

Tridentine Community News

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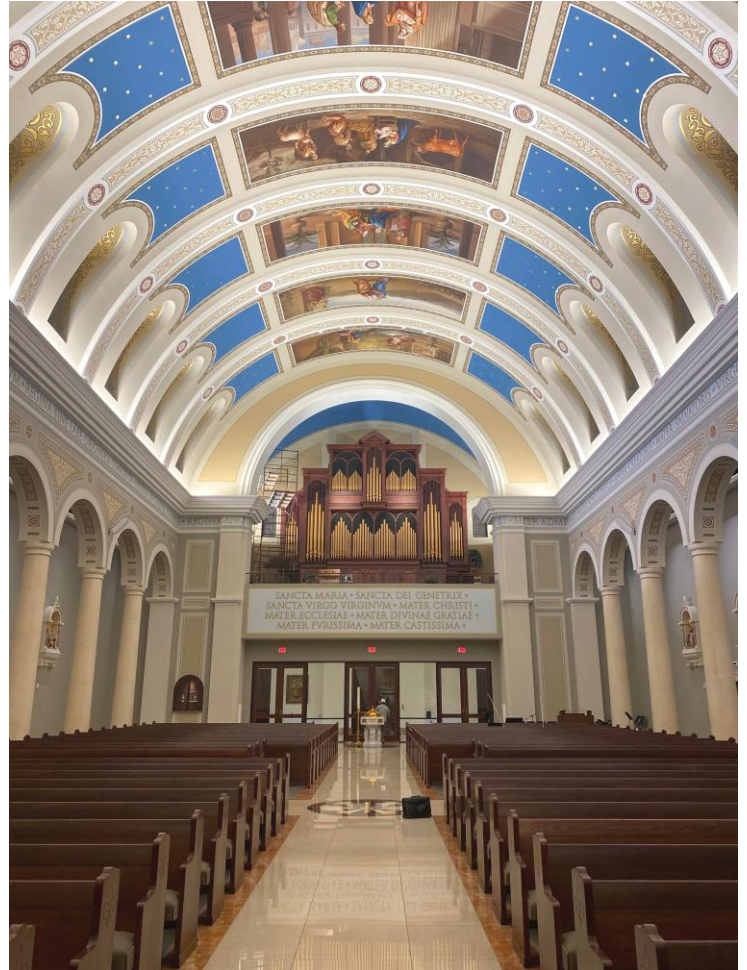
A Newly Built Traditional Church with Detroit Connections: St. Bernadette, Scottsdale, Arizona

A church with ties to metro Detroit has opened in the Archdiocese of Phoenix, Arizona: St. Bernadette, in the suburb of Scottsdale, has completed a new church in a traditional style. With original design work in 2013 by architect Duncan Stroik, and recently finished interior painting and stained glass by Conrad Schmitt Studios, some of America's best artisans worked on this edifice.



The pipe organ was spec'd out for the parish by former Windsor Latin Mass music director Matthew Meloche while he served as music director for Phoenix's Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral. The assistant pastor is Fr. John Lankeit, who spend two weeks here in Detroit and Windsor in 2019 immersing himself in learning the Traditional Latin Mass from Extraordinary Faith. While here, he celebrated and attended Masses for the Oakland County Latin Mass Association, Old St. Mary's, and Windsor's St. Benedict.

Bishop Thomas Olmstead has designated St. Bernadette as one of the sites in the diocese for the Tridentine Mass, though as of yet only Baptisms in the Extraordinary Form have been held there.



We live in an era in which we have access to the best architectural and artistic design tools in human history. Computer design software, easily accessible information via the Internet, sophisticated construction equipment, and worldwide connectedness to skilled artisans make us capable of building mankind's greatest-ever houses of worship, if we possess the funds, and more importantly, the will and the permission to do so. For example, even the lighting at St. Bernadette, by Phoenix's Creative Designs in Lighting, gives glory to God by highlighting the artwork. Let us never be discouraged by the numerous bland modern churches out there but rather be inspired by examples such as St. Bernadette to make every effort to construct enduring and timeless "prayers in stone" when opportunities arise.