

Tridentine Community News

July 23, 2017 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Fr. John Riccardo on Ad Orientem Celebration of the Mass

Sometimes tradition springs up in the most unlikely of places. Plymouth, Michigan's Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish could be characterized as a Catholic mega-church. A huge, modern campus with a church whose most prominent feature is a Baptismal "river", and with what could be best described as a hotel lobby-like collection of chairs and tables visible behind the altar is not the first place one would expect to experience reverent liturgy. Yet some of our region's most orthodox priests have spent time in this parish: Fr. Charles White, Fr. Lee Acervo, and Fr. Michael Clement Suhy among them. A few years ago, the parish granted Juventútem Michigan permission to hold a Tridentine Mass there.

Recently Our Lady of Good Counsel began to offer some of its Ordinary Form Masses in the classical *ad orientem* posture, with the priest facing the same direction as the people at the altar. Pastor Fr. John Riccardo offered an eloquent justification for the practice, even taking on some oft-heard objections. Read his thoughtful words here:

<https://www.olgcp parish.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/ad-orientem.pdf>

Communion Rail Installed at St. Albert the Great



A newly-constructed wooden Communion Rail has been installed at St. Albert the Great Parish in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Every other pillar depicts a Host being held over a chalice. Holy Communion is now received kneeling at the rail at all Masses. While almost all of the parish's public Masses are currently in the Ordinary Form, the altar has been made moveable so that it can be shifted backward to allow for *ad orientem* celebration of the Tridentine Mass. This work was the initiative of Fr. Ben Luedtke, in residence at the parish.

Summórum Pontificum Rome Pilgrimage

The annual *Summórum Pontificum* pilgrimage to Rome takes place this year on Thursday – Sunday, September 14-17. With talks offered on the first day and liturgies on all days, this gathering is less of a typical academic conference and more of an opportunity to visit Rome in the company of an assortment of traditionally-minded faithful from across the world. [Photo of a Tridentine Mass at St. Peter's Basilica's Altar of the Chair at a

previous *Summórum Pontificum* pilgrimage.] Additional information is available at:

www.summorumpontificum2017.org/en/home/



Solemn High Mass with Dom John Tonkin



Dom John Tonkin of the Canons Regular of the New Jerusalem in Charles Town, West Virginia is making his annual visit back home to Windsor this week. Next Sunday, July 30, the 2:00 PM Mass of the St. Benedict Tridentine Community at St. Alphonsus Church will be a Solemn High Mass with Deacon and Subdeacon. Dom John will be the celebrant.

Immediately after Dom John's Mass, there will be a Baptism in the Extraordinary Form. All are invited to observe. Latin/English handouts for the ceremony will be distributed.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 07/24 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (St. Christina, Virgin & Martyr)

Tue. 07/25 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. James the Greater, Apostle)

Sat. 07/29 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. Martha, Virgin)