

Dayton Latin Mass Community Newsletter

Month of Holy Name

January, 2008

Traditional Tridentine Latin Mass



Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Church
Hart St. & Notre Dame Ave
Dayton, Oh 45404

Sundays: 8:45 am

Confessions before Mass: 8 to 8:40 AM

First Friday Devotions:

Confessions: 6:15 PM

Mass 7:00 PM, followed by

Benediction and Holy Hour:

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Attendance

12-2-07	189
12-8-07	110
12-9-07	219
12-16-07	150
12-23-07	208
12-25-07	225

Choir Members

To provide quality music for the Mass we welcome new members for both the mixed voice choir and the men's Schola Cantorum Daytoniensis. The choir is open to everyone ages 14 and up. For more information contact our choir director, Lynn McCaw at: 937-879-5497

Prayers for Vocations

All parishioners are invited to join the Mothers Group in praying for vocations after the last Sunday Mass of each month. Prayers booklets are provided. This takes only a few minutes as we pray for all religious vocations but especially to those of the priesthood. Please join them in the pews in front of the Marian altar.

Sunday Coffee Hour

Coffee and donuts are served in the church basement after Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. All are invited to join us for refreshments and a bit of friendly chat.

Feast of the Circumcision- January 1

Tuesday January 1 is the feast of the Circumcision and a holy day of obligation. The Traditional Latin Mass will be offered at Our Lady of the Rosary Church at 8:45 am.

First Friday-Jan 4

January 4 is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 7 PM followed by Sacred Heart Devotions.

Nativity Play--January 6

January 6th there will be a short Nativity Play put together by some of the children from the Latin Mass Community. The play will be in the basement in conjunction with Donut Sunday.

Answer to Prayers

Our Lady seems to be answering our prayers. Fr. Wojdelski announced at Mass on Sunday, December 23 that the Fraternity of St Peter has been in negotiations with Archbishop Pilarczyk to obtain a chaplaincy for our Latin Mass Community and a possible agreement has been worked out.

With this agreement the Latin Mass Community would become a self sustaining entity with diocesan approval and we would receive the Sunday collections. We would pay rent for the use of the facilities at Our Lady of the Rosary Church and be financially responsible the chaplain's salary and for all other expenses.

Fr. Wojdelski would become the chaplain for our group. He would live in Dayton and have daily Mass. We would also have baptisms, wedding and funerals in the Traditional Rite.

Please pray that Our Lady continues to bless our community.

Ushers Needed

We need men each Sunday to serve as ushers at Sunday Mass. So that each man only has to serve as usher one Sunday a month we need eight men to volunteer as ushers. Please offer your services one Sunday a month.

We also need some men to help move the table before and after Mass. This just takes a couple of minutes. If you see the table has not been moved, please volunteer to help move it.

Talks on the Mass

God's Household

“Therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are citizens with the saints and members of God's household.” Ephesians, 2 :19.

Constantine the Great in 325 brought the Christians out of the catacombs and gave the Church a place in the sun. One day Constantine visited Caesarea and asked Bishop Eusebius what he might do further for the good of the Church. The saintly bishop replied :

“Emperor, my church is rich enough, but I beg you to send messengers to other parts of the world to find out the names of the saints and the time of their martyrdom.”

The emperor accordingly ordered his officials throughout the then known world to investigate and list the names of those who had died for the faith, the names of those who were considered the special heroes of God. According to one account it was discovered that for every day of the year there were more than five thousand saints venerated somewhere in Christendom. One day of exception was the first day of January when the pagans celebrated their own religious festivals and left the Christians in comparative peace on that day.

Think of it. Already in the first three centuries there were over 1,800,000 saints. Who could count the saints since then? It is to this countless army of heroes and heroines of God that we pray in the Communicantes of the Mass. We beg God through their merits and prayers to grant us His holy protection. Why? What right have we to share in the good work of all these holy people? That right we have as members of the Catholic Church. As St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians :

“You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are citizens with the saints and members of God's household.” Ephesians, 2 :19.

Yes, we belong to God's family and we share in all the benefits and blessings of God's family. Indeed, we “communicate with them and we honor them.” ..

On Holy Thursday and on five great feasts the wording of this prayer is changed slightly to make some special mention of the mystery the Church celebrates that day. This prayer is called the “Communicantes” because it begins with that Latin word, which means sharing, or in communion with.

1. How do we share with the saints? We are in communion or fellowship with the saints in four big ways:

A. In faith, because we believe what they believed, especially with regard to the Eucharist and Holy Mass.

B. In hope, because we trust with God's help to secure what they longed for in life, what they now enjoy in heaven.

C. In charity, because that is what will remain after

there is no longer need for faith and hope.

D. In receiving and offering the same sacrifice which gave them strength in life and courage in death.

2. First among the saints we mention their Queen, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God. Hers is the first place among the angels and saints. Hers was the honor of giving body and blood to the Second Person of the Trinity. Hers was the privilege of stainless purity. We also must try to be pure as we approach the altar. We honor her first and foremost.

At the name of Mary the priest bows toward the Missal, and at the name of Jesus Christ he bows to the crucifix.

3. Then follow the names of the Apostles, the chosen witnesses of the first Holy Mass, the first priests, the first preachers of Christ's teachings.

On each of those names we could dwell long and lovingly. There is St. Peter, prince of the Apostles, whom our Lord made the head of His Church. There is St. Paul, not one of the original twelve, but closely associated with St. Peter in the conversion of the world. For twenty years after his conversion he traveled tirelessly through thirty countries and islands to spread the faith of Christ. There was Andrew who gave his life for Christ. We mention the name of James the Greater, who was the first of the Apostles to die for his Lord. He was beheaded. There is John, whom Jesus especially loved, who was more favored than all the others. Thomas, who doubted, later gave his life for the true faith. James the Less, a relative of our Lord, was appointed first bishop of Jerusalem. He was thrown from the top of the temple and his head was cut from his half-dead body. We read the names and we recall the glorious story of the Apostles Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus. The name of St. Matthias, who was chosen to take the place of the traitor Judas, is omitted so that we may keep the mystic number twelve.

4. Next we mention the names of twelve martyrs--five popes, one bishop, one deacon, and five laymen. They are mentioned here in the Mass because they were especially honored in the first ages of Christianity. Of particular interest to you lay people are the names of the five laymen mentioned every time the priest says Mass :

A. Chrysogonus converted many to the true faith. He was beheaded in 304.

B. John and Paul were brothers, high officials in the court of Constantinople. Emperor Julian put them to death with the sword.

C. Cosmas and Damian also were brothers, physicians, who gave their professional services for nothing.

5. Lastly we beg all the saints to defend us by their merits and prayers. Think of the millions of saintly people who have gone before us down the centuries. Think of all their merits. Think of all their sufferings and prayers. Think of all their good works. Think of their labors for the Lord. And then remember that you and I share in those good works, especially through the Mass.

Yes, we are the fellow-citizens of the saints. We are the brothers and sisters, the sons and daughters of the saints. We belong to the same family, the family of God. Remember that when you say this prayer. Amen.

Fr. Arthur Tonne
September, 1950

Lessons We Learn From Geese

Fact 1:

As each goose flaps its wings it creates an “uplift” for the birds that follow. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another .

Fact 2:

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately of it.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

Fact 3:

When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Lesson: .It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

Fact 4: The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed .

Lesson: We need to make sure honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one's heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking we seek.

Fact 5: When a goose gets sick, wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong .

Padre Pio Credited With Parish's Conversion

The 71-year-old mother of a former Orthodox priest says she was cured of lung cancer through the intercession of Padre Pio. After the apparent miracle, the priest explained, he and his mother, and members of his parish, have become Catholics.

Lucrecia Tudor was born into the Romanian Orthodox Church and her son, Victor, followed a vocation to the priesthood. In 2002, he was working in Pesceana, close to Valcea, in south central Romania. Another son, Mariano, dedicated himself to painting, especially iconography, and lives and works in Rome.

The story of the family, and the church they are building dedicated to Saint Pio de Pietrelcina, was related by Italian journalist, Renzo Allegri.

Lucrecia was diagnosed with a tumor in her left lung more than five years ago. Romanian doctors told her surgery was impossible and she had few months to live. Lucrecia and Father Victor turned to Mariano for help, hoping that a doctor in Rome could be found to give a better prognosis.

Mariano contacted a well-known surgeon, who invited the young painter to bring his mother to Rome, where he would try to save her .

After reviewing the reports from his Romanian colleagues, the doctor examined Lucrecia with more detail, only to arrive at the same conclusion: An operation was useless. He could only offer medications to ease the sharp pain, which, he predicted would increase in the terminal phase.

Mariano kept his mother with himself in Rome so as to be near the doctor for checkups. He was working on a mosaic in a church and, as his mother does not speak Italian, he kept her close by. While he was working, his mother walked through the church, contemplating the paintings and statues.

In one corner, there was a large statue of Padre Pio. Lucrecia liked the statue and asked Mariano who it depicted. Mariano related briefly the story of the saint. In the coming days, he saw his mother spending her time seated before the image, with which she chatted as if it were alive.

Two weeks later, Mariano took his mother to the hospital for her checkup. The doctor said the tumor had disappeared.

Lucrecia had asked Padre Pio to help her, even though she was Orthodox, and, she said, the saint had granted her request.

“The great cure of my mother, accomplished through Padre Pio in favor of an Orthodox woman, impressed me much,” Father Victor said. “I began to read the life of the Italian saint. I told my parishioners what had happened. They all knew my mother and everyone knew we had gone to Italy in order to try a surgical intervention, and that she had returned home cured, without any doctor having operated.”

“In my parish, they began to know and love Padre Pio. We read everything we found about him. His holiness won us over. Meanwhile, in my parish other sick people also received extraordinary graces from Padre Pio. Among my people, there spread a great enthusiasm and, little by little, we decided to become Catholics, in order to be closer to Padre.”

The step from the Orthodox to the Catholic Church required a slow process. And there were difficulties of every kind, Allegri explained in relating the story. But the parishioners continued in the process and even decided to build a church to dedicate it to Padre Pio.

“The funds are the result of the savings of this poor people, and of the help of some German Catholics who heard our story,” Father Victor said. “And my parishioners are those who are bringing forward the work, working for free, naturally. After a few days, we celebrated solemnly the placing of the first stone. And it was a big party, because the Metropolitan Archbishop of Fagaras and Alba Julia of the Romanians, meaning, the highest authority of the Greek Catholic Church in Romania, came to celebrate. To conclude this ceremony, the metropolitan wished to meet my mother, cured through a miracle of Padre Pio, and posed with her for a photo.”

Vatican Seeking Spiritual Moms for Priests And Dioceses Willing to Offer Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

The Vatican Congregation for the Clergy is looking for people willing to offer Eucharistic adoration for the priesthood and “consecrated feminine souls” ready to become spiritual mothers of priests.

A new web site from that Vatican dicastery offers explanations and resources both for the campaign to begin Eucharistic adoration and for those who would like to be spiritual mothers of priests, following the example of the Virgin Mary.

The initiative was convoked with a letter December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, signed by Cardinal Claudio Hummed and by Archbishop Macro Placentia, respectively the prefect and secretary of the congregation.

The letter said the campaign is focused on a spiritual endeavor: “In order to continually maintain a greater awareness of the ontological link between the Eucharist and the priesthood, and in order to recognize the special maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary for each priest, it is our intention to bring about a connection between perpetual Eucharistic adoration for the reparation of faults and sanctification of priests.”

In particular, the initiative proposes that, following the example of Mary, people might wish to “spiritually adopt

priests in order to help them with their self-offering, prayer and penance.” Resources at the web site offer several examples of spiritual mothers of priests, including the story of Eliza Vaughan, an English mother of 13. Six of her children became priests, and another four became nuns.

The initiative from the Congregation for the Clergy intends “to entrust all priests to Mary, the mother of the high and eternal Priest, bringing about in the Church a movement of prayer, placing 24-hour continuous Eucharistic adoration at the center,” the letter explained.

The campaign asks that “a prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, praise, petition, and reparation, will be raised to God, incessantly and from every corner of the earth, with the primary intention of awakening a sufficient number of holy vocations to the priestly state.”

Vatican City
Dec. 11, 2007

Note: Please remember to join our mothers in front of Our Lady's altar the last Sunday of the month to pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood.

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