

# Tridentine Community News

September 20, 2020 – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## *Fourteenth Metro Detroit Weekly Sunday Tridentine Mass Site Debuts on October 4: Ss. Peter & Paul Westside*



For the third week in a row, another weekly Sunday Tridentine Mass location has been announced for our region: The *fourteenth* weekly Sunday Mass site, and (no increment this time) the 37<sup>th</sup> Traditional Mass site in metro Detroit and Windsor, debuts on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 PM at Ss. Peter & Paul Westside Church in Detroit. Pastor

Fr. Jerry Pilus is adding this Mass after the success of his First Saturday and Holy Day Tridentine Low Masses. Indeed, on the Feast of the Assumption, attendance at the parish's Extraordinary Form Mass exceeded that at the Ordinary Form. This will be a Low Mass to begin with but may morph into a High Mass in time. [Photo by Mark Nemecek]

## *Immersion Pool in Front of a High Altar?*



Every once in a while something comes along that represents such a profoundly unfortunate misunderstanding of Catholic liturgical order that words fail us. A reader brought to our attention that the Jesuit-run St. Francis Xavier Church in Manhattan installed

a baptismal immersion pool immediately in front of their High Altar. The High Altar is still there, but the placement of this new object makes it 100% certain that the altar can no longer be used for its originally intended purpose of hosting the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It makes one long for the more commonly seen repurposing of historic altars as shelves for flower pots.

In bringing this to our attention, the reader opined that it's actually intellectually more honest to remove historical architectural features from a church than to leave them there yet make them completely unusable. "It would be like if [a Latin Mass group] took over a church and decided to just build Side Altars that keep the old guitar band area visible but the band are blocked from getting to their instruments." Incidentally, this happens to be the same church that gained notoriety recently for having its congregation recite a "pledge for racial justice" during Mass. The bright side is that like any building modification, wreckovations of this sort can be, and have been, reversed in the future.

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## *San Francisco Priest Training Report*

Congratulations to Fr. Gabriel Wankar, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Daly City, California, and Fr. Michael Liliedahl, Parochial Vicar of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Burlingame, California, who celebrated their first Masses in the Extraordinary Form on Friday, September 11, 2020, after training from Extraordinary Faith. Also participating in the training was Fr. Cameron Faller, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, who served Fr. Gabriel's Mass. In turn, Fr. Gabriel served Fr. Michael's Mass. Wasting no time, Fr. Michael was to offer his first Traditional Mass the very next day for friends. All three priests hope to help provide greater availability for the Tridentine Mass in San Francisco. Special thanks to Maggie Gallagher of the Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Worship for helping to make arrangements. Training took place at the Church of the Visitacion [sic], which has undergone a restoration reinstalling the Communion Rail and removing the freestanding altar so all Ordinary Form Masses there are offered *ad orientem*.



## *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

Mon. 09/21: No Mass at *Holy Family, Detroit*

Tue. 09/22 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Thomas of Villanova, Bishop & Confessor)

Wed. 09/23: No Mass at *Holy Family*

Fri. 09/25: No Mass at *Holy Family* – Masses resume at noon on Monday, September 28

Sat. 09/26 8:00 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Ember Saturday)