

Tridentine Community News

October 13, 2024 – Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Torch Glass Replication Success

We previously brought to your attention in our March 10, 2019 column the custom glass artist Andy Koupal. At the time Andy was working at Greenfield Village as an artist demonstrating glassblowing techniques. Andy had been recommended to us by Old St. Mary's Church as someone capable of replicating damaged custom glass.

The Oakland County Latin Mass Association owns a beautiful set of torch candles, notable because the red glass surrounds on the candles incorporate white etchings on the glass. The OCLMA realized upon purchasing this set circa 2015 that there would inevitably come a day when an altar server would drop or otherwise mishandle one of these torches, breaking the glass. Well, that day happened.

Unbeknownst to us, Andy's glass business had grown significantly in recent years. He purchased a building on Detroit's east side and quit his job at Greenfield Village. He took on a partner, and the two of them are engaged full-time in custom glass manufacturing.

Andy was happy to take on the challenge of replicating this red glass surround, including the white etching. It's a tad darker than the original, but we cannot complain. It takes a special kind of patience and steady-handedness to accomplish this sort of work.



Churches that need similar specialized glass replicated can reach Andy at (248) 767-6613 or andy.koupal@gmail.com. Fair warning, however, there is a long lead time for his work. Who knew custom glass creation was such a growth industry?

Church Supply Shopping in Rome

Over the years you may have read about various stores in Rome offering high-quality products that one cannot easily find in North America. Certainly the best-known of those is the Gammarelli vestment store, the so-called "Pope's Tailor." Several years ago, however, Fr. Peter Hrytsyk tipped us on to a hidden – well maybe not-so-hidden – store with an amazing selection of ecclesiastical

offerings, Euroclero. Located directly across the street from the Palazzo del Sant'Ufficio, the building that used to house the Vatican department formerly in charge of the Traditional Mass, the Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei, Euroclero carries a broad inventory of metalware (chalices, monstrances, etc.) and vestments.



Recently a reader asked if we could recommend a place to obtain high-quality chalice palls. There is no better store for that than Euroclero. They carry both lower-cost, machine-made palls and higher end, hand-sewn ones. The store is also known for a vast selection of cinctures, the rope belts worn by priests. On a recent trip to the Eternal City, Euroclero was filled with bishops and priests from Africa, so the secret must be out.

On the same visit, we noted with interest that, contrary to rumors, the Vatican Bookstore, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, still sells altar missals for both the Tridentine Mass and the Latin Novus Ordo, at left in this photo. At upper right are study editions of the TLM missal. Also of note, St. Peter's Basilica still offers the TLM 1-3 times daily in the Clementine Chapel in the crypt.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Sun. 10/20: No Mass at *Holy Family, Detroit* – Mass cancelled because the Free Press Marathon is closing the street in front of the church. Mass resumes as usual the following Sunday, October 27 at 9:30 AM.

Sun. 10/20 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost) – Celebrant: Fr. Clint McDonell

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