

Tridentine Community News

July 23, 2023 - Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

First Monthly TLM Held at the St. John Resort Chapel



This past Tuesday, July 18, the first monthly Third Tuesday 6:00 PM High Mass was held at the St. John Resort Chapel in Plymouth. Approximately 90 faithful attended. The first Mass was celebrated by Fr. Clint McDonell of Detroit's Sacred Heart Seminary, with Fr. Marcel Portelli of the Diocese of Saginaw sitting in choir.

Formerly the St. John Provincial Seminary, the seminary closed in the late 1980s and was turned into a hotel and conference center. The chapel remains a popular site for weddings and will now be the home of a monthly Traditional Latin Mass.

The sanctuary has been partially restored following an unfortunate mid-1980s wreckovation which placed a freestanding altar in the middle of the chapel. That altar has been done away with, and now there is a stone altar in the sanctuary. The original High Altar is no longer against the wall; the old (and formerly movable-on-wheels) Casavant pipe organ from the front left transept of Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral has been installed where the High Altar used to be. The right transept contains a Side Altar on which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Seating is in traditional choir style, built that way to accommodate the clerics who used to populate the former major seminary, who needed a suitable place to pray the Divine Office.

The acoustics and traditional ambiance are a definite upgrade over this Mass' former home at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. The campus is expansive and interesting to explore. The resort also includes a restaurant convenient for Massgoers to dine after Mass. Well worth a visit, and an interesting example of how a seminary complex can be repurposed to survive and yet still maintain a Catholic identity. Just this Wednesday, the Detroit News published a story about the transformation and recent upgrades at St. John's:

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2023/07/18/plymouths-saint-johns-resort-gets-50m-makeover-thanks-to-pulte-foundation/70405824007/>

Latin Liturgy Association National Convention Report

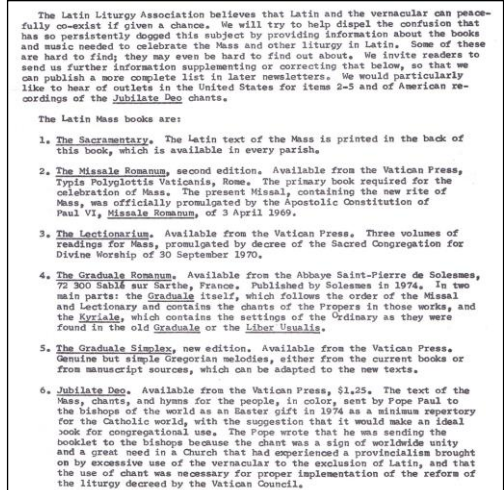


Last Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16, the Latin Liturgy Association held its annual convention in Fairfield, New Jersey. A Novus Ordo Latin Mass was held at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson, New Jersey [pictured] on Saturday, and a Tridentine High Mass was held at the National Blue Army Shrine in Asbury, New Jersey on Sunday. Speakers included Sir Raymond de Souza, Fr. Peter Stravinskis, and England's Fr. Anton Webb. A particularly interesting presentation on historic statue restoration and church un-wreckovation was given by restoration contractor Michele Bowman-Dumey.

Latin Liturgy Association Historic Newsletters Scanned and Posted On-Line

At its National Convention, Latin Liturgy Association President Regina Morris announced the completion of a project to scan in and post on-line all of the LLA's newsletters, dating back to the organization's founding in 1976. These newsletters are of great

significance to the history of the Latin Mass renaissance, as in the days prior to the Internet, they were the primary, and perhaps the only, place where directories of Latin Masses, both Ordinary and Extraordinary Form, could be found. They were also the only place you could learn how and where to order altar missals and liturgical books for Latin Masses. The entire newsletter library may be found at: <http://www.latinliturgy.com/archives.html>



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