Tridentine Community News

October 26, 2025 - Christ the King

St. Mary of Redford Debuts Extraordinary Form Vespers

Fr. Alexander Barna, R.I.P.

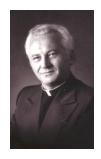
St. Mary of Redford Parish in Detroit offered the Traditional Latin Mass for several years prior to its suppression by Archbishop Weisenburger on July 1, 2025. In its place, the parish has commenced offering Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Extraordinary Form every Sunday at 5:00 PM. A potluck reception follows. We commend St. Mary's for this creative way to serve those who love traditional liturgy during this unusual time.

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS AT SAINT MARY OF REDFORD Beginning Sunday, October 5, St. Mary of Redford in Detroit will hold a Solemn Vespers service every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. It will be followed immediately with Eucharistic Benediction and will conclude with a potluck in the Fellowship Room. What is Vespers? Vespers (Evening Prayer) is part of the official daily prayer of the Church, also called the Divine Office or the Liturgy of the Hours. During Vespers and all the other Hours, different psalms, hymns, and prayers are sung and prayed. How can I participate? Booklets containing the texts of the service will be provided. How long is the service? It typically runs 30-45 minutes. Can I go to Vespers instead of Mass on Sunday? Please remember that attending Vespers (or any of the Hours) cannot be a substitute for Sunday Mass, but it is a great way to spend extra time in prayer on the Lord's day. A freewill offering will be taken to contribute to the restoration of our Casavant pipe organ, which still has much of its original, worn-out parts

Vocation From the Windsor Latin Mass Community

Congratulations and Godspeed to Radek Budzik, a longtime member of Windsor's St. Benedict Tridentine Community choir, who has been accepted to try his vocation with the Charterhouse of the Transfiguration, the Carthusian monastery in Vermont. Radek departed for the monastery this past Friday. You can read about the monastery at: https://carthusiansusa.org/

In our October 5, 2025 column, we mentioned the founding Chaplain of the Windsor Latin Mass Community, Fr. Alexander Barna, who served from 1991-1999. We were not sure what happened to Fr. Barna after that assignment ended. Reader James Murphy did some sleuthing and found an obituary which Google did not discover when we looked: Fr. Barna passed away in June, 2007 near Toronto.



Historic Photo of St. Peter's Seminary Chapel

The diocesan seminary for the Diocese of London, Ontario is St. Peter's Seminary. Longtime readers of this column may recall that in April, 2008, St. Peter's invited Fr. Peter Hrytsyk and the St. Benedict Tridentine Community to celebrate a Mass there and speak to the seminarians about the Extraordinary Form. Recently Shawn Tribe posted an historic photo of the St. Peter's Seminary Chapel prior to its post-Vatican II renovation to his Liturgical Arts Journal blog, which we reprint here with permission. One can see the original High Altar, the tester above it, and the Side Altars in the niches. Apart from the altars having been replaced, the chapel looks much the same today.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

<u>Tue. 10/28 7:00 PM:</u> High Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles)

Sat. 11/01: 7:00 AM Low Mass & 9:00 AM High Mass at St. Joseph Shrine (All Saints)