

Tridentine Community News

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Next St. Albertus Mass: June 13

The next quarterly Tridentine Mass at St. Albertus Church will be held on Sunday, June 13 at noon, for the External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. The celebrant will be Fr. Lee Acervo, with music jointly led by Wassim Sarweh and Dr. Steven Ball. A reception will follow the Mass in the rectory Social Hall. St. Albertus is located on Canfield Ave., one half-mile east of I-75, just past the railroad tracks. We encourage all of our readers to visit St. Albertus at least once; its expansive sanctuary and stained glass alone are worth the visit.

Solemn High Mass in Wyandotte

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Debbie and Deacon Richard Bloomfield, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Wyandotte has been offering a monthly Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Third Saturdays at 8:00 AM. Fr. Charles White and Fr. Lee Acervo are the primary celebrants.

On Sunday, May 16, Mount Carmel held its first Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form in approximately 40 years. Fr. Acervo was the celebrant, Deacon Bloomfield was deacon, and the subdeacon was Mr. Tim Ferguson, a member of St. Josaphat Parish. This was Tim's first time (recently) serving as subdeacon: Having been installed by a bishop into the Ministry of Acolyte several years ago, he is permitted by current Pontifical Commission *Ecclésia Dei* regulations to serve in this capacity, albeit without the privilege of wearing a biretta or maniple.

Parish Music Director Dr. David Saunders led a special choir comprised of students and associates largely from the University of Michigan School of Music. It was a remarkable achievement for so many first-timers to have performed both the Gregorian Chant and the sacred polyphony so proficiently.

It is worth noting that the Wyandotte residential neighborhood surrounding Our Lady of Mount Carmel is rather unique in metro Detroit, in that it seems largely Catholic. The parish campus, with grade and high schools, is busy: Like so many activities offered there, this special Mass was well attended, by over 100 people.

Last fall, this column made mention of the roadside Catholic shrines that dot the landscape of the mountain villages in Bavaria. In 2003, similar shrines comprising a "Rosary Walk" were built



along the streets surrounding Mount Carmel. One feels the pervasiveness of Catholicism in a way rarely experienced elsewhere. This may be how the once-crowded neighborhoods surrounding St. Josaphat, Sweetest Heart of Mary, and St. Albertus felt, when the Church was the anchor of so many people's lives, outside of school, work, and home.

Like the above churches, Mount Carmel is ethnically a Polish parish. Metro Detroit clearly owes a lot to Polish immigrants and their descendants who established, and continue to maintain, their Catholic identity and culture.

Priest Assignments

Two weeks ago we reported on the impending transfer of Fr. John Johnson to a parish in Thamesville, Ontario. Two other assignments affecting our local Tridentine Mass Communities have been made:

Fr. Ross Bartley, Associate Pastor of Windsor's Assumption Church and a familiar sight to the Extraordinary Form Community, will be transferred to Sarnia in July.

Newly ordained Fr. Patrick Bénéteau will be assigned to Leamington in July, which places him relatively close to Windsor and Detroit.

With the growing "portfolio" of Extraordinary Form Masses in this region, we are ever in need of priests who are capable of celebrating, or interested in learning, the Traditional Latin Mass. If you are aware of a priest who wants to learn or celebrate the Mass, please e-mail the address at the bottom of this page, and we

will make the appropriate contact.

Reminder: June 3 and June 8

Readers are reminded that a High Mass and Eucharistic Procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated at Windsor's St. Theresa Church at the special time of 7:30 PM this Thursday, June 3. This will be the final weekday Tridentine Mass at St. Theresa. The following week, on June 8, a weekly Tuesday evening Mass will commence at Windsor's Assumption Church at 7:00 PM.

The External Solemnity of Corpus Christi with Procession will also be celebrated next Sunday at both St. Josaphat and Assumption-Windsor. The Church permits this feast to be celebrated on the subsequent Sunday so that the maximum number of the faithful may participate in this important devotion to the Real Presence of our Lord.