. Mary's. This community joins the well-known, vestment-making Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, as the second traditional female religious order in the state of Missouri. In addition to the founding sisters, they already have two postulants.

Benediction on First Fridays at Old St. Mary's

Old St. Mary's Parish is placing increased emphasis on Eucharistic Adoration. Kneeling at the rail to receive Holy Communion has always been the norm there, for all Masses, Ordinary and Extraordinary Form. For approximately two years, the parish has offered Exposition and a Holy Hour after the 12:15 PM Ordinary Form Mass every Friday. After seeing the Communion Rail Cloth which has been brought for First Friday Tridentine Masses, the parish recently ordered their own. Parishioners have requested that Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament be held occasionally at the end of our First Friday Masses, and so we will commence that after the 7:00 PM Mass this Friday, July 7. Benediction will continue to be offered every two or three months there, as long as the celebrant agrees.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 07/03 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr)

Tue. 07/04 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (All Holy Popes)

Fri. 07/07 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Bishops & Confessors) – Devotions to the Sacred Heart precede Mass. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows Mass. Reception afterwards in the second floor parish hall.

Fri. 07/07 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Joseph* (Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Bishops & Confessors)

Sat. 07/08 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen & Widow)