

Tridentine Community News

September 16, 2018 – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

First Public Traditional Mass Held at Orchard Lake Seminary



The first public Traditional Mass to be held at Orchard Lake's Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in over 45 years took place last Saturday, September 8. At least five seminarians attended, and one chanted the Epistle. Fr. Louis Madey, who teaches a class on the Extraordinary Form there, hopes these will become regular occurrences, as the seminarians have been requesting them.

September 29 Saturday Vigil Mass at Old St. Mary's To Be Special Tridentine High Mass



On Saturday, September 29, the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass at Old St. Mary's Church in Detroit will be a special High Mass in the Extraordinary Form. The parish is allowing this substitution of their usual Ordinary Form Vigil Mass in conjunction with a Prayer Pilgrimages bus tour of historic Detroit churches that day. All are welcome to attend, even if you are not participating in the bus tour. For more information on the bus tour being held, visit www.prayerpilgrimages.com or call (248) 250-6005.

OCLMA Confirmations in the Extraordinary Form and Pontifical Low Mass on February 10, 2019 at Old St. Mary's

On Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM, His Excellency Bishop Donald Hanchon will celebrate a Pontifical Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form at Old St. Mary's Church. This will be the first Tridentine Mass to have been celebrated there on a Sunday in over 45 years. The Mass will take the place of the Novus Ordo Latin Mass that usually occupies that time slot.

Comments? Ideas for a future column? Please e-mail info@windsorlatinmass.org. Previous columns are available at www.windsorlatinmass.org.

After Mass, Bishop Hanchon will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form, primarily for the members of the Oakland County Latin Mass Association. However those who do not normally attend the OCLMA are welcome to receive Confirmation at this Mass as well. If you have a child or family member interested in receiving Confirmation, please speak with Msgr. Ronald Browne after a Sunday 9:45 AM Mass at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, or e-mail info@ocлма.org.

February 10 happens to be one of the days on which the Academy needs their chapel for a school Mass, so it will be convenient for the entire OCLMA community to have a temporary home for the Latin Mass that day.

God Does Not Grade on a Curve

Back in the 1970s this writer was enrolled in a challenging high school honors chemistry class. One day the teacher gave the students a test that was so inscrutable, only one student – who consistently excelled in everything academic – was able to complete it. Every other student in the class, this writer included, stood up and told the teacher that the test was unrealistically difficult and unfair to us “normal” students. The teacher appreciated the students' sincerity and threw out the test.

That old incident came to mind while contemplating the developments in the Church of the last several weeks. A declining set of standards for clergy and laity is behind so many of the problems we are witnessing, as though no human could be expected to live a chaste and moral existence.

Unlike in that long-ago chemistry class, however, we cannot expect God to lower His standards to accommodate our weaknesses. A sin is always a sin, even if the vast majority of humans commit it without repentance. We are called to live a virtuous existence, even if no one else appears to be up to the challenge. As faithful Catholics, we must avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Confession, along with indulgenced prayers and works, so that we can be in a continual state of readiness to have our lives judged by our Lord.

St. Patrick Cathedral Music Director in Ann Arbor

One of the highest profile music positions in the Church is the post of Director of Music at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City. Longtime St. Patrick Music Director Dr. Jennifer Pascual will be venturing afield and giving a workshop for music & choir directors, organists, cantors, students, and all church musicians this Friday, September 21, from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Ann Arbor. Details are available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/530980480669982/>

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 09/18 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor)

Sat. 09/22 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Ember Saturday)