

Tridentine Community News

August 6, 2017 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor: Restoration Project & September Tridentine Mass

For years there has been increasing interest in holding Tridentine Masses at Ann Arbor's centrally-located downtown church, St. Thomas the Apostle. Several parishioners there are devotees of the Extraordinary Form, including Michelle and Paul Schultz, leaders of *Juventutem Michigan*, who were married there last fall. Home to occasional Latin Masses over the years, and once home to a weekly Vespers service in the Extraordinary Form, activity at the parish seems to be picking up steam. Newly-ordained Fr. Anthony Smela, who celebrated one of his first Masses after ordination in the Extraordinary Form at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Jackson, Michigan, has been assigned as Assistant Pastor. Fr. Smela will celebrate his first Tridentine Mass at St. Thomas on Monday, September 18 at 7:00 PM. Hopefully there will be sufficient parishioner interest to warrant more regular celebrations at this significant site.



One frustrating aspect of St. Thomas is that it has been “wreckovated”: The High Altar, Communion Rail, and Side Altars have been removed, and the walls have been whitewashed. A glimmer of hope has arisen: The parish invited famed church restoration firm Conrad Schmitt Studios to propose new muralwork for the church, seen above. Rumor has it that the parish still has its old High Altar in storage. This seems to be a clear case where those in favor of seeing a re-traditionalization of the church – architectural as well as liturgical – have an opportunity to do some good, *if* they can come up with a way to pay for it all without digging in to parish reserves.

Immaculate Conception, Lapeer to Restart Monthly Sunday Tridentine Masses

Following up on a report in the July 9 edition of this column, Immaculate Conception Parish in Lapeer will resume monthly Tridentine High Masses on the last Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM on Sunday, September 24. The first Mass will be a Solemn High Mass with Deacon and Subdeacon; Assistant Pastor Fr. Joe Tuskiewicz will be the celebrant. Depending on response from the parishioners, it is possible that frequency will be increased to more than one per month. The parish is also continuing with Low Masses every Thursday at 8:45 AM.

St. Hyacinth Altar Restorations



Arguably Detroit's best-maintained historic church is St. Hyacinth. With a spotlessness second only to Chicago's St. Mary of the Angels Church, the stonework, woodwork, mosaics, and golden domes at St. Hyacinth glisten with perfection. Even though a casual observer would likely detect nothing awry, St. Hyacinth recently hired an artisan who trained under legendary local church restoration experts John Nalepa Sr. and Jr. to perform restoration work on all of their altars. The Nalepas, known for their work at many of Detroit's historic churches, have recently retired from the

restoration business. [Photo by Mike Smigielski]

A Packed House at Oregon Sacred Liturgy Conference



In the unlikely setting of rural Medford, Oregon, the recent Sacred Liturgy Conference, held July 12-15, actually sold out. With Raymond Cardinal Burke, Archbishop Alexander Sample, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop Robert Vasa, and an array of distinguished speakers in attendance, faithful traveled from across North America to hear talks about traditional liturgy and participate in chant workshops. This despite “competing” conferences in Milan; Cork, Ireland; and St. Paul, Minnesota in recent weeks. [Photo by Cantus Angelorum Oregon]

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 08/07 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (St. Cajetan, Confessor)

Tue. 08/08 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. John Vianney, Confessor)

Sat. 08/12 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. Clare, Virgin)