

Tridentine Community News

December 30, 2018 – Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

2018 Year in Review

As is our custom at year's end, we take a look at the most significant developments in the local Latin Mass scene over the past 12 months:

Increasing Attendance at Most Local Tridentine Mass Sites: Despite more churches adding the Traditional Mass either on a regular basis (e.g.: St. Mary in St. Clair, Michigan) or on special occasions (e.g.: St. Francis d'Assisi, Detroit) and other churches increasing the frequency of existing TLM offerings (e.g.: Immaculate Conception, Lapeer, Michigan), attendance at most if not all Latin Mass sites in metro Detroit and Windsor continues to increase. Some are even astounding (e.g.: Old St. Mary's First Friday Mass often attracting over 200 faithful). New Latin Mass sites aren't stealing faithful from other sites, they're growing the pool of interested Catholics.

Growth in Priest Training: 2018 was the busiest year yet for training priests in celebrating the Extraordinary Form, both locally and nationally. In Detroit, the Franciscans of the Holy Spirit and the Companions of the Cross are starting to celebrate the TLM. At the Sacred Liturgy Conference in Oregon, over 20 priests, deacons, and seminarians attended the celebrant training sessions, far more than were expected. Requests for individual training sessions are becoming more frequent. Despite all of the problems in the global Church, at the grass roots level, interest in Tradition is stronger than ever.

Architectural Restorations: The pace of churches restoring or installing for the first time traditional architectural elements continues to increase, even in unexpected places (e.g.: Solanus Center, Detroit). Communion Rails in particular are making a noteworthy comeback, locally (e.g.: Our Lady of Czestochowa in Sterling Heights, Michigan) and nationally. Conversely, controversial wreckovations of historic churches seem to be on the decline. Virtually no young clergy this writer knows desire whitewashed, overly simplified worship spaces.

Thanks to Our Priest Celebrants

Please include in your prayers those priests who have celebrated Holy Masses in the Extraordinary Form for us over the past year. Without them, we have no Mass: Fr. Lee Acervo, Fr. David Bechill, Fr. Mark Borkowski, Msgr. Ronald Browne, Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt, Fr. Peter Hrytsyk, Fr. Pierre Ingram, Fr. David Johnston, Fr. Louis Madey, Fr. Clint McDonell, Fr. Joe Tuskiewicz, Fr. Jake Van Assche, Fr. Cy Whitaker, Fr. Charles White, and Fr. Stephen Wolfe.

Thanks to Our Volunteers

The thriving Extraordinary Form scene we enjoy is in large part due to the consistent effort put forth by a dedicated team of volunteers. Those listed in **bold** deserve special commendation for volunteering at multiple sites across metro Detroit and Windsor.

Oakland County Latin Mass Association

Altar Servers: Nathan LaMendola, **Riley LaMendola**, **Tyler LaMendola**, Thomas McCourt, **Kieran McDonnell**, **Liam McDonnell**, **Manny Salas**, **Edward Schmick**, **Vincent Schmick**, Charlie Shane, Jude Shane

Volunteer Choir Members: Joe Baldiga, Maggie McCourt, Jill McDonnell, Anne Shane, Sarah Wallis

Ushers: Chris Batts, Pete Higgins, Jon McDonnell

Collection Counting: David Schmick

Board Members: Chris Batts, James Hitchcock, Cecilia Lakin, Sanford Lakin, Jon McDonnell

Receptions, Vestment & Altar Linen Laundry & Maintenance, and Newcomer Orientation: **Diane Begin**

Set-up, Take-down, & Supplies Maintenance: Henry McCourt, Patrick McCourt, Violet Vestevich, Mary Wallis

Rosary Leader: Mary Strahorn

St. Benedict Tridentine Community

Altar Servers: **Gabriel Ang**, **Matthew Charbonneau**, Damien Cincurak, Terry Hatton, Martin Janisse, **Benjamin McKinley**, **James Murphy**, Jonathan Ozorak, **Lucas Sarweh**, **John Tome**, **Mitchell Witteveen**

Tuesday Mass Volunteer Choir Members: Irena Hurajt, **Laura Hurajt**, **Michel Ozorak**, **Celina Sarweh**, Regina Sarweh

Ushers: Francis Ang, Alex Foley, John Foot, Ted Jankowski, Frank O'Reilly

Finance Council: Ted Jankowski, Charlotte Parent [Treasurer]

Set-up, Take-down, & Collection Counting: **Tim McKinley**, **Theresa McKinley**, Claudia Rutter, Andrew Witherstone

Old St. Mary's, Bus Tours, & Other Sites

Altar Servers: Xavier Erskine, **Elliott Schmick**

Ushers: Mike Campeau, Bob Kujawa, Pat Zelenak

- Alex Begin, Tridentine Community News editor

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 01/01 – Octave of Christmas:

Immaculate Conception, Lapeer: 12:00 Midnight

St. Joseph: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM [Low Masses], 11:00 AM

Assumption Grotto: 9:30 AM

OCLMA/Academy of the Sacred Heart: 9:45 AM

St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary: 2:00 PM

Fri. 01/04 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Widow) – Celebrant: Fr. Joe Tuskiewicz. Choir will sing *Missa Secúnda* by Hans Leo Hassler. Benediction after Mass. Reception follows in the parish hall.