

Tridentine Community News

June 30, 2024 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Transitions



This week has seen three noteworthy transitions in our local Latin Mass world: First, Fr. Gerald Gawronski will be leaving St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor for a new assignment at St. Mary in Manchester, Michigan. Fr. Gerald started the first regular Tridentine Mass in Ann Arbor at Old St. Patrick Church shortly after the

publication of *Summórum Pontificum*. After taking an assignment in a war-torn part of Iraq, he returned to Michigan to help establish the 11:30 AM Sunday Tridentine Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, which has the highest attendance of any TLM in Michigan. We hope Fr. Gerald will still be able to celebrate the Traditional Mass on occasion in his new post.

Across the river in Windsor, St. Benedict Tridentine Community volunteer Treasurer Charlotte Parent has decided to step down after almost nine years in the position. Charlie took over from longtime Treasurer Sharon Moody after Sharon's passing in 2015. Charlie computerized many of the functions of the office and wore all sorts of hats during Covid: She established an on-line reservation system necessitated by the diocese's attendance limits at Mass. She had the unenviable task of policing the door of the church, enforcing attendance maximums and diocesan masking and social distancing mandates, and endured substantial undeserved heat for doing so. She printed this column and the Propers Handouts when those could not be brought over the border. She also adapted St. Benedict's financial reporting to meet the new Families of Parishes standards.



Finally, we mourn the passing of Fr. LeRoy Moreeuw, C.P.P.S., on June 23. He lived at Old St. Mary's in Detroit for approximately the past 15 years. Fr. Lee was not a celebrant of the Traditional Latin Mass, however he was a stable fixture at the parish and in the local Novus Ordo Latin Mass scene. For years he celebrated the Sunday Novus Ordo Latin Masses at St. Joseph in Detroit, prior to the arrival of the Institute of Christ the King. He was the principal celebrant of the Novus Ordo Latin Masses at Old St. Mary's, as well as a regular weekday Mass celebrant. He heard Confessions before and after Masses there and was an inspiring homilist and spiritual advisor to many. His family had many ties to the parish, and he requested to live there after retirement from the Congregation of the Precious Blood. It will be hard to imagine the parish without his steady presence. Requiescat in pace.

Sacred Liturgy Conference Report

The annual Sacred Liturgy Conference returned to Assumption Church in Ferndale, California, near Eureka, for the second year in a row, Tuesday-Saturday, June 4-8. Santa Rosa Bishop Robert Vasa celebrated one of the Masses, which was followed by a Marian procession through the streets of the town, accompanied by a police escort. The keynote speech was delivered by former chair of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, Msgr. Andrew Wadsworth, best known for his leadership in creating an improved English translation of the Novus Ordo.

Conferences such as this are outstanding opportunities for networking with likeminded Catholics from around the globe, and once again numerous comments were heard about the superb liturgical reputation of metro Detroit and Windsor.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Fri. 07/05 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Confessor) – Celebrant: Fr. David Bechill. Confessions & Devotions before Mass. Reception follows Mass.

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