

Tridentine Community News

April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

Assumption Church Restoration Update



On Saturday, April 13, Windsor's Assumption Parish released the third report by consultant Paul Mullins regarding the restoration of historic Assumption Church.

Readers of this column may recall that the St. Benedict Tridentine Community had several productive meetings with diocesan officials and Bishop Ronald Fabbro, as we drafted and revised a detailed and unique plan to achieve financial and operational security for this important sacred edifice, closed since November, 2014.

St. Benedict has heard nothing from the diocese regarding a decision about our plan, even after they helped us improve it. On the other hand, Mr. Mullins cites having received approval from the Diocese of London's Building and Loan Commission for a third try at an Assumption Parish-led fundraising effort. If his timetable proceeds as outlined, it is possible that Assumption Church will open for Mass once again as early as the fall of 2019, if only temporarily between construction phases.

St. Benedict continues to be approached – without solicitation – with offers to donate towards our plan. Indeed, as of today, St. Benedict has received pledges totaling to a substantial amount.

Nevertheless, St. Benedict members and indeed all supporters of the Latin Mass in Windsor and metro Detroit should be delighted to learn that action is being taken to restore this most suitable home for the Traditional Liturgy, even if it is not the plan we have worked so hard to craft and believe has the best chance of success. Our plan and our donors remain out there in case Assumption Parish's Plan A doesn't work out as intended.

The full report may be read at:

<https://assumptionparish.ca/restoration/>

Fr. Joe Tuskiewicz Named Administrator of St. Priscilla Parish, Livonia

It seems like only yesterday that Fr. Joe Tuskiewicz was transferred to Immaculate Conception Parish in Lapeer, Michigan, where he revived their former tradition of offering the Traditional Mass on Thursdays and Sundays. This week the Archdiocese of Detroit announced that Fr. Joe will become Administrator of St. Priscilla Parish in Livonia, Michigan, effective July 1, 2019. St. Priscilla has no history of hosting the Extraordinary Form.

The Parish Ritual

An important liturgical book has just been republished, providing a much-needed resource for priests who use the Traditional Roman Ritual. While readers of this column are all too familiar with the strong feelings dividing proponents of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Form Missals, no such disagreement seems to exist regarding the Ordinary vs. Extraordinary Form Rituals. This writer has yet to meet a single priest of any liturgical preference who prefers the *Book of Blessings*, the new Roman Ritual. That is because the *Book of Blessings* uses lengthy, convoluted, unnecessary scripture verse-including formulas, many of which either bless the users of the objects in question rather than the objects themselves, if indeed they bless anything at all. In contrast, the Traditional Ritual very clearly exorcizes and blesses objects with mostly concise texts. Even priests with modern sensibilities appreciate its clarity of purpose.

There are two versions of the Traditional Ritual: the full three-volume 1950 Weller edition, and subsets derived from the 1961 *Colléctio Rituum*, which included the option of using English at certain points. The Weller Ritual also includes English, but it is an informal translation by Fr. Weller which may not be used liturgically; the English is only provided for reference.

Until now there were only two options for priests who wished to use English: The in-print *New Sanctuary Manual*, which is a subset of the 1961 *Colléctio*, unfortunately omitting certain very useful prayers, or the out-of-print *Practical Handbook of Rites*, a complete edition of the *Colléctio* which recently has become harder to find. Complicating matters, *The New Sanctuary Manual* recently went out-of-print.

To fill the void, PCP Books, the same firm which reprinted the Weller Ritual, has just republished *The Parish Ritual*, a 1962 book much like the *Practical Handbook*. It, too, is based on the 1961 *Colléctio Rituum* and contains liturgically-approved English where rubrics permit the vernacular to be used. If no English is provided, Latin must be used.

Priests ideally should have both versions of the Traditional Ritual on hand: 1) the Weller Ritual because of its inclusion of every blessing there is, for example the lengthy Epiphany Water blessing, and 2) *The Parish Ritual* so that English may be used, if desired, for ceremonies such as Baptisms and the Nuptial Rite.

The Parish Ritual is available at:

<https://www.pcpbooks.net/prestashop/books-in-print/89112-parish-ritual.html>

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 04/23 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Easter Tuesday)

Sat. 04/27 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Easter Saturday)

Sun. 04/28 3:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Alphonsus, Windsor* (Low Sunday / Divine Mercy Sunday) – Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM, followed by Mass [one hour later than usual]

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