
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Independent/Old Catholic Church?

The Independent/Old Catholic Church has its roots in the Catholic Church of the Netherlands where in 1145, Pope Eugene III granted the diocese of Utrecht the right to elect and consecrate its own Bishops and clergy. That right was reconfirmed by the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 and again by Pope Leo X in 1520. The Old Catholic Church reiterated its right at the First Vatican Council in 1870, because a good number of the Bishops did not agree with the Roman dogmatic declaration of Papal infallibility. It was at this time that the Roman Catholic Church invoked obedience to Papal Authority and officially replaced all those Bishops who would not agree to the Dogmatic Declaration of Papal Infallibility.

What is the Apostolic Catholic Orthodox Church and how is it connected with the Old Catholic Church?

The Apostolic Catholic Orthodox Church (ACOC) is a communion of persons and communities throughout the United States who gather for worship and public ministry outreach within the Old Catholic Christian apostolic tradition. The ACOC is renewal-oriented, in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council.

Does the Roman Catholic Church consider the sacraments of Old Catholics as valid?

When members of the Roman Catholic Church encounter Old Catholic Churches for the first time, they are often surprised to learn that Catholic denominations exist apart from Rome. Understandably, questions are raised about the validity of Orders and Sacraments administered by Old Catholics.

At the Vatican on 16 June 2000, Pope John Paul II ratified and ordered the publication of *Dominus Iesus*. This Declaration of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was signed and published by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) in August of the same year. In this Declaration, the Roman Catholic Church recognizes the validity of Orders and Sacraments of Old Catholic denominations.

Please visit our website for more information about our community, our services, and for links to recommended reading:

www.spiritofhopecatholiccommunity.org

Spirit of Hope ***an Independent Catholic Community***

To our Eucharistic table – All are invited

November, 2009



Mass is celebrated
Saturday evening
5:00 pm

at

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
2035 Charlton Road
Sunfish Lake, MN 55118

To schedule a baptism, wedding, anointing, or funeral
contact Pastor Marty Shanahan
at 651-328-7723

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Saturday, November 7

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Bob Pirro

Prayers of the Faithful: Joyce Rother

Saturday, November 14

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Bob Schuneman

Prayers of the Faithful: Kathy Shanahan

Saturday, November 21

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Joyce Rother

Prayers of the Faithful: Wyatt Yeater

Saturday, November 28

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Tom King

Prayers of the Faithful: Ingrid Mattsson

Charity and Justice Outreach

Spirit of Hope supports **Joseph's Coat**, a free store providing goods and services to those in need in the St. Paul area. Last month, we donated 16 bottles of hand sanitizer, 40 tubes of toothpaste, and 57 individual personal care items. This month we will be collecting winter clothing and soap - hand soap, body soap, dish soap and laundry soap.

Note from Joseph's Coat...

To Father Marty Shanahan and friends at Spirit of Hope Catholic Community:

Thank you for your wonderful help to Joseph's Coat! Your thoughtful gifts have been coming down to the store with Joyce St. John for some months now and we wanted you to know that we are deeply grateful for your help.

We so loved your gift of 34 backpacks and the school supplies that you sent this week, as we have been helping our families get ready for school and will continue doing that into next week. Your support has been wonderful and we are most appreciative of your generous care of this little place.

We pray that you will be blessed for your kindness to Joseph's Coat and to those we serve.

Blessings and Peace,

Liz Lutton, Director

Mark Your Calendar

Sat, Nov 7
6 pm

St Anne's Belizean Dinner

St. Anne's community invites us to their Belizean Dinner featuring food and entertainment from Belize. The dinner will help raise money for their upcoming mission trip to Belize.

Sat, Nov 14
Follows mass

Core Team Meeting

Meeting will be held at St. Anne's. All are welcome.

Sat, Nov 21
Follows Mass

Youth Dance

Adult chaperones are needed. Please contact Marty or Kathy Shanahan if you are available to help.

Looking Ahead

Sat, Dec 5

Community Dinner sponsored by the Core Team

Sat, Dec 12
4:30 pm

Advent Communal Penance

Prior to Saturday evening Mass

Sat, Dec 12

Core Team Meeting

Sat, Dec 19

Youth Dance

Thurs, Dec 24
6 pm

Christmas Eve Mass

"Tuesday's With Scripture" – Weekly Scripture Reflections

Receive a weekly scripture reflection (via email) from Rev. Marty Shanahan. To subscribe, email mkshanahan@comcast.net and write "Subscribe to Tuesday's with Scripture" in the subject line, or visit our website.

New to Spirit of Hope?

Help us get to know you and be included in our special mailings. Please complete a guest card located in the gathering space.

Holiday Schedule

Advent Communal Penance

Saturday, Dec 12

4:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, Dec 24

6:00 pm