

# Tridentine Community News

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## *The Cleanest Churches*

Writers often report on churches that stand out for their beauty. One particular kind of beauty – cleanliness – is actually more rare than artistic or architectural beauty. When one sees an unusually clean church, it hits you immediately, as one quickly realizes how much attention to detail it must take to keep a church looking like a cleaning crew just completed a major refurbishment.

A few churches come to mind for their continually immaculate condition. This is not a comprehensive list by any means. We invite you to e-mail us with names of especially clean churches you have noticed over the years.

**St. Hyacinth, Detroit:** If you've been there, you know. Though a small parish in a not-stellar neighborhood, St. Hyacinth absolutely



glistens. From its Side Altars to the polished cabinetry in its sacristy, every part of St. Hyacinth is kept clean and shiny. If a small parish such as this can find the

dedicated volunteers to keep it in tip-top shape, with sufficient motivation others should surely be able to do the same.

**St. Mary, Royal Oak:** Under the leadership of current pastor Fr. Paul Snyder, St. Mary has unwreckovated (projectile sanctuary



platform removed, freestanding altar relocated into the sanctuary, pews put back into a traditional arrangement, organ console moved back up to the loft, and High

Altar decorated), and the church has been thoroughly cleaned.

**Our Lady of the Scapular, Wyandotte:** The current home of master church decorator Fr. Mark Borkowski, Our Lady of the Scapular has been traditionalized, cleaned, and brightened up in countless ways that add up to a breathtaking appearance. Particularly notable is the medallion-enhanced front of the choir loft.



**Fatima Shrine, Riverview:** Run by the Blue Army and led by



Leonard St. Pierre, the Fatima Shrine is a former Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall converted into a Catholic chapel, and which does all Masses *ad orientem* at the High Altar. Though 18 years

old, it still looks brand new.

**Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC:** A list such

as this must include the largest church in the United States, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in DC. The Upper Church, despite its continual use for jam-packed special Masses, is kept in pristine condition.



## *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

**Fri. 11/01 12:00 Noon:** High Mass at *Holy Family, Detroit* (All Saints)

**Fri. 11/01 7:00 PM:** High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (All Saints) – Celebrant: Fr. Thai Nguyen. Reception after Mass.

**Fri. 11/02 7:00 PM:** High Mass at *Ss. Peter & Paul Westside* (All Saints)

**Sat. 11/02 9:00 AM:** High Mass at *Ss. Peter & Paul Westside* (All Souls)

**Sat. 11/02 12:00 Noon:** High Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (All Souls)

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